

Halsey Hall Research Committee June 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Rich Arpi, Terry Bohn, John Buckeye, Ed Edmonds, Gene Gomes, Francis Kinlaw, Bob Komoroski, Dave Lande, Art Mugalian, Glenn Renick, Stew Thornley

1. Pre-meeting discussions included the following topics:
 - a. Kurt Bevacqua and the 1984 World Series
 - b. Marvin Miller
 - c. Baseball card short prints
 - d. College World Series game between Arkansas and Murray State with 19 strike outs by the Arkansas pitcher
2. Recap May 27 Board meeting news
 - a. Congratulations to new board member Jacob Sayward, President Ed Edmonds, VP Mike Hauptert, Treasurer Rich Arpi, and new Secretary John Buckeye, plus Terry Bohn and Howard Luloff.
3. Town ball game of May 30 in Cologne
 - a. Attended by eight people including Stew Thornley, Art Mugalian, Jerry Janzen, Howard Luloff, Brenda Himrich, Rich Arpi, Daniel Dorff and Daniels' friend, Elizabeth.
 - b. The game was called early due to the 10-run rule.
4. Book club meeting on June 14
 - a. Attended by seven people including Art Mugalian, Steve Bratkovich, Stew Thornley, Ed Edmonds, Dave Lande, Dan Levitt and Kurt Franke.
 - b. Discussed the new Earl Weaver biography, "The Last Manager".
5. Fall Chapter Meeting: October 25, 2025
 - a. Two possible guest speakers so far are a Twin Cities attorney who was a Minnesota Twins batboy for seven years or the St. Paul Saints Executive Vice President.
 - b. Possible research presenters so far include Sam Sundermeyer, Anthony Bush, and Ed Edmonds.
 - c. Ed Edmonds has a poster on Roy Face's incredible 1959 season that he may bring and display at the meeting.
 - d. Glen Renick has a baseball card display that he'll discuss at the next Research Committee meeting as a possible display at the chapter meeting.
 - e. Also discussed was having a baseball card shop owner as a guest speaker. It was felt that the owner would be more amenable to having chapter members visit his store on a Saturday where he could then give a presentation.

6. SABR 53: June 25-29
 - a. Ed Edmonds, Mike Hauptert, Dan Levitt, and Cary Smith will either give a presentation or participate on a panel.

7. Chapter Research Roundtable: Around the Horn
 - a. Gene Gomes thanked Rich Arpi for helping him to get started on his 1904 Minnesota baseball project using the St. Paul Globe newspaper. This project will explore all levels of baseball in Minnesota in 1904.
 - b. Stew Thornley encouraged everyone to watch MLB Now on Wednesday at 11 a.m. when Dan Levitt will be included as a panel member.
 - c. Ed Edmonds read a portion of the legal brief regarding the Messersmith/McNally challenge to the reserve clause.
 - d. Rich Arpi is reading and collating the box scores for the 1886 Northwestern League. These box scores were printed in the St. Paul Globe newspaper.
 - e. Glenn Renick explained that via genealogical research, he found that going back 14 generations, he's related to Babe Ruth and that going back 10 generations, Glenn's wife was related to Babe Ruth's wife.
 - f. Francis Kinlaw talked briefly about his articles in the Baseball Research Journal and other shorter articles in various newsletters.
 - g. John Buckeye encouraged everyone to submit their votes for the All-Star Game.

8. Other news, items: There were no other items or news.

Trivia Time Quiz, courtesy of Dave Lande

1. A member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, he was a player (pitcher and first baseman), manager and owner. He was one of the first innovators to play first base off of the bag. As an owner, he moved a Western League club to a then National League-only city. He was one of the key principles in the founding of the American League.
Answer: Charles Comiskey

2. A member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, his baseball career included at least 20 years each as a pitcher, manager, and team owner, the only person to do so. He was initially a minority team owner before mortgaging his Montana ranch to buy a majority share of the team. During his time as owner, his team won three league pennants and one World Series.
Answer: Clark Griffith

3. Born before the Civil War, his work career included time in publishing, architecture and bookkeeping. His first positions in baseball included selling tickets, score cards, and pennants. He saved money and eventually bought into this team as a part-owner before eventually becoming sole owner. During his time as owner, his team won four league pennants but no World Series, thus establishing a trend for post-season futility. He's

credited with several baseball innovations including Ladies Day, rain checks and the 2-3-2 World Series format.

Answer: Charles Ebbets

4. As a team owner for 27 years, his team won one pennant and no World Series during his tenure as an owner. He served a brief time as a New York City Police Commissioner before entering the hat-making business in another east coast city. As part of a baseball team ownership group, he was elected team president after the death of another co-owner. He was a notoriously cheap owner, sometimes using goats to trim the grass in his team's ballpark. He sold a future Hall of Fame pitcher to the Cubs rather than increase his salary.

Answer: William Baker

5. He was the third generation in his family to run the family brewery after being elected President and CEO upon the death of his brother. By the mid-twentieth century, the brewery was the largest in the world. To avert a possible move to Houston, he purchased a major league baseball team to keep it in his home city. This team would go on to win six league pennants and three World Series during his time as team owner.

Answer: August Anheuser "Gussie" Busch

6. An American inventor, industrialist, and entrepreneur, the companies he owned built cars and radios carrying his last name. Radios with his last name can still be purchased today. He purchased his home-town team during the depression when the previous owner lost much of his wealth in the 1929 Wall Street crash. During his tenure as owner, his team won two league pennants and one World Series. He was a pioneer in broadcasting baseball on the radio.

Answer: Powel Crosley

7. A lawyer, philanthropist, civic leader and NFL team owner, he was one of the founders of the Continental Baseball League. After failing to attract an established major league franchise to his home city, he was successful in attracting an expansion franchise. This franchise has retired his "Name" along with the numbers of several players and managers.

Answer: William Shea

8. A sportswriter and columnist, he's a member of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame. He helped his city obtain an AFL football franchise and a major league baseball expansion franchise. He often wrote columns about his black lab, Abe, and a statue of he and Abe was erected in the city.

Jack Murphy

9. Born in South Dakota, he moved to a neighboring state to attend college. Entering politics in this state a few years after graduating, he lost his first election running for

mayor. He went on to win elections at the local level (mayor), state level (US Senator) and federal level (Vice President).

Answer: Hubert Humphrey

10. This British Army officer, was a hero of the French and Indian War in the 18th Century. An expedition named with his last name, ventured into what is now Pennsylvania. This expedition established alliances with Native American tribes and defeated the French in the battle of Fort Duquesne.

Answer: Brigadier General John Forbes

9. Next Research Committee meetings: July 21 and August 11 Next Quizzer: ???

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.