

## Halsey Hall Research Committee October 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendees(13): Dave Lande, Ed Edmonds, John Seals, John Buckeye, Howard Luloff, Rich Arpi, Dan Levitt, Gene Gomes, Stew Thornley, Terry Bohn, Glenn Renick, Daryl Sannes, Mike Hauptert

1. Pre-meeting Discourse and Orations: Opinions rendered on the pending World Series and the two teams playing: Dodgers and the Yankees; various beers brewed in New Ulm.
2. Meeting started at 7:03 p.m. Reviewed September 23rd meeting minutes. Mike Hauptert moved to approve the minutes and Ed Edmonds seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Fall Chapter Meeting on November 2
  - a. Three presentations are scheduled: (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", and (c) Bob Tholkes' "In the Year of Base Ball Fever (1867): Baseball Clubs.
  - b. The guest speaker will be "Lunch" Mackenzie, longtime Concordia baseball coach.
  - c. Trivia – Dave Lande will bring a thumb drive with Howard's trivia contest. Gene will call Howard to try and get Quiz clues for the Power Point.
  - d. Laptops – Stew Thornley and Gene Gomes will bring their laptops.
  - e. Plates and napkins –
  - f. Cutlery – Dave Lande will bring plastic forks and knives.
  - g. Sign ins and name tags – Rich Arpi will handle sign ins and bring name tags.
  - h. Agenda – Howard Luloff will draft and bring copies of the agenda.
  - i. Microphones – Rich Arpi and Art Mugalian will each bring a microphone.
  - j. Facebook – Bob Komoroski and Brenda Himrich will take care of the Facebook broadcast.
  - k. Coffee – John Buckeye will bring coffee and related supplies.
  - l. Moderator – Howard Luloff will be the meeting moderator.
  - m. Presentations – The presentations will be saved and posted.
4. Chapter member Frank White has a presentation at Target Field on October 26 about Minnesota's Negro League history. His presentation will be part of a Target Field tour.
5. Stew Thornley will collaborate with the Hennepin County History Museum for his presentation on the Werden's All Stars Game on November 9. However, since the Hennepin County History Museum building isn't handicap accessible, this would preclude the chapter from partnering with the museum on any future partnerships.
6. Research Roundtable
  - a. Terry Bohn is working on a biography on Dan Lally. He'll also give a talk to the SABR 19<sup>th</sup> Century Committee in March.
  - b. Glen Renick submitted an article entitled "They're Coming for Your Baseball Cards" for consideration to be published in the Baseball Research Journal. His submission is #21 in queue for review.
7. Other Items
  - a. Per Ed Edmonds, the next book club book will be "Kiss It Good-By" by John Moody. Ed said that publisher McFarland Co. uses a less-than-ideal font.

- b. John Buckeye is reading “K: A History of Baseball in Ten Pitches” by Tyler Kepner. Many positive comments from chapter members on this book.
- c. Per Stew Thornley, the Ken Keltner chapter in Wisconsin is hosting a Zoom call on November 8. The guest on the call will be Melissa Ludtke, author of “Locker Room Talk: A Woman’s Struggle to Get Inside.”
- d. Stew Thornley expressed frustration with working with state government to install a plaque commemorating the Pillbox Ballpark. The marker for Nicollet Park is still in storage due to the destruction of the bldg. it was in. The marker for Lexington Park put in in 1994 has our chapter name on it.
- e. Gene Gomes discussed the SABR two-hour course held last Saturday on diversity and inclusion. 42 SABR members attended the course including Gene and Bob Komoroski from the Halsey Hall Chapter.

**8. Trivia Time: Themed Quiz, courtesy of Glenn Renick “The Acrostic Quiz”**

- (1) This sporting goods company opened in 1918 but closed its doors for good in 2011 after 93 years in business. At one time it supplied uniforms to the Pittsburgh Pirates and almost all regional semipro and high school teams, as well as offering a full line of sporting goods to the public. The founder, a just-retired professional baseball player, had a fairly decent career. A year after his business opened, he starred in a motion picture, called *Spring Fever*, with Moe and Shemp Howard (of the Three Stooges). **Honus Wagner Company**
- (2) In his first season pitching in the National League he led the league in both wins and win percentage. That same year he also started a well-known sporting goods company that made major league baseballs for over a hundred years, and is still in business today. **Albert Spalding**
- (3) Runner-up in the first Little League World Series and champion in the second. **Lock Haven, PA**
- (4) Home ballpark of the Seattle Steelheads in 1946, Seattle Pilots in 1969 and Seattle Rainiers from 1938-1968. **Sick’s Stadium**
- (5) Iconic ballpark that hosted its last game in 1957 before being demolished in 1960. **Ebbets Field**
- (6) He played for the Athletics, Red Sox, Tigers, and Mets during his 8-year MLB career. Nicknamed “La Potencia”, he won the Home Run Derby twice. He is perhaps best known for making spectacular catches in the outfield but dropping routine fly balls. **Yoenis Cespedes**
- (7) He played his entire 16-year career with the Chicago Cubs where he was considered the top 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman in the league in the late 1930s and early ‘40s. The story that Bill Veeck had a promotion where fans at a game were given mirrors with his picture on it, and used them to reflect the sun into the opposing pitcher’s eyes, may or may not be true. He later went on to manage, including 3 seasons with the Cubs and 10 games with the Cardinals. **Stan Hack**
- (8) Known for launching long distance home runs, he once hit four in one game against four different Dodgers pitchers. After playing his first three years in the majors as an outfielder for the Cincinnati Reds he asked to be traded and went to Milwaukee, where he played catcher for the Braves for the next 10 years. Then in his last four years, in the American League, he played

for the Indians and Angels. He managed the Indians for one year and was replaced by Alvin Dark.

Answer: Joe Adcock

(9) Known as "The Bull", he was the 1975 National League RBI Champion and won the prestigious Roberto Clemente Award in 1978. Greg Luzinski

(10) During his thirteen-year career, he won and lost a World Series as a teammate of Joe Jackson and won and lost a World Series as a teammate of Walter Johnson. In the 1917 World Series his 9<sup>th</sup> inning single drove in the final run of the final game. The little league ballfield in his home town of Butler, Indiana is dedicated in his honor with a mural and permanent plaque.

Answer: Nemo Liebold

Super Bonus: He played his entire major league career as a catcher with the Milwaukee Grays. As a 27-year-old rookie he committed 4 errors and allowed 10 passed balls in his major league debut, which might explain his short career. He later became an umpire and sports promoter. This question can substitute for #2 to solve the quiz theme. "A. G." "Alamazoo" Jennings

Glenn's note: If you still need a hint for the puzzle, it is an acrostic. The first shall be first and the last shall be next. The acrostic solution using initials is "HALSEY HALL"

8. Next Meeting: November 18.                      Next Quizzer: Gene Gomes

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.