

## Halsey Hall Research Committee – November 13, 2023 Zoom Meeting Minutes

Attendees (15): Bob Komoroski, Dave Lande, Art Mugalian, Stew Thornley, Darryl Sannes, Gene Gomes, Armand Peterson, John Buckeye, Ed Edmonds, Glenn Renick, Rich Arpi, John Gregory, Terry Bohn, Daniel Dorff, Brenda Himrich

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.
2. A motion to approve the October 16 meeting minutes was made by John B. and seconded by Gene. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Fall Chapter Meeting (November 18) planning
  - a. Four presentations by the following speakers are planned: Sam Sundermeyer, Stew Thornley, Glenn Renick, and Bran Larson & Armand Peterson.
  - b. The guest speaker will be Andre Lanoue, noted amateur and professional umpire.
  - c. Glenn and Gene met to preview Glenn's slides for his presentation. Gene was very impressed with the slides.
  - d. There will be two microphones in use at the chapter meeting, one for the speaker and one for the audience. The use of two microphones will eliminate questions being shouted out from the audience and will facilitate a better listening experience for those following the meeting on Facebook.
  - e. Rich may deliver a brief welcome to everyone at the start of the meeting and will chair the business meeting. He'll bring an agenda for the business meeting and the minutes from the spring chapter business meeting.
  - f. Howard will bring an agenda for the chapter meeting and will emcee the meeting.
  - g. John B. will bring the donuts and Dave will bring the coffee and soda.
  - h. Stew will open the church up at 7:30 a.m. prior to the chapter meeting. Everyone is encouraged to arrive by 7:30 a.m. to set the room up for the meeting.
  - i. Gene will meet with Howard regarding the trivia contest to be loaded on a computer.
4. SABR 52 Planning
  - a. In response to a question as to whether Jessica Smythe responds to e-mails from those volunteering for SABR 52, several people said that yes, they received a response from her acknowledging receipt of their e-mail. Anyone still waiting for a response from Jessica should double check the e-mail they used for her and send another e-mail volunteering for SABR 52.
  - b. Gene provided an update from Mike Hauptert with regard to the SABR 52 publication. First priority for articles was given to Halsey Hall chapter members. The deadline for those proposed submissions has now passed and they're now waiting for proposed submissions from members of other SABR chapters. Length of articles in the publication will be 1,500 to 2,500 words. Authors for articles to be included in the publication will be contacted prior to the end of December and the submission deadline for articles will probably be sometime in March.
5. Spring chapter meeting
  - a. The spring chapter meeting will be held next April or May. A specific date has yet to be set.
  - b. Jerry needs to check with the church as to availability of the church for the spring chapter meeting. Bob will contact Jerry and ask him to check dates for availability of the church.

6. Research roundtable

- a. Ed was in Ft. Myers recently to speak about a trilogy of cases regarding baseball's anti-trust exemption. There were two other cases that tried to restrict the reserve clause.
- b. Stephen Bratkovich will be at the fall chapter meeting with copies of his book, "Baseball Puzzles".
- c. Ed talked about the book of the transcript of Joe Jackson's lawsuit. Two people edited the transcript book of the trial in which the jury found in favor of Jackson. However, the judge overthrew the verdict and had Jackson arrested on the basis that Jackson's testimony before a grand jury and during the trial was contradictory.
- d. Bob will contact Steve Gietschier, a SABR member and author of numerous books on baseball, about speaking at a multi-chapter Zoom event In January.

7. Other

- a. The Downtown Ballpark, aka The Pillbox: Gene voice his strong agreement regarding Stew's idea for a plaque commemorating The Downtown Ballpark (aka The Pillbox) that was located on the state capitol grounds. Stew said the ballpark was in use from 1903-1910 by both white teams and the Colored Gophers. He's been in contact with people from state government and hasn't met any significant resistance to a proposed plaque. He plans to talk with Frank White about the plaque. Timing for the proposed plaque couldn't be better as the state is conducting a capitol mall study.
- b. 1987 & 1991 Twins bio project: John G. spoke in favor of a bio project on the '87 and '91 Twins. Art said Halsey Hall member should be encouraged to get involved in this project. Stew said that while this could be an ongoing project, someone has to head up the project. Of 63 players on those two teams, bios have been written on 22 of the players. Resources that can be used for bios include The Sporting News, Newspapers.com and local libraries. Prospective bio authors need to make sure the bio they've chosen to write has not yet been assigned by SABR. John G and Stew volunteered to co-lead this project.

8. Trivia Time Quiz : "It's a Living"

- a. This right-hander had a big year in 1969, winning 20 games for his NL team. That year he became the first pitcher to be credited with a save. He was later traded with Frank Robinson to an AL team in the same state. He was later traded with Roy Smalley to the Twins. In 1977 he was the Opening Day starter for the expansion team Blue Jays. **Bill Singer**
- b. This brilliant outfielder's glove was known as "where triples go to die". After two Series championships in Boston, he led Cleveland to its first World Series Title in 1920. **Tris Speaker**
- c. This All-Star infielder (3B, 1B, 2B) played 11 years for the Cardinals, leading the league in hits, runs, doubles, assists, and double plays in seasons there before joining the Yankees in 2022. He's currently with San Diego. **Matt Carpenter**
- d. This Twins infielder came over in 2023 from the NL and hit 11 homers during the season, plus one in the ALDS Game 2 victory vs. Houston. **Kyle Farmer**
- e. He won one World Series as a player in 1981. He's now heralded for his managing of ten first-place teams, including two pennants and one World Series title. Career as manager: W 2183, L 1862. **Dusty Baker**
- f. This catcher played mainly for Milwaukee, Kansas City and St. Louis, winning a NLCS MVP and a World Series MVP. He succumbed at the early age of 50 to substance abuse. **Darrell Porter**
- g. This superb leadoff hitter sparked the Atlanta Braves to their 13-0 start in 1982, and the Division title. He had a coaching career from 1998 to 2015. He racked up 2,375 hits and 558 stolen bases. **Brett Butler**

- h. This bearded right-hander suffered the worst year of his career in 2021 with the Twins: an 8.06 ERA. He originally came up to the Angels undrafted, and in 2009 proceeded to set the Angels record for wins by a rookie- 16. He has 46 career wins so far in MLB, and played in Japan in 2023. **Matt Shoemaker**
  - i. A member of the National Women's Baseball Hall of Fame, this centerfielder debuted in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League in 1944 with the Minneapolis Millerettes. At 5'6" and 145 pounds, she was a fleet baserunner and stole 358 bases in five seasons. She launched two grand slams in 1944, the first AAGPBL to do so in one season.  
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9. The next two research committee meetings will be held on December 11 and January 15.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.