

Halsey Hall Research Committee Oct. 16, 2023 Minutes

Attendees: (13) Art Mugalian, Ed Edmonds, Stew, Brenda, Gene, Glenn Renick, Rich Arpi, John Buckeye, Bob Kormoroski, Armand Peterson, David Karpinski, Mike Hauptert, Dan Levitt

1. Pre-meeting baseball discussions: Ed and Stew discussed playing Immaculate Grid; Armand mentioned his book on Town Ball from 1945-1960; Twins in playoffs vs. Tor.
2. Reviewed and approved September minutes (by Dave Lande who is out of town.)
3. Nov. 18 Fall Chapter Meeting planning:
 - a. There are four presentations on tap:
Sam Sundermeyer- Joe Mauer's Case for the Hall of Fame
Stew Thornley- Past Speed-up Attempts for Games by MLB
Glenn Renick- The City That Gave Us Early Candy and Gum Baseball Cards
Brian Larson & Armand Peterson- 100 Years of MN Town Team Baseball

An email will be sent out to presenters explaining the schedule and format.

- b. Guest Speaker Search: Howard reported that Bob K. emailed Neil Lerner, coach of Concordia. Stew recommended we try to ask "Lunch" McKenzie, former coach of Concordia instead. He gave out his email.
 - c. Microphone update: Stew purchased two Mr. Mike cordless mikes plus amplifier and tested them out. Art volunteered to arrive early to the meeting, and help set up. He also said he'd keep track of the microphones between meetings.
 - d. Gene has the chapter projector. He recommended that someone who lives in MN year-round keep it for the meetings. He'll meet with Howard in November to set up the Trivia game.
 - e. Glenn said he spoke with Brenda about how he can set up his computer for his meeting presentation.
 - f. Facebook Live plans: Brenda has a new iPad to be used. Bob will bring tripod and cables. Brenda suggested testing out a new location for the video stand to improve viewing and listening on Facebook. She'll check that out Nov. 18.
Further meeting planning will take place at upcoming Board meeting Oct. 22.
4. SABR 52 Planning:
 - a. Gene encouraged everyone to contact Jessica Smythe at SABR to enlist as volunteers.
 - b. Oct. 15 was the deadline for proposed articles for the convention publication. Mike Hauptert is an editor with Cecilia Tan, and he explained that they will sort through the proposals. Stew sent in a proposal for an article on Washington's 1924 Series win, and Armand sent in proposal for Town Ball articles.
 - c. Stew asked the Twins about honoring the 100th anniversary of the title by recognizing Walter Johnson in some way. Gene mentioned the Twins had given out a Johnson bobblehead a while back.

5. Other items:
 - a. Gene said he received an email from Stew about someone wishing to sell his large Harmon Killebrew collection. Dan Levitt spoke to him as well. It's not a chapter issue.
 - b. Gene said that 11 Halsey Hall members took part in the five AL Central SABR Chapters' Zoom event on Oct. 1. There were 29 or 30 total in attendance.
6. Research Roundtable – Around the Horn
 - Rich and Dave Lande visited the MN Historical Society to research early baseball in MN counties as part of the chapter's Spread of Baseball Project. Rich said they found more info and will update the spreadsheet so he can enlist others to join him and resume the project.
 - Bob mentioned a book written about the movie "Pride of the Yankees"
 - Ed mentioned a book by Aaron Carlson about the movie "A League of Their Own"
 - David asked about box scores from the 1945 and 1948 Negro League World Series. Bob K recommended the newspaper *Chicago Defender*.
 - Bob and Ed attended the "Nine" meeting last Thursday and Friday. Curt Smith spoke.
 - Ed is giving a talk on the Butterwork legal case of Florida in the 1990s. It's an anti-trust case, along with the Piazza case, involving MLB.
 - Ed said SABR recently sent out a request for special library resources, in order to share those with SABR members.
 - Ed said he didn't receive many replies about the baseball card meeting idea. Others mentioned there is probably interest and more info about it will be sent out (Stew).
7. Trivia Time Quiz, courtesy of Stew Thornley: "Not a Long Shot"

1. Hurling with the only arm he needed, this righthander pitched in all three major leagues of the 1880s with a career won-lost record of 73-87. He topped out with 28 wins in the Union Association in 1884. **Hugh Daily**

2. Possibly the only nine-toed player to pitch a perfect game, this righthander later became a free agent under unusual circumstances and received a multi-million contract, which was regarded as a lot of money at the time. **Catfish Hunter**

3. After only three seasons, this player was able to garner a lucrative contract as a free agent because he had signed for 1976 before the collective bargaining agreement was reached, one that required that a player had to have six seasons in before being eligible for free agency. A crash into an outfield wall in his first season limited his playing time, but he finished fourth in batting average in his league in 1976 and second in 1977. On July 23, 1977, he lined into a triple play with the final out being made by another player in this quiz. **Lyman Bostock**

4. An American League umpire from 1977 to 1991, he was regarded as one of the best in the majors despite an early reputation for having rabbit ears. He wore uniform number 14, which has never been worn by another umpire. He worked in the commissioner's office for many years and headed up efforts to increase the pace of play in 1995. He received the Arthur Ashe

Courage Award the year before. **Steve Palermo**

5. The president of the National League from 1903 to 1909, he had served in the Kentucky legislature at the same time he was president of the Louisville team in the National League. As National League president, he backed umpires Bob Emslie and Hank O'Day in the Merkle's Boner game. **Harry Pulliam**

6. The only major leaguer born in this territory, he played cricket in his initial homeland and then baseball after his family moved to Hawaii. He'll earn you big points in Immaculate Grid when you need to match up someone who played for the Yankees although his prime years were with the Royals and Angels. He later played four seasons with the Nippon Ham Fighters after concluding his career in the North American major leagues in 1979 (splitting his final season with two Canadian teams). He recorded the final out of a triple play hit into by another player in this quiz. **Tony Solaita**

7. A steady star on the left side of the infield for the Cubs in the 1930s, he played in three World Series with a future Hall of Famer (and future player with the Minneapolis Millers) as his keystone partner. He was named to the National League All-Star team three times although he never played in the game. He went to New York after the Giants and Cubs swapped shortstops following the 1938 season but returned to Chicago after the war. **Billy Jurges**

8. One of the few players to homer into the center-field bleachers at the Polo Grounds, a feat he performed with the Homestead Grays, he then played six seasons for Cleveland, twice topping 100 runs batted in. **Luke Easter**

9. The lady friend of this player received posthumous notoriety because of her connection to a player who was one of the top centerfielders in the National League in the 1970s. A five-time Gold Glove recipient, this player stole at least 50 bases six years in a row. Name the player or the lady friend or both. **Cesar Cedeno; Ms. De la Cruz**

10. This right-handed reliever was involved in a World Series play that brought goat (not Greatest of all Time) status to a teammate. The following spring, he suffered a testicular contusion in a skirmish with Ernest Hemingway. He shares a first name with the answer to question number 1. **Hugh Casey**

Bonus: What's the theme of the quiz: Wounded or killed by gunshot

Bonus: What do William McKinley and "The Natural" have in common: Both shot in Buffalo.

8. Next meetings: Nov. 13 and Dec. 11

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:35

