

SABR Halsey Hall Board Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2023 – Zoom Meeting

Board Members present: Rich Arpi, Daniel Dorff, David Karpinski, Howard Luloff
Also in attendance: Bob Komoroski, Stew Thornley, Gene Gomes, John Buckeye, Brenda Himrich

Meeting called to order at 6:54 pm by President Rich Arpi

Meeting Agenda

1. Review August 27 Meeting Minutes

Rich moved to accept the minutes and John seconded. Minutes approved with no changes.

2. Treasurer's Report - Rich Arpi via Jerome Janzen

The chapter has received \$500 for our MVP status and our checking account balance is currently at \$1171.04.

3. Membership Report – Stew and John

No new members since the last board meeting. Still 10 new members since the April 15 chapter meeting. There are 174 members of our chapter currently and we had 146 at the beginning of the fiscal year.

4. Newsletter Report - Stew

The newsletter will be out by November 1st. Stew is wanting to hold off until we know who our guest speaker will be at the fall chapter meeting.

5. Book Club Report

The book club discussed "Winning Fixes Everything" by Evan Drellich. The next book club meeting is December 9th with "You're Missin' a Great Game" by Whitey Herzog.

6. Social Media Report – Bob K.

There are 275 members in the Halsey Hall Facebook Group. The rules and questions seem to be working to keep scammers and spammers out of the group. Thanks to Glenn and Dave for posting in the group and Glenn's posts regarding baseball cards are getting attention.

7. Webmaster Report

We are paid for another year. Chapter and individual awards are now on the website, please check it out! Rich looked at the research page a bit and provided feedback on some updates/changes that need to take place. There are further updates that need to happen with the website. Get feedback regarding updates and corrections to Stew. One thing to be checking for is broken links.

8. Research Committee Report - Gene

The Research committee approved four presentations for the fall chapter meeting. They are listed in the newsletter. The ongoing Spread of Baseball in Minnesota project is active and the library at the Minnesota History Center is a good resource.

Regarding the 'MVP Chapter Committee' (name still TBD - See new business) Gene said he will be reviewing the requirements and monitoring how we're doing for MVP status. He will also be asking people about activities they take part in and asking for further ideas and interests people may have. He mentioned that November 16th is the next chapter leaders meeting. Gene went on to say that we should be looking for something to do for SABR day that is not Twins Fest. He mentioned maybe having a chapter meeting in person or online. Rich asked if the events committee has ideas. Stew said the SABR day activity can even be the week before or after the actual SABR day. He mentioned that there used to be a Hot Stove get together and also a Trivia Quiz.

9. Events report – Howard

The schedule is written up for the fall meeting. There are two mobile microphones to use for questions and introductions. Stew recommended needing two volunteers to help pass the microphones for questions. Bob K and Rich volunteered to help with microphones. Brenda is doing Facebook Live. Conversation turned to the guest speaker: Right now we don't have anyone lined up. There is an ask out to Keith Bateman (Augsburg coach) but we haven't heard back. Stew will contact a former umpire. Regarding the pizza location we buy from: The group consensus was Dominos due to the price range and that Pizza Luce' would be pricey. John will bring the doughnuts, 35-40 are needed. Howard is working on the quiz. There was positive feedback on the quiz being digitized.

Brenda talked about a Women in Baseball meeting. She mentioned the idea of getting a panel together and that the event would be at a library, open to the public, and free. There was mention that some of the panelists may end up being people who present at the SABR convention next August and maybe they'd want to use the Women in Baseball meeting as practice.

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business Items

Rich moved to name the new committee the "MVP Chapter Committee." David seconded. Motion passed. Hopefully procedures for the new committee will be ready by the next board meeting.

Regarding the SABR Convention: There was a call a few weeks back with Scott Bush. The observation was noted that the SABR office is running things more than they used to. There will likely be a Women in Baseball Panel. Thursday night there will be options to either take a tour of Target Field or go to a Saints game. Friday night will be the Twins game outing. SABR is moving away from the large banquet and is trying to use food and drink in ways that help members gather and connect. The awards presentation is likely to be part of the business meeting. Please write to Jessica if you're willing to volunteer. Regarding a video room: There was support during the board meeting for the idea with people mentioning they can bring dvds, we could bring a projector and possibly have volunteers staff the room if we can get one. It was mentioned that Scott Bush didn't seem too thrilled with the idea so we can talk more with him about what the hang up is.

12. Next board meeting

The next board meeting will be December 10 at 7pm

13. Adjourn

Rich moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. John seconded. Motion passed.