

Halsey Hall Research Committee June 17, 2024 Zoom Meeting Agenda & Quiz

Attendees (11): Dave L., Stew, Bob K., Ed Edmonds, Gene, John Seals (new), John Buckeye, Terry Bohn, Rich, Darryl, Brenda

1. Pre-meeting discourse and jaw-wagging: Discussion of the 1949 Aberdeen, SD Pheasants team with Bob Turley, who passed away today. Turley won the 1958 Cy Young with the Yankees.
2. Review and approval of May meeting minutes
3. Recap of Chapter May 18 Spring Meeting
 - microphones/speakers ran out of power again; Trivia Quiz went well; Bob K. said “Mary Giesler responded very quickly to our invitation to be guest speaker”.
4. Date of Fall Chapter Meeting to be Nov. 2 at Faith Church. Bob will check on a college coach as possible guest speaker.
5. Recent Board Meeting news: Town Ball game coming up at Owatonna on June 30; new VP Mike Hauptert needs to formally appoint chapter committee chairs. Dave & Gene volunteered to continue on research comm. Jerry is resigning as board member, treasurer.
6. SABR 52
 - Gene sent Stew’s bio info about Walter Ball to Curt Brown for a July column. Frank White will have a panel about players and the St. Paul Gophers team.
 - Poster presentation by our chapter
 - damage to chapter banners: Brenda reported that a plastic brace broke off the MN HOF banner, needs fixing at \$372. The Spread of Baseball banner doesn’t have the fragile plastic brace; But it needs updating of the screen with new info: 30 more counties researched with more game dates added. A QR code can be added. Cost: about \$139, making a total of \$519. Stew said he would cover the costs, since it needs to be done soon and the next board mtg. isn’t until after the convention. He also feels that it’s too much to ask the chapter to pay. Others present volunteered to contribute.
 - Film about Dick Perez, “The Diamond King”, August 10.
 - Gene reported that 48 Halsey-Hallers are registered as of today.
7. Other items
 - Chapter Research Project, “Spread of Baseball”, continued at MN History Center with a visit by Rich and Dave on June 10.

- Gene will follow up with Frank White about spreading his info about Negro leagues and players with chapter members: maybe a link on our Facebook page, or sending a chapter-wide email out.

- Steve Bratkovich's book event in Hudson WI on May 29: Dave attended.

- Stew's update on a plaque for the "Pillbox" ballpark: He and Frank White will be on a Zoom call June 27 with state reps to continue the process.

8. Research Roundtable – Around the Horn

- John B. read Drellich's book about 2017 Astros; Bob K. received an book talk invite about Kevin Baker's "New York Game" book; John Seals mentioned his "Baseball Nicknames Project" online – baseballnicknames.com. He's been involved since he was young; Stew mentioned Bob "Shoe-Dog" Gorinski. Another one: "The Big Dumper"-Cal Raleigh of the Mariners.

9. Trivia Time Quiz, courtesy of Bob Komoroski – there is a common theme!

1. He was a journeyman infielder for four MLB teams. Under his watch, the Dodgers developed five Rookies of the Year, claimed six MVP Awards, and won five Cy Young Awards. This Dodger executive served as the team's executive Vice President and General Manager, and presided over the successful 1968 Dodger draft, considered by many to be the most successful in team history. **Fresco Thompson**, Columbia U.

2. This player was one of the few MLB players killed in combat during World War I. Although he also played for Philadelphia (N.L.) and Cincinnati, the N.Y. Giants erected a monument at the Polo Grounds dedicated to his memory in 1921.

Edward Grant, Harvard

3. This first baseman and World War II veteran had a rather short career playing for the Red Sox and Phillies over four full major league seasons. Although he would later be known as a long-time successful college coach, he secured his place in baseball's labor- and veteran's rights-struggles when he successfully challenged the Philadelphia Phillies move to demote him to the Pacific Coast League in violation of the G.I. Bill of Rights that promised returning veterans their old jobs. **Tony Lupien**, Harvard

4. This HOF second baseman had a 24-year career for the White Sox and Athletics. In 1925, he became just the sixth player to join the 3000 hit-club and the last for the next 17 seasons. **Eddie Collins**, Columbia

5. This player is best known for knocking in the winning run of the seventh game of the 1991 World Series. **Gene Larkin**, Columbia

6. This outfielder played for the Phillies, Cubs and Rangers. He was known for his exceptional defense having attained double-digit assists three times in his career. He also

ended his career going 293 consecutive games without an error. He has also contributed guest columns to the New York Times, ESPN, and other publications.

Doug Glanville, Univ. of Pennsylvania

7. He was a 12th round-pick by the S.F. Giants in 1977. He was traded to the K.C. Royals along with Vida Blue in 1982. He died from an infection brought on by complications from a stem cell transplant. **Bob Tufts**, Columbia

8. Despite having a career losing record, this workhorse pitcher played on six MLB teams including three World Series-championship teams. On September 3, 1928 he surrendered Ty Cobb's final career hit. He is probably best known for throwing the pitch that hit Tiger's catcher Mickey Cochrane in the head. The pitch fractured Cochrane's skull and ended his career. Following his retirement, he became a Boston radio and TV broadcaster for the Boston Braves, Red Sox and Bruins. **Irving "Bump" Hadley**, Brown Univ.

9. A 1987 draft pick, this former MLB catcher played for four different teams and has also managed the L.A. Angels and the Israeli national team. **Brad Ausmus**, Dartmouth

Extra innings:

10. This Washington Senators pitcher, the first overall pick in the 1971 draft, was only the fifth player to go straight to the major leagues after being drafted without spending a day in the minors. **Pete Broberg**, Dartmouth

11. This two-time Twin had a 12-year career and was on the pitching staff of the 2013 World Series champion Boston Red Sox. **Craig Breslow**, Yale

Theme: Ivy League Graduates

10. Next Meetings: July 15, August 17 next Quiz: by Gene

11. Meeting adjourned at: 8:24 pm Central