

Halsey Hall Research Committee – September 18, 2023 Zoom Meeting Minutes

Attendees (13): Stew Thornley, Brian Larson, Dave Lande, Bob Komoroski, Gene Gomes, Ed Edmonds, David Karpinski, Armand Peterson, Mike Hauptert, Terry Bohn, Rich Arpi, John Buckeye, Darryl Sannes

1. Pre-meeting baseball discussions, intros
 - a. Stew asked anyone willing to volunteer at SABR 52 to send an e-mail to Jessica Smythe (jsmyth@sabr.org) at SABR National informing her of their offer to volunteer.
 - b. Ed discussed an article written by Dave Nimmick about Boyd Tepler who unsuccessfully sued major league baseball for a lack of medical care resulting in a sore arm that ended his baseball career.
 - c. Brian talked about the 100 consecutive years of the Minnesota amateur baseball tournament.
 - d. David K. recently made his 1,000th blog post. This post covered success various Twins had hitting against Hoyt Wilhelm.
 - e. Armand talked about his 50-page booklet covering the first 50 years of the Minnesota amateur baseball tournament.
 - f. Terry is working on a biography of Joe Cantillon, the Minneapolis Millers owner and manager.
 - g. Rich is restarting the spread of baseball in Minnesota project.
 - h. John is reading the novel "The Art of Fielding" for a book club.
 - i. Darryl is working on two research projects about town baseball and the town baseball tournament. He said that in the just completed Minnesota town baseball tournament, he witnessed that most dominating pitching performance he's ever seen when Graham Laubscher struck out 60 hitters in 29 innings.
2. The August 21 minutes were reviewed and approved.
3. Fall Chapter Meeting planning
 - a. Brian proposed a presentation titled "100 Years of Town Team Baseball" that he and Armand will co-present. The origins of town baseball started after the Civil War when teams of railroad workers would play games against teams from nearby towns. Rules were established and often a pot of money was awarded to the winning team. Amateur rules were enforced when one team was kicked out of the first state tournament for having two professional players on their roster. Brian and Armand will bring copies of a 52-page booklet to the chapter meeting.
 - b. Mike moved to approve Brian and Armand's proposed presentation. There were several seconds to Mike's motion. The proposed presentation was unanimously approved. Since Brian is a first-time presenter, their presentation qualifies as the presentation reserved for a first-time presenter. This is the fourth and final presentation for the fall chapter meeting.

- c. Stew will send out an e-mail to all presenters for the fall chapter meeting informing them of time allotted for each of their presentation as follows: 20 minutes for the presentation followed by five minutes for questions and answers. The presenters and their time slots are as follows:
 - i. Sam Sundermeyer: 9:15 – 9:45 a.m.
 - ii. Stew Thornley: 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
 - iii. Glenn Renick: 10:45 – 11: 15 a.m.
 - iv. Brian Larson & Armand Peterson: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - d. Bob sent a letter to Amanda Daley at the Twins asking her if she would be willing to appear as the featured speaker at the fall chapter meeting. Since she hasn't responded, Bob recommended that the chapter move on to searching for someone else to speak. Howard has reached out to Chris Olean, the head baseball coach at The University of St. Thomas and will get back to the research committee when he responds.
 - e. Microphone update: Stew, Gene and Dave will research the best options for a cordless microphone for the fall chapter meeting.
4. SABR 52 Planning
- a. The Halsey Hall Board of Directors appointed Stew, Gene, Daniel Dorff, and John Buckeye to serve on the chapter committee for SABR 52. They'll work with SABR National on SABR 52 planning. This committee will gladly accept any and all suggestions from chapter members on SABR 52. Their first meeting with SABR National was a Zoom call on September 12.
 - b. Mike Hauptert will serve as editor of the SABR 52 publication. He'll work with Cecilia Tan from SABR National on the publication.
 - c. Any chapter members willing to volunteer for SABR 52 next year should send an e-mail to Jessica Smythe (jsmyth@sabr.org) at SABR National.
5. Trivia Time Quiz, courtesy of Dave Lande
1. Four catchers have won two or more MVP awards. Name these four catchers. For extra credit, name the only one of these catchers who was a first ballot Hall of Famer.
 - a. Mickey Cochrane (1947, 7th ballot)
 - b. Roy Campanella (1969 – 7th ballot)
 - c. Yogi Berra (1972 – 2nd ballot)
 - d. Johnny Bench (1989 – 1st ballot)
 2. Gaylord Perry, Roy Halladay, Max Scherzer and Randy Johnson have each won two or more Cy Young awards. What circumstances do the first two Cy Young awards given to each of these four pitchers have in common?
 - a. They each won their first Cy Young award while pitching for an American League team and their second Cy Young award while pitching for a National League team.
 - b. Gaylord Perry (1972 – Cleveland, 1978 – San Diego)
 - c. Roy Halladay (2003 – Toronto, 2010 – Philadelphia)
 - d. Max Scherzer (2013 – Detroit, 2016 – Washington)
 - e. Randy Johnson (1995 – Seattle, 1999 – Arizona)
 3. Name the first player to win a second MVP award.

- a. Walter Johnson (1913 & 1924)
4. Of the 28 players who have won multiple MVP awards and whose names appeared on the Hall of Fame ballot, only one player was dropped from the ballot after not receiving the minimum percentage of votes. Name this player.
 - a. Juan Gonzalez (2011 – 5.2%, 2012 – 4.0%)
5. One player won an MVP in both the American and National Leagues. Name this player.
 - a. Frank Robinson (1961 – Cincinnati, 1966 – Baltimore)
6. One player won multiple MVP awards while playing for the same franchise in two different cities. Name this player.
 - a. Willie Mays (1954 – New York Giants, 1965 – San Francisco Giants)
7. Ten players have won three MVP awards. Only three of these players were elected to the Hall of Fame on their first time appearing on the Hall of Fame ballot. Name these three players. (Hint – Their first and last name initials are either S or M.)
 - a. Stan Musial (1969)
 - b. Mickey Mantle (1971)
 - c. Mike Schmidt (1995)
8. Three pitchers have won multiple MVP awards. Name these three pitchers.
 - a. Walter Johnson (1913, 1924)
 - b. Carl Hubbell (1933, 1936)
 - c. Hal Newhouser (1944, 1945)
9. Two pitchers won their second Cy Young award seven years after winning their first Cy Young award: Tom Glavine (1991 & 1998) and Roy Halladay (2003 & 2010). Only one pitcher had a longer span of years between his first and second Cy Young awards. Name this pitcher and the years of his first and second Cy Young awards.
 - a. Justin Verlander – eight years (2011 → 2019)
10. While playing for the same team in different years, these two players each won three MVP awards and each finished second in MVP voting on four other occasions. One is in the Hall of Fame and one is not. Who are they?
 - a. Stan Musial (1st – 1943, 1946, 1948, 2nd – 1949, 1950, 1951, 1957)
 - b. Albert Pujols (1st – 2005, 2008, 2009, 2nd – 2002, 2003, 2006, 2010)
6. Research Roundtable- Around the Horn (Much of the research roundtable was covered in the pre-meeting discussion.)
 - a. Bob recommended watching the Mike Veeck documentary on second chances available on Netflix. Although it shouldn't be used for research purposes, perhaps it could be shown at SABR 52.
 - b. Stew said that during the first SABR 52 Zoom call, Daniel Dorff suggested that a room could be set aside to show videos and movies. Scott Bush wasn't every enthusiastic about having such a room.
 - c. David K is reading "Home Game" by Paul Quarrington, a novel about a baseball game between two disparate groups of people from the same town. The losing group has to leave town.

- d. Terry is researching early minor league box scores where the first name of the players isn't listed. He's trying to track down the first name of these players.
 - e. Ed inquired as to whether or not a public performance fee would have to be paid before movies or videos could be shown at SABR 52.
7. The next two research committee meetings are on October 16 and November 13. Stew will provide the quiz for the next research committee meeting in October.
 8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.