

SABR Halsey Hall Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2024 – Zoom Meeting

Board Members present: Ed Edmonds, Rich Arpi, Daniel Dorff, John Buckeye, Howard Luloff, Mike Haupt

Absent but sending in MVP Committee and Research Committee items: Gene Gomes

Also in attendance: Stew Thornley, Bob Komoroski, Brenda Himrich

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by President Ed Edmonds

1. Approval of Meeting Agenda

John moved and Howard seconded. Agenda approved with no changes.

2. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2024

Mike moved to accept the minutes and John seconded. Minutes approved with no changes.

3. Treasurer's Report and Discussion of New Chase Account – Rich Arpi

Rich emailed the following:

Checks finally arrived from Chase Bank today.....debit card has been activated with username and password. Another debit card was issued to Ed Edmonds and will be passed on to him.

Balance when account transferred from Huntington account in August... \$ 1513. 69

Bills to pay yet (will be done this week)

Reimburse John Gregory for Jumpline account for one year - 23.00

Reimburse Stew Thornley for banners (2) updates and repair - 519.00

Check printing cost and postage cost a little over \$ 112.00. I ordered 100 checks (minimum amount) which should last 10 years or so..

We should get \$ 500.00 from national SABR for MVP Status which should make our balance around \$ 1359.00 before the Regional Meeting in November

Discussion:

Ed stated that it sounds to him like the award for reaching MVP status may be less than \$500 due to the high number of MVP and All-Star chapters. He isn't sure if our chapter will be receiving \$250 or \$500.

4. Membership Report – John Buckeye and Stew Thornley

Stew emailed the following:

Three new members have joined the Halsey Hall Chapter since the August 2024 board meeting: Riley Heck, Douglas Raynie, Andy Sjerven.

In addition to the three members noted above, Joey Thomalla, Theo Tollefson, Ross Bennett, Quinn Wahl, Marty Krogman, Tom Goldstein, Henry Bednar, and Steven Bolster, there have been 11 new members since the June 1 beginning of the fiscal year.

As of October 11, 2024, 190 members identify the Halsey Hall Chapter as their primary chapter.

Discussion:

Stew updated the membership forms on our website. If someone finds places with the old membership form let Stew know.

Goal of membership isn't just to get people to sign up as members but to get people involved.

5. Newsletter Report – Stew Thornley

Stew emailed the following:

With the event Frank White is hosting October 26, I will have the November newsletter distributed within a day or two after the October 21 Research Committee meeting. I will also mention the November 9 event we are co-sponsoring with the Hennepin History Museum.

Discussion:

Please come to the library on November 9th even if you see the presentation at the fall meeting. Please come out and support the library. If the event has good turnout this could be a routine collaboration. There will be membership forms at the event and it helps to have people from our chapter out to talk with people. Also, attendance at the library event helps with achieving MVP status as it's supposed to be a collaboration. It was also noted that Twins Daily has been good to us in promoting our events.

6. Book Club Report - Rich Arpi

Next book club meets October 19th and will be discussing "Summer of Shadows: A Murder, A Pennant Race, and the Twilight of the Best Location in the Nation" by Jonathan Knight. It was mentioned that the book is out of print. As such, some people have copies and otherwise to purchase it the prices vary widely and can be quite expensive.

7. Social Media Report - Bob Komoroski

Bob emailed the following:

As of 9:00 AM Saturday, October 12, 2024, the Halsey Hall Chapter Facebook page has 310 members.

8. MVP Committee Report – Gene Gomes

Gene emailed the following:

Goals: As discussed previously, our chapter needs to keep membership increasing, hold a SABR Day event, and collaborate for a program. Stew's Nov. 9 talk at the Hennepin County History Museum could fill the bill for the program. Encouraging a large Halsey Hall and public turnout would be beneficial. Maybe Twins Daily could help?

9. Research Committee Report – Gene Gomes and Dave Lande

Gene emailed the following:

We had one meeting since the last Board meeting, 13 attended. Three presentations are approved for the fall Meeting:

- a. Sam Sundermeyer's "Last Ounce of Magic: Win Probability of the 2009 Twins"
- b. Stew Thornley's "The Old Guards vs. Werden's All Stars 1933 Game at Nicollet Park"
- c. Bob Tholkes' "In the Year of Base Ball Fever (1867): Baseball Clubs"

The next research committee meeting is Monday October 21 via Zoom.

10. Events report – Howard

Howard emailed the following:

There is a guest speaker for the Fall Meeting in Mark (Lunch) McKenzie as well as three research presentations so far. The November 2 meeting is bookended by Frank White's Black

Baseball presentation at Target Field on October 26 and Stew's presentation at the Hennepin History Center November 9.

Discussion:

Fall Meeting - The meeting will be November 2nd. Three presentations are set. Our guest speaker will be speaking in the morning this time due to another obligation he has for the afternoon. A thank you went out to Bob K. for booking our guest. Howard stated that he has finished prepping for trivia.

For roles:

Howard will MC

John B - coffee/beverages

Rich - nametags, check ins, has one of the microphones we need, photo of Halsey Hall

Stew - Keys, opening up the church, computer

Brenda - camera for Facebook streaming, banners

To be decided:

Doughnuts - Ed will check with Dave Lande

Projector - needs to be located

2nd microphone - Ed will contact Art to see if he has it

There is a checklist of meeting procedures available at: [Procedures for Events Committee \(halseyhall.org\)](http://halseyhall.org). Ed will fill in the checklist and email out about responsibilities.

11. New Business

Ad-Hoc Committee:

Ed and Mike have begun putting together an Ad-Hoc committee to review the bylaws and procedures. They are still seeking more members to help and would like to have four or five total. Terry has volunteered to help. It was noted that there are no examples of bylaws or procedures on the SABR website, but rather that when chapters ask for examples our chapter's bylaws and procedures are usually sent out.

12. Next Board Meeting: December ?

December 8th at 7:30pm via Zoom

13. Adjourn

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting. John seconded. Motion passed at 8:07pm.