

Halsey Hall SABR Chapter
Meeting Minutes - Sunday, October 12, 2025

1. Approval of the Agenda - Ed Edmonds: Rich moves, Terry second
2. Approval of the Last Board Meeting Minutes - Ed Edmonds: Mike moves, Rich second
3. Treasurer's Report - Rich Arpi: There is a total of \$1,789.34 in the treasury. There have been no transactions since the last board meeting, and there is nothing expected until the Fall meeting.
4. Membership Report - John Buckeye and Stew Thornley

The Chapter has four new members – Ethan Schmid, Gary Moskalyk, Mike O'Brien, and Mike Zarling – since June 1, the beginning of the SABR fiscal year, but none since our August 25, 2025, board meeting. As of October 9, 2025, the chapter has 185 SABR members who list the Halsey Hall Chapter as their primary chapter.

5. Newsletter Report - Stew Thornley

We are looking for someone to be a guest columnist and write about our October 25 chapter meeting. Stew will wait for that submission and get the November newsletter out as soon as possible afterward. If not, Stew will write up a less extensive summary of the meeting and get the newsletter out the week after our chapter meeting

John will write up the meeting notes

6. Book Club Report - Stew Thornley

The Book Club meet on Saturday, October 4 at the Barnes & Noble in Har Mar Mall. Five members attended the meeting and discussed Bill Madden's Yankees, Typewriters, Scandals, and Cooperstown: A Baseball Memoir (2025). The next three Book Club meetings will be on December 6, February 7, and April 11. The book for the December meeting will be Banzai Babe Ruth by Rob Fitts.

7. Social Media Report - Bob Komorski

The Chapter has 70 following Bluesky and 319 Facebook members.

8. Research Committee Report - Gene Gomes and Dave Lande

There were two meetings, with 15 and 13 attendees. There are four research presentations approved for the Fall Chapter Meeting, and they are listed under the Events Committee Report.

The next Research Committee meeting is on Monday night, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a discussion of the Fall Chapter Meeting on October 25. The agenda and trivia quiz were distributed on October 9.

Gene will be in touch with Howard about having his traditional Trivia Quiz put on Power Point for the Fall Chapter meeting.

Speaking on Fall Chapter - We need to make sure to repeat questions for people streaming the meeting

9. MVP Committee Report - Gene Gomes

Our chapter has an ongoing Chapter Research Project led by Rich Arpi. At this meeting, we can discuss recruiting more participants. Research can be done either at the Minnesota History Museum Library or online using historical newspapers like the Saint Paul Globe.

2. Our chapter needs to organize a collaborative event sometime before May 2026 that can be open to the public. We have had similar events at the Hennepin County Museum (2025) and the Roseville Library (2024). A reservation on library calendars, for example, needs to be made several months in advance. The card shop event on Nov. 1st could possibly qualify, but the shop is small and may not be conducive to holding tons of people. We can follow up with shop owner Calvin Haverkamp about this. The shop is already open that morning.

All chapter leaders must attend the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging training for the Chapter to receive credit for the MVP Award. The training will be discussed later in the meeting under new business.

10. Events Committee Report - Howard Luloff and Bob Komoroski

A Panel on Girls/Women's Baseball will highlight the Fall Chapter Meeting on October 25, 2025, at Faith Mennonite Church, 2720 E. 22nd Street in south Minneapolis. Registration begins around 8:15 a.m. with the program starting at 8:45. The cost for the meeting and lunch is \$10. People can pay by cash (with correct change appreciated) or check at the door.

The featured guests in the afternoon will be a panel on girls playing baseball instead of softball. Chelsey Falzone, the manager of youth engagement for the Minnesota Twins, will talk about her role with a 14-and-under girls baseball team that the Twins have organized. Some of the players may be there, too. Emma Charlesworth-Seiler, who worked with Chelsey on the 14-U team and helped coach them at a tournament in Reno this year, will also be on the panel.

In addition to being only the eighth woman to umpire in minor league baseball, Emma has played baseball around the world. In 2015 Emma was the recipient of the Jack Kavanagh Memorial Baseball Award for her essay, "Invisible Barriers: Why Baseball Isn't America's National Pastime." The award came with a cash prize and SABR membership as well as a scholarship for Emma to attend the SABR convention in Chicago. That fall, Emma made a presentation on the topic of her paper at the Halsey Hall Chapter meeting.

Mary Shea, an active proponent of girls and women in baseball and a member of the Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter, is coming up from Milwaukee to moderate the panel. A reception for Mary and her husband, Joe, will be held on October 24, at 6:30 p.m. at Manning's at 22nd and Como in southeast Minneapolis. This can also serve as a watch party for the opening game of the World Series.

The morning will consist of four research presentations by members:

Mike Zarling on MLB Milestones: A Brief History and Who Might Join.

Rich Bogovich: Black Baseball in Southeastern Minnesota: New Research Finds.

Ed Edmonds: A Fifty-Year Retrospective: Peter Seitz and the Dawn of Free Agency.

Bob Tholkes: Reporting Baseball—1868

Howard Luloff's trivia quiz in the afternoon.

Also at the meeting there will be a display of baseball cards, with a focus on Joe Hauser, that Glenn Renick is assembling.

Glenn Renick and Gene Gomes have been in touch with Calvin Haverkamp about a meeting of all Halsey Hall members interested in baseball cards and memorabilia at his shop, The Ballpark, 203 150th St W. in Apple Valley on Saturday morning, November 1, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Calvin's shop is certainly different than most memorabilia businesses. It is 90% baseball and vintage oriented. It is focused on collectors and those interested in history rather than investors and speculators. It is the oldest operating baseball collectibles business in Minnesota. Calvin is willing to talk about almost anything baseball related but he has been

invited to tell the attendees how his business started (a really fascinating story), how the business has evolved over the years, and anything else he thinks we would find interesting.

The October 20 SABR Scholar Session, via Zoom starting at 7:00 p.m. Central Time, will feature guest speakers from the Twins front office, assistant general manager Josh Kalk and director of applied analytics Josh Ruffin, who was the featured guest at our 2023 spring chapter meeting. Please note that the scholar sessions are limited only to students and young professional members, so they feel comfortable to network amongst their peers. To register, contact Jessica Smyth, jsmyth@sabr.org.

11. Bylaws and Procedures Review - Ed Edmonds

The By-Laws Amendment will be voted on at the October 25 Fall Meeting's Business Meeting. The board of directors approved a recommendation for an amendment to the chapter by-laws at the last board meeting. The major change is to the structure of the board and officers. If ratified by the membership at the October 25 chapter meeting, each spring the chapter will have a direct election of a president-elect. This person will automatically ascend to president the following year and then to immediate past president, the latter being an ex-officio, non-voting member of the board of directors. Election of a secretary and treasurer will occur every three years. Three directors will serve rotating three-year terms with one director elected by the membership every year.

The proposed method is geared toward getting and keeping valuable experience and getting new people involved while rotating rather than recycling officers and board members. Other details of the plan include a provision that a person completing the president-elect/president/past president cycle could not immediately run for president-elect again. A waiting period would also apply to directors, who would have to wait at least one year to run for director again.

Here are the current and proposed by-laws: <https://halseyhall.org/bylawsproposed25.html>.

The new system, if approved at the fall chapter meeting, will begin in 2026. The board of directors will adopt a transition plan for the changeover between the current and new system.

12. New Business - Social Studies Conference - Stew Thornley and Mike Haupert

Mike Haupert and Stew Thornley will attend the expo at the Minnesota Council for the Social Studies conference on Friday, February 20, 2026 (social with networking opportunities with teachers) at the Minnesota Humanities Center and Saturday, February 21 (expo) at Macalester College. We will talk to teachers and distribute a one-page information sheet about SABR scholarships for students and others. Mike is soliciting a grant from SABR for this. So far we have paid \$265 for a table at the show. We would like to purchase another sign (similar to the ones we have for the Spread of Baseball and Hall of Famers who played in Minnesota. This could be around \$300.

Pillbox Plaque: On Friday, October 3 the Capitol Area Architectural Planning Board approved the application to erect a commemorative marker for the St. Paul Downtown Ballpark (also known as The Pillbox) that was on the corner of 12th and Robert streets from 1903 to 1910. The next step is site selection. Stew Thornley spoke about The Pillbox and the plaque project on October 7 to the Ramsey County Historical Society Gala Fundraiser.

13. New Business - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

SABR is hosting on-line training sessions on diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging at 6:00 p.m. Central Time on Thursday, October 30 and at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 22. The sessions

build upon 2025 training session focusing on a more inclusive organization and on strengthening chapter leadership. All SABR members are welcome to attend. Registration information will be provided soon, and interested people may contact Allison Levin at allison.levin@gmail.com. A proposal will be considered to establish a Halsey Hall Chapter Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee.

14. Date of next meeting Dec 7th
15. John moved to adjourn at 848, Mike and Rich second