SABR Halsey Hall Board Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2025 – Zoom Meeting

Board Members present: Ed Edmonds, John Buckeye, Howard Luloff, Mike Haupert, Terry Bohn, Rich Arpi, Jacob Sayward (incoming), Daniel Dorff (outgoing)
Also in attendance: Stew Thornley, Bob Komoroski, Gene Gomes, Brenda Himrich

Meeting called to order at 8:30 pm by President Ed Edmonds

1. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Terry moved and Rich seconded. Agenda approved with addition of item #3.

2. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2025

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

3. The SABR Halsey Hall chapter expresses our sympathy to the Renick family including Glenn whose wife Terry passed away May 14th. Ed will send a card on behalf of the chapter.

4. Treasurer's Report – Rich Arpi

Discussion:
Our balance is $1292.34. Another $30 is expected to be paid in July for the website hosting.

5. Membership Report – John Buckeye and Stew Thornley

Submitted by Stew Thornley:
We have added two members – Charlie Frenzel and Emerson Bigguns – since the April 19 board meeting.

With Charlie Frenzel, Emerson Bigguns, 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, and Jeff Napierala, we have added 28 new members since the June 1 beginning of the fiscal year.

As of May 24, 2025, we have 190 members listing the Halsey Hall Chapter as their primary chapter.

Discussion:
If we get additional members before the end of May we need to make sure that information gets to Gene Gomes to be included in our Annual Report as that is the end of the fiscal year.

6. Newsletter Report – Stew Thornley

Submitted by Stew Thornley:
The June newsletter will be out on Wednesday, May 28 and will mention the May 30 townball outing.

7. Book Club Report - Ed Edmonds and Rich Arpi

Submitted by Ed Edmonds:
The next Book Club meeting will be on June 14. The book selected for discussion at the meeting is John W. Miller's *The Last Manager: How Earl Weaver Tricked, Tormented, and*

Reinvented Baseball. The Book Club meeting will be held at the Barnes & Noble at Har Mar Mall in Roseville.

8. Social Media Report - Bob Komoroski

Submitted by Bob Komoroski:
Bluesky followers: 90
Facebook: 314 members

Discussion:
John: Twitter (X) has 805 followers.
Bob: The townball event was added on Facebook

9. MVP Committee Report – Gene Gomes

Submitted by Gene Gomes:
Gene has completed the annual SABR Chapter Survey and submitted it. Gene submitted the Financial Report (from Rich) to SABR. Gene has completed an **almost**-final draft of the Halsey Hall Chapter Annual Report for 2024-2025, and will submit it on time before May 31. The Committee feels we are on track for the MVP level this year.

Discussion:
See discussion in #10

10. Research Committee Report – Gene Gomes and Dave Lande

Submitted by Gene Gomes:
We had two Zoom meetings, with 11 attending in April. We discussed needing designated technical helpers at the Chapter meetings to deal with computer, projector, and microphone hook-ups for the presentations, a recurring problem. We don't have any presenters or a guest speaker for the November meeting yet.

Discussion:
Eleven people attended the last Research Committee meeting on May 26th. At the meeting the Fall meeting was discussed. Also discussed was the chapter research project led by Rich. People are encouraged to get involved in the project. It is easier to get involved now as the St. Paul Globe is available for free online so people can participate from home instead of having to go to the library at the Minnesota History Center. The past few years about 7 people have participated in the project. A chapter research project is very important in achieving MVP status so getting more people involved going forward would help convey that it is a chapter research project rather than a project done by a few people. Rich stated that the chapter could also find a different project that more people are interested in as well.

Regarding the MVP committee report Gene mentioned that the chapter survey has been submitted which contains the answers to a list of yes/no questions that are basically tied to SABR's chapter guidelines. Gene emailed a draft of the Annual Report to chapter members so please look it over and get back to Gene with any comments. It runs 6 or 7 pages.

In terms of compiling the Annual Report Gene mentioned that he gathers information from the newsletters and from emails he receives after events detailing the number of people that participated and any pertinent info about the event. He thanked members for getting him the information and Bob thanked Gene for keeping track of that data. It was also stated that Gene attends various leadership meetings with SABR.

11. Events Committee Report – Howard Luloff - Bob Komorski

Submitted by Howard Luloff:

We had our Spring Meeting on April 19 with Dan Evans our Guest Speaker.

There were also a couple of Joint Meetings on Zoom, including the most recent with Charlie Vascellero.

Our annual Townball event is coming up on Friday, May 30 at the Robert G. Fritz field in Cologne. Be present between 6:00 & 6:30 so we can get a good spot on the hill between home and third base and get a burger and cheese curds.

Also in the works is our annual All-Star Game gathering on Tuesday, July 15. It's an item that can be brought up for discussion as far as a site.

Discussion

1) The annual All-Star Game viewing will be at Mannings.
2) Bob mentioned virtual events. One option is hosting a Zoom featuring Marshall Patrick Garvey regarding the 1985 World Series between Kansas City and St. Louis. In discussion it was decided to check with the Keltner Chapter to see if they want to participate with us. It was also thought of as being a fall event as summer gets busy for people so turn out may be low. People can keep an ear out at SABR 53 for other potential virtual events.
3) The chapter is checking with the church regarding October 25th for the fall chapter meeting

12. Bylaws and Procedures Review – Mike Haupert

Discussion:

Mike summarized the proposed changes to the board elections:

1) People would be elected to 3 year terms with one person elected each year.
2) A president-elect would be elected each year. The president-elect would serve functionally as the vice-president in their first year (The vice-president position itself would be formally eliminated as a board position). In that person's second year they'd become president and in the third year they'd be of help to the new president helping ensure a smooth transition. In all there would be 7 board members and a president each year.
3) Treasurer would be an appointed position so that the three year cycle wouldn't apply. Thought was given to this as the nature of switching treasurers is complicated.
4) Elections would still happen at the spring chapter meeting, going into effect in July. A ballot would be made ahead of the meeting with the names of those that have already expressed interest in running for the board. Members who wish (Example: Can't attend the spring meeting) could then vote by emailing the secretary before the meeting with their vote.
5) The transition plan to go from our current board structure to the new structure would be decided on and approved by the board. Spring 2026 is the intended implementation of the new structure.
6) Members would have to wait one year between terms on the board. This should help ensure turnover which is desired.
7) The proposed changes will be documented on the website ahead of the Fall 2025 chapter meeting with reasonings given for the changes. There will be a link in the newsletter to this information prior to the Fall 2025 meeting.

13. Research News

Discussion:

Ed is willing to help with the chapter research project

14. New Business

Discussion:

The next breakfast is tentatively scheduled for July 19th with the location TBD

Appreciation was expressed to Daniel for his work as secretary these past years. And a round of applause was given.

15. Nominations and Election of New Officers for 2025-2026 – Ed Edmonds/Daniel Dorff

The election will proceed in the following order – President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary.

Discussion:

President: Mike nominated Ed Edmonds and John seconded. It was stated that Ed has done well as President. Motion passed.

Vice-President: Ed nominated Mike Haupert and Rich seconded. It was noted that if the new board structure is approved by the membership that this is the last vice-president the chapter will have. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Ed nominated Rich Arpi and Mike seconded. It was stated that Rich has done a great job and did wonderful with the last transition when SABR changed banking requirements.

Secretary: Howard nominated John Buckeye and Mike seconded. Motion passed.

Mike appointed Howard and Bob to continue their roles as committee chairs

16. Next Board Meeting Date:

The next board meeting is August 24th at 7:30pm on Zoom

17. Adjourn

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting, John seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:38pm.