

**Halsey Hall SABR Chapter**  
**Research Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 22, 2025**

Attendees: Dave Lande, Ed Edmonds, Bob Komoroski, Art Mugalian, Doug Skipper, Stew Thornley, John Buckeye, Terry Bohn, Mike Hauptert, Gene Gomes, Glenn Renick, Brenda Himrich, Mike Zarlino

1. Pre-meeting confab items: Book club author, the Cubs and west-side stadiums, the White Sox, & much of Chicago is built on a landfill
2. Meeting started at 7:02 p.m.
  - a. Review and approval of August meeting minutes: Mike Hauptert moved to approve meeting minutes as is. Ed Edmonds seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes approved.
3. October 25 Chapter Fall Meeting
  - a. There are currently three approved presentations as follows:
    - i. Richard Bogovich, "Black Baseball in Southeastern Minnesota"
    - ii. Mike Zarlino, "Probabilities of Players Reaching Milestones"
    - iii. Ed Edmonds, "The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Peter Seitz Messersmith-McNally Decision"
  - b. The deadline for holding the fourth presentation slot for a new presenter is Saturday, September 27. Bob Tholkes (a past presenter) offered to give a presentation on "Reporting Baseball – 1868. Per Bob "This paper is a fragment of my comprehensive study of American baseball in the calendar year 1868 using 1868 sources." Dave Lande made a motion to approve Bob's presentation as the fourth presentation contingent on a new presenter not coming forward by September 27. Terry Bohn seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.
  - c. Guest Speaker possibilities
    - i. Bob Komoroski has not heard back from Howard Luloff as to status of a guest speaker. Bob will reach out to Howard on a guest speaker update.
    - ii. Stew Thornley suggested that Chelsey Falzone and/or Mary Shea speaking on the topic of women in baseball would be good guest speakers.
    - iii. Terry Bohn suggested that in the absence of a guest speaker, a panel discussion with baseball authors from the chapter would be a good alternate option.
4. Chapter events, SABR events, Research Roundtable
  - a. The next meeting of the Research Committee was moved from October 20 to October 13 to avoid a conflict with a national SABR Zoom event.
  - b. Ed Edmonds is participating in a half-dozen Zoom events through next spring including a talk on Larry MacPhail on October 4, Jane Leavy's new book on October 7, and a Bay Area Chapter event on October 11.
  - c. Bob Komoroski said Mark Armour's presentation on Satchell Paige has been set for November 19 at 7 p.m.

- d. John Buckeye finished the book "The New York Game: Baseball and the Rise of a New City".
  - e. Terry Bohn is working on identifying the correct first and last names of more than 3,500 minor leaguers for biographical updates in Baseball Reference.
  - f. Mike Hauptert and Herb Krabbenhoft completed an article on Babe Ruth's 1929 season and sent it to the Baseball Research Journal for their review and possible inclusion in BRJ.
  - g. Gene Gomes explained that annual chapter reports can now be found in SABR.org. Looking at other chapter's reports can be a resource for new chapter collaborative activities such as those with local libraries.
  - h. Glenn Renick said that Jason Schwartz, chair of SABR's Baseball Card Research Committee, has talked with the Baseball Hall of Fame about researching the history of baseball cards including cultural and societal factors. This project is going forward and content will be written by SABR members. The focus will be from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century through World War II.
  - i. Mike Zarling talked with John Buckeye about news articles they've read about pros and cons of baseball expansion and realignment.
  - j. Brenda Himrich said she's bringing giveaways to the chapter meeting. She encouraged chapter members to join Rich Arpi with his research on spread of baseball in Minnesota at the Minnesota History Center.
  - k. Research committee brainstormed on ways to attract and new members and involve members in chapter activities. Ideas included sending birthday cards and/or baseball cards to members. Also discussed was promoting SABR and the chapter at baseball card shows.
5. Trivia Time Quiz, courtesy of Stew Thornley
- 1. He pitched in the 1988 Olympics, when baseball was a demonstration sport, and later pitched a no-hitter for the Yankees. Jim Abbott
  - 2. He was traded for Rocky Colavito after leading the American League in batting average. Harvey Kuenn
  - 3. He once replied to a woman who asked how an athlete like him could be so out of shape with, "I'm not an athlete, lady. I'm a baseball player." John Kruk
  - 4. He outdueled Christy Mathewson in the 1908 replay of the Merkle game. He was buried, after his death, in Terre Haute, Indiana. Mordecai Brown
  - 5. A right-hander with a descriptive nickname who pitched in three different leagues in the 1880s, he won 28 games in the Union Association and led the league with 483 strikeouts. Hugh Daley
  - 6. His name on the back of his uniform and his number combined to spell out his birthday. He was a guest at the 2015 SABR convention in Chicago. Carlos May
  - 7. A southpaw, he was one of three members of the San Diego Padres to join the John Birch Society. He was later traded to the San Francisco Giants. Dave Dravecky

8. He portrayed Roy Turner in <I>Bad News Bears</I> as the coach of the team that was the rival to the one sponsored by Chico's Bail Bonds. Vic Morrow
9. With a nickname that could also apply to Reese McGuire, this righty's major-league career consisted of 47 innings with Pittsburgh in 1957. He was later traded to Cincinnati in a deal that included Frank Thomas, Smoky Burgess, and Harvey Haddix, although he never pitched for the Reds. Whammy Douglas
10. He won all but two of his 193 career wins in the National League, most of them with the Phillies, with whom he had signed a contract with a reported bonus of \$65,000. He later went to the Cardinals and won 65 games with them and had a 2.51 earned-run average in the 1964 World Series. Curt Simmons
11. He played 100 games (including two at Target Field) with the Texas Rangers and St. Louis Cardinals between 2017 and 2019. He survived a suicide attempt in 2020 and played for the San Francisco Giants' farm team in 2021 in Sacramento and then became a mental-health advocate in the Giants system. ESPN made a documentary about him. Drew Robinson
12. He is often incorrectly identified as the first free agent. Qualify it a bit more (as the first million-dollar free agent, for example), and it is correct. He did not have the disease he died from named after him, as was the case with a former player. Catfish Hunter

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6. Next Research Committee Meetings: October 13 and November 17. Next quizzier: Bob Komoroski
  7. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.