

## Halsey Hall Research Committee May 13, 2024 Zoom Meeting Minutes

Attendees (12): Dave L, Bob K, Ed Edmonds, Stew, Brenda, Gene, Terry B, Art M, Rich, Dan Levitt, Glenn R, Darryl Sannes

Pre-meeting comments, discussion: Stew mentioned the recent ceremony for MN Gophers Coach John Anderson; comments on the downward trend in MLB of balls in play (BIP).

1. Zoom Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

2. Review and approval of April 15 minutes.

3. The April 17 Chapter Program at Roseville Library recap:

- attendance of 38, including (only) 24 chapter members.
- Thanks to Stew and Dave for their “world class” presentations on the 1924 Senators.
- Thanks to Brenda for distributing flyers
- Thanks to Matt Hodson of the Twins for giving details of the associated August 11 event at Target Field celebrating the 1924 Senators World Series
- Thanks to all who generously provided Door Prizes, and to John Bonnes of *Twins Daily*.

4. Chapter Spring Meeting Saturday May 18

- Final preparations: Facebook, Door Prizes, microphones
- Rich will have the business meeting Agenda; Dave will bring the projector.
- Ed is running for a board term; Jerry will be asked about running; nominations will be open for others to run; Stew recommended that the chapter have a nominating “committee” to recruit others to be on the board.

5. SABR 52 Items

- The “Beyond the Twins” poster was accepted.
- Suggestions for a column in July by Curt Brown of Star Tribune: Bobby Marshall, Walter Ball. Curt has already written about Ossie Bluege and John Donaldson in the past. Gene can send info to Curt for his column. Gene will ask Frank White for info.

6. R. Comm. can suggest date for Chapter Fall Meeting and Guest Speaker options. It seems that Bob K and Howard, if they continue on the Events committee, will decide on the date.

7. Research Roundtable – Around the Horn

- research, books, projects, talks, questions
- Gene has received info from Rich that from June 2023 – May 2024 (the SABR fiscal year), seven chapter members have actively participated in the ongoing Chapter Research Project “Spread of Baseball: 19<sup>th</sup> century baseball in MN Counties”. Rich has posted the spreadsheet detailing all the first documented games and dates of baseball on the chapter website somewhere. Rich said after the Phase One of listing early games for all MN counties, he will start Phase Two, documenting early Town Ball games and college games.

8. Other Items: Stew received an email from Frank White about info on Negro League players; Bob said he could put a link on Facebook to get this info to members.

- Steve Bratkovich has a book event May 29 in Hudson, WI about his baseball puzzles book.

- Gene said he attended the May 13 block party in Spartanburg featuring the reveal of the name of the new 2025 Class A affiliate of the Texas Rangers: "Hub City Spartanburgers" which will play at the new Fifth Third Park, under construction.

9. **Trivia Time Quiz, presented by Ed Edmonds.** - a "Dual Theme" Quiz \*

1. Nicknamed the Needle, this Oregon native grew up close to a Pacific Coast League team's home park, and he has a landmark at Fenway Park named for him. A Navy veteran in World War II, he played for four American League franchises during his 10-year career. This man has a career batting average over .300, but he hit only 17 career home runs. **Johnny Pesky**

2. A first-round draft choice from Oklahoma State University, this player spent sixteen years in Major League Baseball split equally between two NL clubs and two AL clubs. He hit nearly 300 career home runs and drove in 100 or more runs three times. He won six Gold Gloves. Speaking of gold, he also won the Golden Spikes Award and an Olympic Gold Medal. **Robin Ventura**

3. A six-time All-Star, he started and finished his career for two different franchises in the same city. He played for over a decade for the first of those two teams. In his 16-year career, he hit one or zero home runs in 14 of those years. His career high was four dingers in 1969. This man played in the same infield with two Hall of Fame favorites. He played in the College World Series but never played in one in his MLB career. His son played in eleven games for the Cincinnati Reds, and his grandson is a current major leaguer. **Don Kessinger**

4. This player finished ninth in the MVP voting in 1948 when he hit .290 for his third NL team. He served in the 97th Infantry of the First Army in World War II. He hit a total of eight home runs in his 9-year MLB career, but he is better known for his post-player MLB career with his final NL team where he retired from his spot in the dugout four different times. He did win a World Series in two different decades. **Danny Murtaugh**

5. A keystone combo partner with Ron Hunt, Billy Martin, Johnny Temple, and Grady Hatton, this bespeckled native of Bonham, Texas, spent 16 years in the big leagues for three NL teams. His career batting average of .243 was coupled with three consecutive Gold Gloves. He played 150 or more games in six consecutive years in the 1950s. He amassed 665 career walks (57 times intentionally) with 711 strikeouts. This former Texas Aggie never enjoyed the opportunity to play in a World Series. **Roy McMillan**

6. A veteran of five different Fall Classics, he played 23 years in the major leagues for four different teams. He had over 10,000 career plate appearances and over 2,700 hits. He stole a total of 49 bases with 10 coming in one championship season. He is the father of a current baseball broadcaster. **Antanasio "Tony" Perez**

7. This son of an MLB pitcher hit eight home runs in a ten-year career with a .228 career batting average. His on-base percentage was only marginally better at .255. He did, however, average over 110 games played per year in his career. He was a teammate of Willie Mays for eight years.

**Hal Lanier** -son of Max Lanier

8. This man finished second in the MVP voting in the second of his 17 years in baseball and matched that MVP runner-up spot one more time. He drove in 90 or more runs ten times and hit 40 or more home runs in four seasons. He also walked over 100 times in five seasons. He was born in Texas but graduated from Santa Barbara High School in California. He finished his career playing for the Detroit Tigers. **Eddie Mathews**

9. This ten-year MLB player spent time in the minor leagues with the Richmond Virginians and the Rochester Red Wings after breaking into minor league baseball with the Suffolk Goobers of the Virginia League. During the Korean War, he spent two years with the Army Combat Engineers. He was a teammate with the answer to an earlier question, and he also wore glasses on the field. He played for Fred Hutchinson on two different NL teams, and he hit over .300 in his one World Series appearance. He got a base hit in his only All-Star game appearance after he was inserted into Roberto Clemente's starting spot in the batting order. **Eddie Kasko**

10<sup>th</sup> inning: After graduating from Coushatta High School in Red River Parish, Louisiana, he played college basketball at LSU, leading the SEC in scoring. Needing players, the baseball coach convinced him to play baseball for the first time. He was signed by the Cincinnati Reds, ultimately became their clean-up hitter, but he is better known for his time with a different team that appeared in back-to-back Fall Classics. This man is known for breaking up the most well-known extra-inning near perfect game in history. He drove the ball out of the park for his team's first hit, but it was converted to a double after he passed a Hall of Famer. Name this teammate for the bonus answer. **Joe Adcock**; Hank Aaron was passed at first base.

\*All trivia answers were primarily infielders, and also former managers.

10. Next meeting dates: June 17, July 15; Next Quizzer will be Bob K.

11. Meeting adjourned at: 9:15 nice!