

## Halsey Hall Research Committee Jan. 15, 2024 Zoom Meeting Minutes

Attendees: (13) Stew Thornley, Gene Gomes, Art Mugalian, Bob Kormoroski, Ed Edmonds, Darryl Sannes, Brenda Himrich, Glenn Renick, Mike Hauptert, Terry Bohn, Rich Arpi, John Buckeye, Doug Skipper

1. Pre-meeting baseball talk, etc.: Gophers' basketball lost
2. Reviewed and approved Dec. 11 Minutes, no discussion. They are perfect.
3. SABR Day Event Jan. 31, 7:00 – 8:30 pm Central time:  
Steve Gietschier, author of "Baseball: The Turbulent Mid-Century Years". Gene asked who will be the host/moderator and who will serve as Zoom host. Bob K. will ask Dennis Degenhardt of the Wisconsin Ken Keltner Chapter about suggestions for someone there to serve as host, so as to share the joint effort. In order to sign up for the meeting, it's necessary to register on the SABR.org event calendar, and then will be able to receive the Zoom link for meeting.  
Ed Edmonds said he read the book and he shared some highlights. Gene will send out a reminder to the chapter members a few days beforehand with the registration info.
4. TwinsFest 2024:  
Friday Jan. 26 at 7 – 10 pm, and Saturday Jan. 27 at 9 – 5 pm. Doug and Brenda have obtained tickets for almost everyone. Halsey Hall Chapter will have a table.
5. SABR 52:  
Reminder to contact Jessica Smyth to volunteer. [jsmyth@sabr.org](mailto:jsmyth@sabr.org) We want to have more volunteers than Baltimore had.  
Stew said he will promote SABR 52 at the "Tricitybaseball.org/oldtimers.htm" Hot Stove League banquet on Jan. 24. \$60 per ticket. It is a long-standing meeting held for decades. Stew said John Anderson of the Gophers will be given a surprise gift by Andre Lanoue, with whom he has had "discussions" on the field about umpiring decisions.
6. Spring Chapter Meeting May 18:  
Presenters? – Terry Bohn may be interested in presenting  
No prospects for guest speaker yet.
7. Research Items:
  - a. Ballpark commemoration (Stew)- this could serve as a chapter research project, possibly for this year, but maybe next year if approved by the State. Stew will apply for a SABR Grant by Jan. 31.
  - b. Biographies of 1987 and 1991 Twins
  - c. Stew asked Gene about the requirements for MVP Status. A community event is a requirement. Mike Hauptert mentioned having a "Twins Franchise World Series" talk, including the 1924 Washington Senators championship team. A library event would be free and open to public.
  - d. Spread of Base Ball Project: Rich went to the Historical Society last week. He's adding columns to the spreadsheet listing game dates and teams. He wants to see if Terry Bohn can research the Dakotas' early games. Gene mentioned having the poster at the Chapter Meeting. Brenda said labels can be added to update the poster.

Mike Hauptert is a judge for Poster Presentations at SABR conventions. He said we maybe can use it at SABR 52, if the size is right.

8. Research Roundtable- Around the Horn:
  - a. Mike said that SABR 52 has 20-plus articles for the convention publication; all Halsey Hall members who applied are accepted.
  - b. There is a you tube video of the 1924 World Series available.
  - c. A few of those present remarked that Mauer's chances look good for gaining enough HOF votes this month. But only a small percentage of ballots have been revealed. Gene said he benefits from a weak ballot this time around.
  - d. Ed mentioned that SABR still does make a little bit by selling the SABR BRJ for \$7. He mentioned the upcoming book "Charlie Hustle" by Keith O'Brien. Gene said that the S. Carolina Larry Doby SABR chapter is hosting him in a Zoom event. Gene will send the email about it from Tim Deale (of SC) to Ed and Stew if they need it.
  
9. **Trivia Time Quiz, courtesy of John Buckeye**
  1. One of these creatures has appeared as a "Rally" mascot for the Twins in 2019, and for the Cardinals in 2011, the year they won the World Series, in both cases due to an unplanned appearance on the field. **Squirrel**
  2. Featured prominently in one closer's intro theme, this creature would make sense if you consider a portmanteau of it and the player's last name. The closer you should know well. (The creature might be a general answer, or more specific) **Duran-tula**
  3. In 1969, one of these walked past Ron Santo of the Cubs in the on-deck circle, and is partly blamed for the team's collapse to the Miracle Mets down the stretch of that season. **Black Cat**
  4. In 2002, this creature was a (jumbotron-featured) Rally mascot for the then- Anaheim Angels, who along with help from their fans' Thundersticks™, would go on to win the World Series in seven games. **The Rally Monkey**
  5. This Hall of Famer played on five teams throughout his career, mostly at shortstop and second base. He was renowned for his fielding and was a part of the 1914 Miracle Braves World Series winners, and finished second in the MVP voting that year. He hit 28 total homers in his twenty-three-year career. Walter "**Rabbit**" Maranville
  6. Nickname of this HOF first baseman who won a World Series with the Braves in 1995 and twice led the league in homers. He topped one hundred RBI eight times (though never had more than 106) and was a five-time All-Star. Fred "**Crime Dog**" McGriff

7. This player succeeded the player of question #6 at first base for the Braves after stretches with the Expos and the Rockies. He fell one homer short of four hundred for his nineteen-year career. What was *his* nickname? Andres "**Big Cat**" Gallaraga
8. This franchise was the fastest to ever win a World Series (since expansion started), playing at a venue known locally as The Bob. They were also managed by a Bob the year they won it all, and have since been back to the Fall Classic just one time.  
**2001 Diamondbacks**, won in their 4<sup>th</sup> year, one year faster than Florida did (1997)
9. What Bert Blyleven set a record for throwing in 1986 at the Metrodome the year before the Twins won the World Series. There can be many names for this, the type of bad pitch thrown (but this particular one fits the theme). **Gopher Balls**
10. Made his debut in 2000, he wears double zero for the Twins. Yet to appear in a game for the team, he has nonetheless earned a pizza named after him from the Pizza Luce in centerfield. And the team reportedly has no plans to part ways with him. Big fan of fish, I'm told. T.C. **Bear**

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10. Next research comm. meetings: Feb. 19 and March 18

11. Next Quizmaster: Bob Kormoroski

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.