

Halsey Hall Research Committee Feb. 19, 2024 Zoom Meeting Minutes

Attendees: (14) Howard L., Art M., Stew T., Dave L., Glenn Renick, Gene, Bob K., Rich Arpi, Brenda H., Darryl Sannes, Ed Edmonds, John Buckeye, Dan Levitt, Terry Bohn

1. Pre-meeting discourse: Bob K. posted on Facebook an article about Walter Johnson; SABR-L discussions on baseball v. football

2. Meeting opened at 7:05 pm, Jan. 15 minutes approved

3. SABR Day 2024 events recap:

Jan. 27: Several (7) chapter members tended to our Halsey Hall SABR table at Target Field, handed out dozens of SABR applications and exhibited our “Beyond Minnesota” HOF poster.

Jan. 31: Joint Zoom event with Ken Keltner (WI) chapter, and Ed Edmonds hosted author Steve Gietschier; 34 attended including 16 Halsey Hall members.

4. Spring Chapter Meeting coming up May 18.

One presentation scheduled so far: By Terry Bohn, “Who Was That Guy? Identification of Unknown Minor League Players”. Stew mentioned that he spoke with someone who is interested in presenting for the first time, but he couldn’t remember who at the moment.

No Guest Speaker yet; Howard mentioned Dick Bremer, retired Twins TV announcer, and then maybe for the Fall – John Anderson coaching Gophers this his final season. Ed mentioned Mary Giesler, MN Twins counsel since 2014, grad of William Mitchell Law School. He’ll ask.

5. Proposed Chapter Library Event

We discussed the topic of the 1924 Washington Senators World Series title, highlighting Walter Johnson, and this year celebrating the 100th anniversary. Gene and Brenda spoke with the Roseville Branch of Ramsey County Libraries and reserved Wed. April 17 from 6-8 pm.

Stew shared on Zoom the 2-minute you tube video clip of Game 7, which we can use.

Stew volunteered to lead off the event that night, and Dave Lande said he could speak about Walter Johnson. Other topics could include owner Clark Griffith of the Senators, and Ossie Bluege, Senators third baseman and manager in 1924, who came to Minnesota in 1961.

Gene suggested door prizes like Walter Johnson bobbleheads could be given out. John Buckeye said he would check on pennants, etc.

Stew will ask the Twins about this event and about their own event commemorating 1924.

6. SABR 52

a. Stew wants us to submit a proposal to display the “Spread of Baseball” poster at SABR 52. It needs to be updated with new info compiled by Rich and others since the last time he added to it. Stew has a 150-word abstract for the “Beyond the Twins” poster.

b. Frank White has a Saints event Aug. 8 honoring Joe Black, the same night SABR has a tour of Target Field. Friday is the night for the Twins game outing. If Frank is available, he could lead some members through the Black Baseball History displays. Our Core Four is helping with this.

c. Gene contacted Curt Brown of the Star Tribune to write up SABR 52 in one of his July Sunday columns. He’s in, and would like suggestions for a character topic.

d. Stew said Emma Charlesworth-Seiler is available to be on a women’s baseball panel.

e. Stew mentioned having an outing to see the Mill Museum. This would be up to us.

7. Dave Lande has written a Chapter Meeting Checklist, which Gene sent out for this meeting. This could be entered into our bylaws and procedures to provide guidelines for future chapter leaders to use in planning the Spring and Fall Chapter Meetings of the future. Thanks, Dave!

8. “Spread of Baseball” research project

Rich is compiling data and others who have participated in the research should be documented. We should get this poster display submitted for the SABR 52 meeting. Gene suggested bringing it to the Spring Meeting along with the list of counties still needed for researching “first” games.

9. Other Items

a. Our chapter will participate on March 28 at 6:30 pm in the AL Central Division SABR 5-Chapter Season Preview Zoom Event with chapters from the other cities. Gene and John Buckeye will confer on the details of representing the Twins. Gene will send Stew sign-up info to put in the newsletter.

b. 1987 and 1991 Twins BioProject:
Let’s see if we can get members to sign up for writing a Bio. Gene said he would.

10. Research Roundtable – Around the Horn

Rich signed up for History Day as a judge for April 20. Others can sign up as online judges for that week. Ed is working on a book, “Eleven Men In” with McFarland, about legal figures in baseball. Ed participated in teaching a summer school class in 2023 about baseball legal issues.

11. **Trivia Time Research Quiz, courtesy of Bob Kormoroski**

1. This Washington Senator player is the only man to achieve this baseball feat which was not accomplished in a ballpark. What was his name and accomplishment?

Gabby Street: on 8-22-08 he caught a ball from the Washington Monument

2. This franchise was moved from this Western League city in 1901 to become the A.L. Washington Senators. **Kansas City Blues**

3. How many Washington Senators are in the baseball Hall of Fame? **Six**
(About nine, if you include those who also played for Minnesota.)

4. After retiring from baseball, Walter Johnson held this position.
Montgomery **County Commissioner**, Maryland in 1938

5. This Broadway musical is a retelling of the Faust legend and is set during the 1950s in Washington D.C. Name the play and the main character.

“Damn Yankees”; **Joe Hardy**

6. He was the last Washington Senators manager (1960) before the team moved to Minnesota. **Cookie Lavagetto**

7. This Venezuelan pitcher debuted on April 23, 1939 for the Senators, becoming the first Venezuelan player in MLB. He is also one of a handful of MLB players to jump to the Mexican League in 1946. His nephew was an MLB shortstop for the Chicago White Sox, starting a long tradition of Venezuelan players with that team.

Alex Carrasquel

8. Washington's NL team lasted from 1892 until 1899. What was its nickname?

Senators

9. How many times have the Senators finished in second place (1901-1960)? **five**

10. Griffith Stadium, home of the Senators, also was home to this Negro League club where it hosted the 1943 and 1944 Negro League World Series.

Homestead Grays

11. Which Washington Senator was a two-time A.L. batting champion, in 1946 and 1953? **Mickey Vernon**

12. What Federal League team did Walter Johnson sign with but never played for?

Chicago Chi-Feds (before they were the Whales)

12. Next Committee Meeting: March 18 and April 15 Next Quiz -by Glenn Renick

13. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm central