

SABR Halsey Hall Board Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2025 – Zoom Meeting

Board Members present: Ed Edmonds, Daniel Dorff, John Buckeye, Howard Luloff, Mike Hauptert, Terry Bohn

Also in attendance: Stew Thornley, Bob Komoroski, Dave Lande, Darryl Sannes, Gene Gomes, Brenda Himrich

Meeting called to order at 7:02 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 February 4, 2025

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

3. Treasurer's Report – Rich Arpi

4. Membership Report – John Buckeye and Stew Thornley

Stew emailed the following:

Seven new members have joined the Halsey Hall Chapter since the February 2025 board meeting: Allison Cavallin, Jim Shoulak, Laurel Krahn, Carson Schmidt, Ben Schefers, Jeff Napierala, and Matthew Hannah. In addition, Victoria Monte has moved to Minneapolis and is an intern in the Minnesota Twins Communications Department. She is in the Emil Rothe Chapter and says she plans to transfer her membership to the Halsey Hall Chapter. Victoria has written a lot of stories as well as fact-checked stories for the SABR Games Project. As of April 10, 2025, there are 192 SABR members with the Halsey Hall Chapter as their primary chapter.

5. Newsletter Report – Stew Thornley

Stew emailed the following:

The April version of The "Holy Cow" is posted on the Chapter website -

<https://www.halseyhall.org/pubs/february2025.html>

Discussion:

The Lineup for speakers is different than posted. John will take notes/summary of the Saturday Spring Meeting.

6. Book Club Report - Ed Edmonds and Rich Arpi

The following was submitted in writing:

1. Seven Chapter members attended the Book Club Meeting at the HarMar Barnes & Noble on April 5. The group read and discussed Melissa Ludtke's Locker Room Talk: A Women's Struggle to Get Inside.

2. The next Book Club meeting will be June 14. The book chosen for the meeting is John W. Miller's The Last Manager: How Earl Weaver Tricked, Tormented, and Reinvented Baseball.

7. Social Media Report - Bob Komoroski

Bob emailed the following:

Our Bluesky account shows 75 followers.

Our Facebook page shows 315 members.

Discussion:

John: Twitter (X) has 800 followers. He'll send out the spring meeting details this week using the event details Bob posted on Facebook as a reference.

8. MVP Committee Report – Gene Gomes

Gene emailed the following:

Gene contacted SABR and the requirements for MVP status have not changed since last year. Our chapter is on track for MVP, and Gene will complete and submit the SABR Chapter Survey and Annual Report in May to SABR in order to apply for MVP.

Discussion:

Gene stated that he needs updates with the numbers of people in attendance to the events the chapter has. He also commented that our chapter should make sure that our events like the breakfast and book club are being promoted shortly before they happen as it increases participation. John will promote the breakfast and Ed the book club.

The Chapter Leader list will be updated with SABR National after the election takes place on Saturday.

9. Research Committee Report – Gene Gomes and Dave Lande

Gene emailed the following:

There were two meetings via Zoom since the last Board Group meeting: February 17 and March 17. There were 12 attendees at each meeting. We approved presentations for the Spring Meeting and discussed several events involving chapter members. We contacted Sam Sundermeyer about his presentation, but he is unable to attend the Spring Meeting. Committee members recently approved Eric Berg for a presentation on early baseball in North Minnesota since Mike Hauptert will not be able to attend. We lined up John Bonnes to speak at the March 24th AL Central Season Preview Zoom meeting. Rich Arpi is continuing the chapter research project at the MN History Center Library.

10. Events Committee Report – Howard Luloff - Bob Komorski

Howard emailed the following:

1. After Mike Hauptert withdrew his presentation from the agenda, it's now complete for the spring Meeting since Eric Berg has filled the last spot.
2. The chapter has held a couple of joint Zoom Meetings with neighboring chapters.
3. On March 24th, five midwestern chapters held the AL Central Season Preview Zoom meeting. John Bonnes of Twins Daily presented the Twins preview for the Halsey Hall Chapter.
4. On April 10th, Kat Williams discussed her new book, *All the Way: The Life of Trailblazer Maybelle Blair*. Four Halsey Hall members attended the session, and Ed Edmonds won the drawing for a copy of Kat's book.

Discussion

1. There are three 45 minute presentations set for Saturday's spring meeting. The checklist is pretty well set. Also this year is 40 years since the Halsey Hall chapter was organized as a SABR Chapter. Howard will mention that at the spring meeting. There will be trivia again.
2. Townball event will be Friday May 30th in Cologne. Bring lawn chairs. They have wonderful cheese curds and good prices on their food.
3. There will be a joint event with the Keltner Chapter about Rickwood Field and Willie Mays Commemoration taking place the second week of May. The date for the event and details will be in the newsletter.
4. There is the St. Thomas game on Friday. Discussion centered around parking and accessing the field.

11. Bylaws and Procedures Review – Mike Hauptert

The changes will be presented for discussion on Saturday at the spring meeting. Full vote will be taken at the fall chapter meeting. Comments can be directed to Mike or Ed

12. Nominations Committee Report – Ed Edmonds/Darryl Sennes

The following was submitted in writing:

1. Four board terms expire in April 2025. The board members with terms expiring are as follows: Rich Arpi, Daniel Dorff, John Buckeye and Howard Luloff. Of these Rich, John and Howard would all like to serve another term.

2. We would like to thank Daniel Dorff for his time spent on the board.

3. We have one member who would like to serve on the board, Jacob Sayward.

4. The nominating committee is putting forward the names of Rich Arpi, John Buckeye, Howard Luloff, and Jacob Sayward for consideration for two-year terms on board starting after the board meeting this coming Saturday. As required by the Chapter's Procedures for Business Meetings, Nominations, and Elections, the following procedures will be followed this coming Saturday at the Chapter's Spring Meeting:

"Regardless of the number of nominees put forward by the nominating committee, additional nominations will be open from the floor. The president should make sure ample opportunity is given for further nominations and should not allow nominations to close until asking "Are there any further nominations?" three times. If the number of nominees is the same as the number of vacancies for board positions, the president should ask for a motion to accept the slate of candidates and then call for a vote. If there are more nominees than vacancies, an election should be held by paper ballot. Each candidate should be given the opportunity to give a brief statement. Voters can vote for up to three candidates in even-numbered years (where there are three vacancies) and up to four candidates in odd-numbered years (where there are four vacancies). If there is a tie for the final board position, a separate election should be held between the candidates who are tied."

Discussion:

Shoutouts to Daniel for doing a fabulous job as secretary

13. Member Research News

Ed has a panel he is in contact with

Stew: Public comments on the Pillbox plaque in St. Paul are being taken though May 5th. Please send emails in support of the plaque to Tina at Tina.Chimuzu@state.mn.us. The state has said they will own it and take care of the plaque going forward (for example graffiti).

14. New Business

The following submitted in writing:

1. Following the Procedures requirement regarding Facilities - "All chapter meetings must be held in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. With regard to other chapter events (those organized by the chapter and/or publicized in the chapter newsletter and/or on its web site), discretion should be used with regard to meeting facilities. If the chapter has members with mobility limitations, a strong effort should be made to hold these events in locations accessible to all members.

2. Making sure that we have a point person for all chapter activities.

3. John Shipley's article, "At Capitol and Stillwater, a swing to commemorate baseball history" in the Sunday, April 13 issue of the Twin Cities Pioneer Press detailing Stew Thornley's efforts to have a plaque placed at the site of the Downtown Base Ball Park [The Pillbox] in St. Paul. The

story is online at

<https://www.twincities.com/2025/04/11/at-capitol-and-stillwater-a-push-to-commemorate-baseball-history/>.

Discussion:

There was an issue at the last breakfast with the handicap parking spots being blocked by a delivery truck for 50 minutes. Overall the location is accessible. There was discussion about the incident and the location. Hopefully this was a one time incident and not an ongoing issue or the chapter may need to look at a different location.

15. Next Board Meeting Date: June 15

There was discussion that this date is Father's Day. It was also mentioned that the June meeting is important to have as many board members present as possible, especially the incoming board members as officers are elected at this meeting. Ed will check with the incoming board members for input in selecting a date. So no date for the next Board Meeting was chosen.

16. Adjourn

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting, Howard seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.