

Halsey Hall SABR Chapter
Research Committee Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2025

Attendees(15): Rich Arpi, Terry Bohn, Ed Edmonds, Gene Gomes, Brenda Himrich, Francis Kinlaw, Bob Komoroski, Dave Lande, Howard Luloff, Art Mugalian, Glenn Renick, Darryl Sannes, Doug Skipper, Stew Thornley, Mike Zarling

1. Pre-meeting conversation topics
 - a. Italian-American restaurants
 - b. SABR 53: Good feedback to Ed Edmonds. Player panels were good, especially Ferguson Jenkins.
 - c. SABR 54: Probable site is Cleveland. Dates to be determined once 2026 MLB schedule is released.
 - d. Johnny Blanchard: Chapter meeting guest twice. Liquor store - Dial YANKEES.
 - e. Chicago White Sox and Bill Veeck
 - f. In the past, many notable people in baseball had listed telephone numbers including Bill Veeck, Marvin Miller, Herb Carneal and Halsey Hall.

Meeting started at 7:04 p.m. July 21 meeting minutes: Ed Edmonds moved to approve. Motion seconded by Terry Bohn. All in favor. Motion passed.

2. Fall Chapter meeting scheduled for Saturday, October 25 at Faith Mennonite Church
 - a. Two first-time presenters scheduled
 - i. Richard Bogovich: "Black Baseball in Southeastern Minnesota"
 - ii. Mike Zarling: "Probabilities of Players Reaching Milestones"
 - b. Ed Edmonds volunteered to give presentation on the 50th anniversary of the Peter Seitz arbitration decision making Andy Messersmith & Dave McNally free agents ("50-Year Retrospective: Peter Seitz and the Dawn of Free Agency"). Gene Gomes moved to approve this as the third presentation. Bob Komoroski seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - c. Glenn Renick will bring a portable baseball card history display to the meeting. Focus will be on Joe Hauser and cards issued by non-baseball card companies. Will also bring a tabbed, three-ring binder with information on each card set.
3. Chapter events, ideas, SABR chapter events to join, Board meeting coming up
 - a. Bob Komoroski talked about an e-mail string which several chapter members were included on that noted the numerous sites where Satchel Paige pitched in the upper Midwest. Bob is working to set up a date in October or November for a chapter Zoom event on this topic.
 - b. Bob Komoroski noted that a multi-chapter event with Jane Leavy about her new book, "Make Me Commissioner", is being planned for October.
 - c. Howard Luloff noted that a chapter trip to a town baseball game at the end of August is a possibility.

- d. Bob Komoroski stated that the NINE virtual conference is scheduled for September 4-5.
 - e. Howard Luloff explain that two possible guest speakers for the chapter meeting have declined offers to speak at the meeting. A possible guest speaker is Ty McDevitt, head baseball coach at the University of Minnesota.
 - f. Stew Thornley attended a celebration of life for Russ Rolandson, a member of Gopher baseball teams who were three-time Big 10 champions in the late 1960's.
 - g. Terry Bohn will reach out to Chris Coste, manager of the Fargo/Moorhead Redhawks, to see if he would be the guest speaker, but he declined.
 - h. Per Ed Edmonds, the next Board meeting will be on Monday, August 25 starting at 7:00 p.m.
4. Other items to bring up – Nothing brought up at this time.
5. Research Roundtable – Around the Horn, Research projects, MN Baseball, books
- a. Ed Edmonds will be a coach for salary baseball arbitration competition at the university of St. Thomas law school this fall. Perhaps Halsey Hall chapter members could serve as judges for this competition.
 - b. Dave Lande is writing a game story for the Henry Aaron book to be released next year.
 - c. Glenn Renick is polishing up his presentation on Joe Hauser.
 - d. Darryl Sannes is ready to present the first part of his presentation on Ft. Snelling baseball. He'll send a synopsis to Stew Thornley. He would be a first-time presenter at a chapter meeting. This part, one of four, covers the World War II period at Ft. Snelling.
 - e. Terry Bohn is working with Mark Armour on the project regarding Satchel Paige pitching in Bismarck. He also attended the American Association All-Star game in Fargo where he watched many talented players.
 - f. Howard Luloff is working on clues for the trivia contest for the chapter meeting.
 - g. Art Mugalian and Terry Bohn made note of the book "Color Blind" by Tom Dunkel about black baseball North Dakota during the depression.
 - h. Francis Kinlaw wrote a trivia quiz for "The Squibber", the Washington, D.C. chapter newsletter.
 - i. Stew Thornley is writing a game story on Bob Gibson's final start in St. Louis where Dodger manager, Walt Alton was booed for not selecting Al Hrabosky for the All-Star team. The story is currently being fact-checked by several people. He also explained that the Official Scoring Committee is being revived under new organizers., including Kris Hard. Also, the Savannah Banana baseball team uses a very unique scoring system.
 - j. Mike Zarling explained how his chapter presentation will focus on players who are not in the Hall of Fame but should be. These players include Wes Ferrell, Bobby Grich, Ken Boyer, Kenny Lofton and Chase Utley. He uses WAR, WAR7, JAWS and WAR162 to make his case on this matter.
 - k. Doug Skipper is also reading "Color Blind".

6. Trivia Time Quiz, Courtesy of Ed Edmonds - the Theme: "Ten-Team(or more) Players"

1. This Indiana native began his MLB career with the Minnesota Twins in 1995. He had double-digit losses in 1997, 1998, and 1999 before moving to the bullpen. After the 2003 season when he was 9-3 with a 1.86 ERA, he signed as a free agent with the Chicago Cubs. He finished his 21-year career in 2015. Answer: LaTroy Hawkins (played for 11 teams)

2. This left fielder/third baseman was born in 1939 in Brooklyn, but he made his debut with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1959. He won the National League batting title in 1962 and 1963, the only two years in his 18-year MLB career when he was selected to an All-Star team. He played on the 1963 World Series winning Dodgers, but he followed that with appearances on four straight playoff losing teams. Answer: Tommy Davis (10 teams)

3. This Canadian native had two cups-of-coffee with the Montreal Expos in 1992 and 1993. He played a few more games for the Boston Red Sox in 1995 before becoming an Oakland Athletics in 1996 and a regular player from 1997-2000. In Oakland he displayed a power bat including 38 home runs and 102 RBIs in 1999. He played for the Cubs in 2001 and the Brewers in 2002, and he retired after the 2011 season. Answer: Matt Stairs (12 teams)

4. This left fielder is an active player this year. He started his career playing for the St. Louis Cardinals in 2014 and was traded to Tampa Bay in 2018. His next stop was in 2020 with San Diego before landing in Cincinnati in 2022. Some will remember him for slapping Joc Pederson over a fantasy football incident in a league they both participated in. Answer: Tommy Pham (10 teams)

5. This center fielder started his career in 2013 for the Toronto Blue Jays where he enjoyed most of his best years. He split 2019 with the Blue Jays and Giants before spending the following season playing for the Red Sox and Rockies. In 2025, he played 20 games for the Texas Rangers before being released on May 30. He also played for the Mets, Dodgers, and Braves. Answer: Kevin Pillar (10 teams)

6. This Californian is largely remembered as a corner infielder after starting his MLB career as a catcher. He spent seven years (1989-1995) with the St. Louis Cardinals before a mid-season trade to the Cubs. From 1996-1999, he played for the Phillies, Orioles, Dodgers, Marlins, and Rangers. He completed his 16-year career with 2,004 hits in 2,158 games. Answer: Todd Zeile (11 teams)

7. This native of the Dominican Republic won nearly 250 games in his MLB career spanning 21 years. He was an ace starter for the Cleveland Indians before moving to the Expos during the 2002 season. He won 15 games for the White Sox in 2003, and 21 games for the Angels in 2005. He also played for the Red Sox, Yankees, Athletics, and Mets. He even played for the Twins before retiring in 2018 after a 7-12 log for the Rangers. Answer: Bartolo Colon (11 teams)

8. This center fielder amassed a total of 2,428 hits and a .299 batting average during his 17-year career that started with a short stint in Houston in 1991. He moved in 1992 to Cleveland where

he became a star. This 6-time All-Star (1994-1999) also played for the Braves, White Sox, Giants, Pirates, Cubs, Yankees, Phillies, and Dodgers. Answer: Kenny Lofton (11 teams)

9. This pitcher was born in Neu-Ulm, Germany in 1983. Beginning in 2003, he appeared in a total of 19 games over three years with the Los Angeles Dodgers. In 2006, he moved to Tampa Bay where his workload increased. He moved on to the Tigers in 2009 for his lone All-Star year before pitching for the Diamondbacks, White Sox, Cardinals, Nationals (twice), Cubs, Braves, Marlins, Padres, Orioles, Athletics, Blue Jays, and (Tigers again). He retired after the 2019 season with a 17-year career log of 107 wins and 133 losses. Answer: Edwin Jackson (14 teams)

10. - The inning with a “ghost runner” - This pitcher was just granted free agency on August 1, 2025. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and owns a 90-76 W-L log in 21 years of pitching. He is tied with the answer for question 9 in a key figure that is part of the theme for this quiz. He has played for the Red Sox, Dodgers, Cubs, Indians, Pirates, Rays, Orioles, Yankees, Athletics, Mets, Padres, Twins, Angels, and Royals. Answer: Rich Hill (14 teams)

7. Next Committee Meetings: September 22 and October 20. Next Quizzers: Stew Thornley for September and Bob Komoroski for October.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.