

SABR Halsey Hall Board Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2025 – Zoom Meeting

Board Members present: Ed Edmonds, Rich Arpi, Daniel Dorff, John Buckeye, Howard Luloff, Mike Hauptert, Terry Bohn
Also in attendance: Stew Thornley, Bob Komoroski, Dave Lande, Darryl Sannes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Ed Edmonds

1. Approval of Meeting Agenda

John moved and Mike seconded. Agenda that was sent out 2/4/25 approved with no changes.

2. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2024

Terry moved to accept the minutes and Howard seconded. Minutes approved with no changes.

3. Treasurer's Report – Rich Arpi

Current balance is \$1693.86. \$500 was deposited from SABR for our attaining MVP chapter status and six hundred something reimbursed for our Fall Chapter Meeting. There is one outstanding bill from the fall meeting for doughnuts totaling approximately \$90.

4. Membership Report – John Buckeye and Stew Thornley

Stew emailed the following:

Four new members have joined the Halsey Hall Chapter since the December 2024 board meeting: Christian Towalski, Fred Rule, Maxwell Slinden, Alex Robbins.

With Theo Tollefson, Ross Bennett, Quinn Wahl, Marty Krogman, Tom Goldstein, Henry Bednar, Steven Bolster, Riley Heck, Douglas Raynie, Andy Sjerven, Armando Ernesto Jimenez, Doug Kenison, Ronnie Pease, Simon Steeves, Kurt Franke, Christian Towalski, Fred Rule, Maxwell Slinden, Alex Robbins that is 18 new members since the June 1 beginning of the fiscal year.

As of February 4, 2025, 195 members identify the Halsey Hall Chapter as their primary chapter.

5. Newsletter Report – Stew Thornley

Stew emailed the following:

The February version of *The "Holy Cow"* is posted on the Chapter website - <https://www.halseyhall.org/pubs/february2025.html>.

6. Book Club Report - Rich Arpi

Ed emailed the following:

The next book club meeting is February 8, at the Barnes & Noble, Har Mar Mall, Roseville, 9:30 a.m., *The Universal Baseball Association, Inc., J. Henry Waugh, Prop.* by Robert Coover.

7. Bylaws and Procedures Review – Ed Edmonds/Stew Thornley for Mike Hauptert

See #8 below

8. Elections/Nominations Committee Report – Ed Edmonds/Darryl Sannes

The following was emailed:

There are four directors with terms expiring this year – Rich Arpi, John Buckeye, Daniel Dorff, and Howard Luloff.

Information from the Bylaws – “For voting and quorum purposes, telephone or electronic means of attendance shall be treated as equivalent to in-person attendance.”

Discussion:

Given the bylaw requirement above regarding voting, the following motion was made: If a member cannot attend the Spring Chapter Meeting in April they may email Daniel with their vote for the board of directors. The motion was made by Daniel and seconded by John. The motion passed after discussion. In discussing the motion Stew pointed out that there is no deadline in place for when potential board of directors need to be nominated by. Nominations can be made from the floor at the spring meeting this time around per our bylaws. This is a possible complication for people emailing in their vote beforehand. Discussion then turned to the nominating committee and the usefulness of that committee and the positive nature of getting candidate statements.

Discussion then turned to potential changes in board elections coming in 2026. Here's a summary:

Leadership is drafting a plan for a by-law amendment that will call for a direct election (by the membership) of the president-elect, who will ascend to president and then past-president. Directors will be elected to three-year terms with the terms rotating so one new director is elected every year. Secretary and treasurer could be three-year terms and elected by the membership and/or appointed by the board.

It was noted that finding 3 or 4 people every year to join the board is difficult and the changes listed in the amendment listed above would alleviate that. The changes would also help encourage turnover in leadership, the opportunity for mentorship, and the building of institutional knowledge. Darry mentioned that the Twin Cities Civil War Roundtable board operates the way described above. Mike mentioned that the plan is to have a document made regarding the proposed change and to hold a Zoom meeting prior to the Fall Chapter Meeting for people to learn about the proposal before a vote is taken at the Fall Meeting.

Regarding the meeting in April, let Darryl know if you plan to run for the board and email Stew your candidate statement.

9. Social Media Report - Bob Komoroski

The following was emailed:

Tom Flynn asked Gene if his email could be disconnected from Twitter/X because he no longer wishes to monitor it. John Buckeye has substituted a new email and has been monitoring it, and he has been updating Bob Komoroski and Gene about the process. Halsey Hall Chapter has many Twitter/X followers.

Discussion:

There are 52 members on Blue Sky. Newsletters have been posted along with extra information of interest to members. There are 313 Facebook members. The amount of spammer requests has leveled off. People are still posting items of interest.

10. MVP Committee Report – Gene Gomes

Gene emailed the following:

MVP Committee - Gene has begun the 2024-25 Annual Report of Halsey Hall and will complete it in May for submission to SABR. Our chapter is on target to achieve MVP Level, and Gene will receive notice from SABR in March or April about this year's MVP requirements.

11. Research Committee Report – Gene Gomes and Dave Lande

Gene emailed the following:

We had two meetings since the last Board meeting on Dec. 8, with 11 attending in Dec. and 13 for the Jan. meeting. Two research presentations have been approved so far for the April 19 Spring Chapter Meeting:

- a. Ben Ernst will talk about the "Aberdeen Pheasants" of South Dakota, a Baltimore Orioles farm team.
- b. Rich Arpi will speak about the 1908 season and how baseball was covered in the Duluth newspapers, emphasizing local teams from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan

Discussion:

Dan Evans will be the guest speaker at the Spring Chapter Meeting. There is also a lot of research taking place from members in our chapter.

12. Events report – Howard

The following was emailed:

Howard reports that Last Thursday was the chapter's SABR Day event, the Zoom Meeting with Zak Ford, which hopefully will be on YouTube for those who were not on the Zoom Call (including your Events co-chair). More from Bob after I give the report. Also coming up March 9 will be the Gophers-Purdue baseball game at US Bank Stadium with a pregame eatery to be unveiled. More on the upcoming Spring Meeting coming up.

Gene has received confirmation from Gary Gillette of the Michigan chapter that the date of the Five -SABR Chapter AL Central Division 2025 Season Preview Zoom event will be on Monday, March 24 at 7:00 Central. John Bonnes of *Twins Daily* has agreed to represent the Halsey Hall Chapter by giving his remarks on the Twins.

Discussion:

3/9th - Gophers vs. Purdue baseball game at 1pm. Brunch at Keys Cafe in the Foshay Tower beforehand.

4/18th - St. Thomas game with Ben Ernst. Meet at Mannings afterwards for food.

4/19th - Spring Chapter Meeting. There's room for two more presentations. Mike submitted a presentation proposal during the meeting for approval at the next research committee meeting.

Roles were discussed as follows:

Howard - MC

Brenda? - Facebook live

Dave - doughnuts

John - coffee

Rich - nametags

Many people are needed to help clean up after the meeting.

The chapter has received two emails from people wanting to do book presentations. Looking at May for those.

The Townball schedules will hopefully be out in April. There's the possibility of a game in Cologne depending on the schedule?

Bob spoke about the Zak Ford SABR Day event on 1/30th in which he spoke about his book "Called Up: Ballplayers Becoming Major Leaguers." The book contains info about six Twins. There was difficulty with people signing on to the meeting. Ed will work on writing up the procedures for how to host meetings through the SABR Zoom account.

13. Membership Research News

Terry - Satchell Paige statue project was submitted. He has told there is a one month wait to find out if it's accepted

Stew - The Pillbox plaque project is still in process. Check out the rules site he's working on at Retrosheet.

Rich - Goes to the MN History library most Fridays from about 10am - 1pm to work on the Spread of Baseball in MN project. Darryl joined recently, everyone is welcome to join.

Ed- spoke about his arbitration hearings project. There was a long discussion about arbitration and collective bargaining agreements.

14. New Business

Book Talk Proposal – Will Bardenwarper – Email from Will to be circulated prior to the meeting.
See above in #12

15. Next Board Meeting: April 13th at 7pm on Zoom

16. Adjourn

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.