

SABR Halsey Hall Board Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2024 – Zoom Meeting

Board Members present: Rich Arpi, Daniel Dorff, John Buckeye, Howard Luloff, Ed Edmonds, Bob Tholkes

Absent but sending in treasurer's report: Jerry Janzen

Also in attendance: Bob Komoroski, Dave Lande, Stew Thornley

Meeting called to order at 6:58 pm by President Rich Arpi

### Meeting Agenda

1. Review February 4 Meeting Minutes

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

2. Treasurer's Report - Jerome Janzen

Current Checking account balance is \$1545.10

3. Membership Report – Stew and John

We have three new members since the February 4 board meeting: Mac Wilson, Benjamin Reinhard, and Henry Gliedman. In addition, Brennan Larsen is a new SABR member who lives in Minnesota but attends college in Wisconsin and is listed with the Keltner Badger State Chapter as his primary chapter. We have 188 members with Halsey Hall Chapter as their primary chapter, which is enough that we will meet the growth/retention goal for MVP status. The base number SABR has provided for our membership as of June 1, 2023 - the start of the reporting period - is 166. This number is different from before. We are working with SABR regarding issues that are fuzzy regarding membership numbers.

4. Newsletter Report - Stew

Newsletter comes out regularly

5. Book Club Report - Rich

Next book club meeting is June 8th. 'Charlie Hustle' by Keith O'Brien will be the book discussed. There is also talk of inviting Keith to speak as a Zoom guest.

6. Social Media Report – Bob K.

The Facebook group has 297 members. There has been some booting of profiles off. Oftentimes those profiles have joined Facebook dates as the same date. So that's something to watch for. Bob checks the site nearly every day. He made an event for Wednesday's 1924 Washington World Series gathering.

7. Webmaster Report

None

8. MVP Committee Report - Gene

*Gene emailed the following:*

Gene has been composing the Chapter Annual Report for 2023-2024 the last few weeks. It will be updated and completed in time for the May 30 SABR deadline.

I believe we are on target for these two guidelines for MVP status:

1. "A chapter program conducted with a local organization which creates member and regional benefit". I believe that the April 17 presentation at Roseville Library on the 1924 Washington World Series **should** qualify as this type of event since we are collaborating with the Minnesota Twins this year for this celebration. It connects with the Twins' own recognition of the 100th anniversary. The more people we have at the library, the better. If *Twins Daily* can promote it-great.
2. "Has the Chapter engaged in a research (or other) project?"
  - a. Our chapter has continued to be engaged in **two** projects: "**Early Base ball /The Spread of Baseball in Minnesota Counties.**" Since several members have actively contributed to this research project in 2023-2024, and not just one person, I believe that we meet this guideline.
  - b. Our chapter updated the chapter poster project "**Beyond the Twins: Minnesota Hall of Famers**" in July of 2023 by adding the names of Bud Fowler and Jack Morris to the poster for display.

#### 9. Research Committee Report - Gene

*Gene emailed the following:*

The committee had two Zoom meetings since the last Board meeting. Planning has been proceeding for the April 17 Roseville Library event. Gene will contact columnist Phil Miller and ask if can help announce the event in his column.

There are two approved presentations so far for the May 18 Spring Meeting: By Terry Bohn and Ed Edmonds. Rich Arpi has a proposal also, which will be reviewed and approved Monday. The next Zoom meeting is Monday April 15 at 7pm.

Dave Lande may have more details.

*Discussion:*

Rich has a presentation for the spring meeting pending any presentation from a first-timer. There is a guest speaker lined up for the spring meeting.

#### 10. Events report – Howard

Spring Meeting - Howard will be the MC, Dave Lande will bring coffee and donuts. There are three presentations lined up. A 4th would be Rich's pending a presentation from a first-timer.

History Day - There were only a couple baseball presentations. Winner has been selected and will be notified. There was discussion about the project. *But as the winner hasn't been notified I decided to not write the details here.*

Town Ball - Looking at three games:

6/16th at 6pm - Howard Lake vs Litchfield

7/13th at 6:30pm - Rochester Honkers

August 11th - This is the playoffs. Location to TBD. This will be a convention event. We would likely need people to volunteer to drive convention attendees to the game from the hotel

#### 11. Old Business

SABR 52 - An umpire panel will be happening at 9am on Friday. Regarding the Games Project. They are trying to highlight games related to MN leading up the convention. This includes amateur games, a townball game and the Twins first International League game against Pittsburgh. If someone wants to write up a townball game or the game against Pittsburgh that would be great.

Board Elections - We need people to run for the board.

#### 12. New Business Items

None

13. Next board meeting

The next board meeting will be June 9 at 7pm

14. Adjourn

Rich moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm. Ed seconded. Motion passed.