

SABR Halsey Hall Spring Chapter Meeting Minutes  
April 19, 2025 at Faith Mennonite Church

Board Members present: Rich Arpi, Daniel Dorff, Ed Edmonds, John Buckeye, Terry Bohn, and Howard Luloff.

Others present: Ben Ernst, Brian Larson, Stew Thornley, Armand Peterson, Dave Lande, Jacob Sayward, Jeff Napierala, Kris Hard, Kelly Bohn, Glenn Renick, Jim Cox, Bill Axness, Eric Berg, Al Strauss, Fred Buckland, Bob Komoroski, Doug Skipper, Barry Bengtsson, Jeff Lenz, Dan Levitt, Aaron Sinner, Paul Spyhalski, Jed Levitt, and Lloyd Kepple

Meeting called to order at 12:23pm by President Ed Edmonds

1) Approval of the Spring 2025 Business Meeting Agenda - Lloyd Kepler moved approval and John Buckeye seconded. Motion passed

2) Approval of the Fall 2024 Business Meeting Minutes - Dave Lande moved approval and Stew Thornley seconded. Motion passed.

3) Treasurer's Report - Rich Arpi - Our account balance is \$1579.90. Revenue from today's meeting is about \$300 and expenses were approximately \$235 for pizza, \$50 for the room, \$80 for donuts and coffee. SABR reimburses the chapter \$350 a year for having meetings. The chapter has received \$500 each of the last two years for achieving MVP status.

4) Membership Report - Stew Thornley and John Buckeye, co-chairs

With Allison Cavallin, Victoria Monte, Jim Shoulak, Laurel Krahn, Carson Schmidt, Ben Schefers, Jeff Napierala, Matthew Hannah, Armando Ernesto Jimenez, Doug Kenison, Ronnie Pease, Simon Steeves, Kurt Franke, Christian Towalski, Fred Rule, Maxwell Slinden, Alex Robbins that is 17 since our November 2 chapter meeting.

With Allison Cavallin, Victoria Monte, Jim Shoulak, Laurel Krahn, Carson Schmidt, Ben Schefers, 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, Matthew Hannah, Jeff Napierala that is 26 new members since the June 1 beginning of the fiscal year.

As of April 17, 2025, the chapter has 193 members with Halsey Hall Chapter as their primary chapter.

5) Newsletter report - Stew Thornley - The May 2025 chapter newsletter will be out after

special guest correspondent John Buckeye writes a summary of the spring chapter meeting.

6) Social Media Report - Bob Komoroski - Blue Sky has 75 members. There are 315 Facebook members.

7) Research Committee Report - Gene Gomes and Dave Lande co-chairs - Dave mentioned that meetings are the third Monday of each month at 7pm on Zoom. People are encouraged to attend.

8) MVP Committee Report - Gene Gomes - Ed mentioned that there was a transition in the SABR National Office in terms of who is overseeing the status of chapters. However, the criteria to meet MVP status remains the same.

9) Events Committee Report - Howard Luloff - Stew gave a presentation at the Hennepin History Museum last fall shortly after the Fall meeting. Recently there was a chapter outing to a St. Thomas game. It was mentioned that both the Hennepin History Museum and Thomas game do not meet our chapter's rules about events being held at ADA accessible facilities. There was mention that at the latest board meeting it was discussed how our chapter needs to make sure that our events meet our rules around ADA accessibility. Better attention is going to be paid to that going forward.

On March 24th there was an AL Central Division Preview with other chapter's on Zoom. There will be another Zoom following the season reviewing it.

There was a Zoom event with John Miller regarding his book *The Last Manager: How Earl Weaver Tricked, Tormented, and Reinvented Baseball*. This is the book for the upcoming June 14th book club.

There was a Zoom event with Kat Williams regarding her book *All the Way: The Life of Baseball Trailblazer Maybelle Blair*.

Mike Hauptert hosts 19th Century book club discussions. Check the SABR calendar for upcoming events.

There is an upcoming townball event on May 30th in Cologne. The game is at 7:30pm. Gather around 6:15-6:30 (we'll be easy to find). There is wonderful food at the ballpark including cheese curds. Bring a lawn chair.

10) Bylaws and Procedures Review - There is a draft of proposed changes in how the executive board will be structured going forward. Some wordsmithing needs to be done but

there should be a presentation and vote taken at the Fall Business Meeting.

#### 11) Nomination Committee Report and Board Election -

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 with the next board meeting. Motion passed with overwhelming support. Specific roles for the incoming board members to be decided at the June board meeting.

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.”*

#### 12) New Business

The chapter's proposal to erect a marker on the site of the Pillbox ballpark in St. Paul passed unanimously, with strong support from the chair of the Capitol Area Architectural Planning Board, Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan. A 30-day public comment period is underway now with a deadline of 4:30 p.m. on May 5. Chapter members are encouraged to indicate support with comments directed to Tina Chimuzu, 625 Robert Street North, St. Paul 55155, [tina.chimuzu@state.mn.us](mailto:tina.chimuzu@state.mn.us).

In addition, a public hearing will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 15 in conference room 116B in the Administration Building (50 Sherburne Avenue, St. Paul 55155). People may participate by teleconference: <https://bit.ly/42yU9a0>

Among the conditions that must be met for the project to move forward is documented public support, so input from members is helpful.

More information: <https://mn.gov/caapb/commemorative/cw-projects/pillbox-addition/> or <https://bit.ly/4j1GPBQ>

John Shipley wrote a story that appeared in the April 13, 2025 *St. Paul Pioneer Press* on the Pillbox plaque as well as Brent Peterson's efforts to get a marker on the site of the Old Athletic Field, where Bud Fowler played in 1884, in Stillwater: <https://www.twincities.com/2025/04/11/at-capitol-and-stillwater-a-push-to-commemorate-baseball-history/>

Peter Cox did a report on the project April 18th on Minnesota Public Radio. Accessible at <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2025/04/18/minnesota-baseball-lovers-honor-old-ballpark-2-historic-st-paul-teams>

Meeting adjourned at 12:46pm.