

## Halsey Hall Research Committee Nov. 18, 2024 Zoom Meeting Minutes

Attendees (12): Gene Gomes, Stew Thornley, Ed Edmonds, Bob Komoroski, Art Mugalian, Howard Luloff, Terry Bohn, Glenn Renick, Mike Hauptert, John Buckeye, Darryl Sannes, Dan Levitt

1. Pre-meeting discourse and baseball talk: We discussed the front office changes by the Twins, including the new GM Jeremy Zoll, who replaced Derek Falvey.

2. Report: Fall Chapter Meeting Recap and plans for Spring Meeting

Sam Sundermeier had to postpone his presentation due to a death in his family; Thanks to Ed Edmonds for filling in at the last minute with his presentation on salary arbitration research sources. The Guest Speaker Lunch McKenzie was entertaining and knowledgeable.

Dan Levitt asked about having Dan Evans as Speaker in the spring. Possible dates are 4-19, 5-3, and 5-17, and Dan Levitt said he will find out if those work. Stew will see if Jerry can host at the church in case Stew has Gopher baseball obligations.

3. Added item: Discussion about another venue for the Breakfast- Stanley's Restaurant. It was very loud at Manning's and maybe Stanley's is better.

4. Report: Hennepin County Museum collaborative event on Nov. 2. Stew's presentation on "Werden's All Stars vs. The Old Guard Game of 1933" was well-received, with an attendance of about 25. National Pastime books with SABR registration forms were given out. The museum's magazine had an article by Stew about Werden and the game:

<https://stewthornley.net/werdenallstars.pdf>

5. Report: SABR Five-Chapter AL Central Division Zoom event, "2024 Season Recap" on Tuesday Nov. 12 had 52-54 attendees, with about 9 or 10 Halsey Hallers. Ed proposed having salary arbitration and free agents as a topic for the group in early 2025.

6. Report: Dave Lande and Jim Cox attended member Frank White's Negro League Baseball Event at Target Field on Sat. Oct. 26. Dave reported that 31 people took the tour of the Twins Hall of Fame, Suite Level, 573 Club, Herb Carneal Press Box, Locker Room, Batting Cages, and Dugout. Frank gave his talk on the Negro Leagues and Black Baseball in Minnesota.

7. Ed Edmonds spoke at Mike Hauptert's class of 50 at UW-LaCrosse on Baseball and Antitrust. He also gave an open talk at the school afterwards.

8. Research Roundtable – Around the Horn

Update: On Friday Nov. 15 Rich Arpi, Glenn Renick and Brenda Himrich went to the MN History Center Library to continue research on our chapter project, Spread of Baseball. Glenn found games in which John Donaldson played; Brenda emailed to say Rich suggested she research the Winona Northern League team of 1913, their first year.

Bob reported on the Nine Online conference. Ed mentioned the Cooperstown Baseball and American Culture Symposium, after Memorial Day, with dinner in the Plaque Room.

Glenn reported frustration from SABR on his SABR Research Journal proposal on card preservation. Mike said he has not heard anything from Cecilia Tan about reviewing a proposal of Glenn's. Dan Levitt said he will look into it too. Glenn said Gene gave him an idea to post some articles on the SABR Baseball Card Facebook site about "The first 100 Years of Honus Wagner Baseball Cards."

9. Trivia Time Quiz: "The Oakland A's Tribute Quiz", by Gene Gomes

1. This infielder's RBI in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning of 1972 World Series Game 7 provided the eventual winning margin. He later played for and served as GM of the Milwaukee Brewers.

**Sal Bando**, free agent 11-1-76

2. He hit only 5 home runs during the 1972 season, but posted nine of his team's total of 16 RBIs -with 4 homers- in the World Series. He later played for three NL clubs, finishing his career in Pittsburgh as a back-up. **Gene Tenace**, free agent 11-1-76

3. He pitched the most innings for the winning team in the 1973 World Series. He gave up the tie-breaking hit to Willie Mays in Game 2, the last hit of Mays' career. He finished his career in Milwaukee. **Rollie Fingers**, free agent 11-1-76

4. He racked up a total of 20 hits in 3 World Series matches; his nine hits in the 1973 Classic included a 2-run shot off Jon Matlack in Game 7. This infielder finished up hitting .322 in a part-time role as a Yankee in his final year. **Bert Campaneris**, free agent 11-1-76

5. This outfielder hit the tie-breaking HR off ace reliever Mike Marshall in Game 5 of the 1974 World Series. His ninth-inning circus catch at the wall in the 1972 World Series saved Game 2 that year. He completed his career for his original team after stints in two other AL cities.

**Joe Rudi**, free agent 11-1-76

6. In 1987 his 2-run homer off John Tudor in the fifth inning tied World Series Game 6 -his only career World Series home run. In 1988 he finished up playing for another pennant-winning team.

**Don Baylor**, free agent 11-1-76

7. This HOF outfielder-first baseman played over 2,200 games for the Cubs, but none in the postseason until 1975 while with his second (and last) team. He's a former Rookie of the Year winner, and had finished second for MVP in 1970 and 1972. **Billy Williams**, released 11-9-76

8. He hit over 500 home runs, plus a 1962 World Series Game 2 solo shot off Ralph Terry for the final score. He finished his career in San Francisco after stints in two other cities.

**Willie McCovey**, free agent, 11-1-76

9. His managerial career included a World Series title for an NL East team. Before that, he led two AL clubs, but wasn't only just fired by the second one. Finally, he was later fired by Atlanta and finished up his career as a Pittsburgh Pirates executive in his native state of Pennsylvania.

**Chuck Tanner**, traded to Pittsburgh on 11-5-76 for Manny Sanguillen and \$100,000

Extra inning:

10. This broadcaster was part of a four-time World Series-winning organization. He's credited with popularizing the term "dinger" to describe a home run. At one point with the club he was fired by the owner, but then re-instated after that "misunderstanding" was cleared up.

**Monte Moore**, fired following 1976 season by Charlie Finley for joining players on cruise trip. The common thread through all these: All became free agents, or were let go in November '76.

During and after the Quiz, there was plenty discussion about the A's accomplishments of winning three straight titles. Gene noted that Charlie Finley was both owner and GM and dealt cruelly at times with his players. He tried to sell several players but was over-ruled by Bowie Kuhn. Seven of Finley's players opted for free agency and left in Nov. of 1976.

Next Meetings: Dec. 16 and Jan. 20. Next Quizzer is John Buckeye.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:47 central time.