

Halsey Hall Research Committee July 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendees (10): Dave L., Stew, Gene, Ed Edmonds, Art, Bob K., Mike H., Brenda, John Seals, Terry Bohn.

1. Pre-meeting banter and baseball talk: Stew threw out the first pitch at the Town Ball game in Rochester; Stew suggested going to a nearby restaurant after Book Club next time.

2. Reviewed and approved the superb June 13 meeting minutes.

3. SABR 52

-Status of posters: Brenda is picking them up this week from Chris Miller.

-volunteers; over 530 registered so far

-Curt Brown column coming Sunday July 28 in Star Tribune

4. Fall Chapter Meeting coming

-Presenters: none yet; Guest Speaker: Stew thinks the Commissioner of the American Association would be a possibility. Speakers/microphones problem: batteries needed.

5. All Star Game party tomorrow July 16 at Manning's 7pm.

6. Five-Chapter AL Central Zoom event Thursday July 18 7pm Central; Link will be sent out by Gene.

7. Chapter Research Project continues- Rich and Glenn Renick went to MN History Center 7/12.

8. Research Roundtable- Around the Horn

-Bob K. posted on Facebook page the Jerry Izenberg book "Larry Doby: In Black and White"

-Dave Lande wrote a Game Story for the Dodger Stadium book about Willie Stargell's homer that went completely out! Other committee members should take note!

9. Other items

- Gene (MVP Committee) requests that we always get contact info from guests at our events to recruit new members; Ed said there's 256 members listed in Halsey Hall chapter. Stew said we should have a "members number" discussion at the SABR 52 Chapter Leaders meeting; Stew said that Minnie Minoso was not cremated -he's in the same cemetery as Ernie Banks.

10. **Trivia Time – Our 33rd Themed Quiz, courtesy of Gene**

Star Spangled Banner 4th of July Quiz

1. Nickname of the sportswriter who wrote, "Ninety feet between bases is the nearest to perfection that man has ever achieved." Walter Wellesley "Red" Smith

2. Last name of this former Montreal first-round pick who homered for the Twins in a playoff game vs. Oakland four years after he homered for the Yankees in a playoff game vs. Angels.

Rondell **White**

3. Last name of this player who was drafted by Kansas City, and whose purchase by the Yankees nine years later was voided by Bowie Kuhn. Vida **Blue**

4. Nickname of this HOF pitcher who became a six-time World Series champ after posting a 39-96 won-loss mark for his former team, the Red Sox, from 1924-1930. Charles "Red" Ruffing

5. Last name of this 19th century HOF infielder/catcher for several teams, who earned over 2,000 hits, two batting titles, and a world championship as a 39-year-old for Detroit in 1887.

James "Deacon" **White**

6. Give the first word of this Georgia-born player's two-word nickname, who was signed by Kansas City, and pitched in that franchise's three World Series-championship seasons.

John "**Blue** Moon" Odom

7. Nickname of the pitcher who was a key starter for McGraw's Giants from 1903-1913. In his best year – for the 1905 champion Giants- he had his only 20+ win-season.

Leon "**Red**" Ames

8. Last name of the lefty White Sox pitcher who picked up a "save" in Game 5 and a win in Game Six of the Hitless Wonders' 1906 World Series takedown of the favored Cubs. Guy "Doc" **White**

9. Last name of the pitcher who made the NL squad for the AL-NL All Star Game in 1942, the year he ranked 2nd in pitcher WAR behind Walker Cooper. He was second in wins for Cincinnati with 15, behind Johnny Vander Meer's 18. **Ray Starr**

Extra inning:

10. Upon entering a game on April 24 this season, pitcher Luke Little was ordered to change out his glove because it had what stitched on it? an **American Flag** patch.

Bonus: Give the names of the following people and their birthdays:

a. He signed Catfish Hunter, Reggie Jackson and Dave Winfield as free agents.

George Steinbrenner, **7/4/30**

b. In her debut, she was escorted off Crosley Field in 1969 after kissing Pete Rose on the cheek.

Morganna "The Kissing Bandit" Roberts, **7/4/47**

c. He led the NL in RBI in 2004, no doubt being helped by his home park.

Vinnie Castilla, **7/4/67**, Mexico, (131 RBI)

d. He finished 2nd for NL Rookie of the Year behind Ted Sizemore despite out-homering him 18-4 and out-slugging him .409 to .342. Coco Laboy, Puerto Rico, **7/4/40**

11. Next meetings: August 17 and Sept. 19 -next quiz by: Quiz rookie John Seals

12. Meeting adjourned at: 8:20 pm Central – nice!