

Halsey Hall SABR Chapter
Research Committee
October 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Ed Edmonds, Dave Lande, Doug Skipper, Stew Thornley, Art Mugalian, Howard Luloff, Bob Komoroski, Kris Hard, Dan Levitt, Rich Arpi, Terry Bohn, Jacob Sayward, John Buckeye, Glenn Renick, Mike Zarling, & Gene Gomes

Pre-meeting conversations: John McHale, Montreal Expos president in 1968; Bowie Kuhn & the Messersmith/McNally decision.

Meeting started at 7:04 p.m.

1. September 22 meeting minutes: Ed Edmonds moved to approve. Kris Hard seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes approved.
2. October 25 Fall Chapter Meeting
 - a. There are four research presentations as follows:
 - i. Richard Bogovich: "Black Baseball in Southeastern Minnesota"
 - ii. Mike Zarling: "Probabilities of Players Reaching Milestones"
 - iii. Ed Edmonds: "A 50th -Year Retrospective of the Peter Seitz Messersmith-McNally Decision"
 - iv. Bob Tholkes: "Reporting Base Ball – 1868"
 - b. The guest speakers' panel includes Mary Shea, Chelsey Falzone of the Twins, and Emma Charlesworth-Seiler who will discuss girls' baseball.
 - i. There will be a dinner with Mary Shea and husband at Manning's on October 24 at 6:30 p.m.
 - ii. Stew Thornley will have a Zoom call with Mary Shea prior to the chapter meeting to review the panel discussion.
 - c. Glenn Renick will bring a display on baseball cards history with a focus on Joe Hauser.
3. A joint-chapter Zoom call was held on October 7 with Mary Shea and Mike Hauptert hosting Jane Leavy to talk about her book "Make Me Commissioner: I Know What's Wrong with Baseball and How to Fix It".
 - a. Ed Edmonds complimented Mike Hauptert on his direction of Jane Leavy's narrative during the call.
4. The SABR Chapter Leaders Zoom Meeting was held on September 24.
 - a. Stew Thornley said that SABR scholarships were discussed on the call. He hoped that the Kavanaugh scholarship which has lapsed would be renewed. Emma Charlesworth-Seiler was awarded a Kavanaugh scholarship in 2015 for her submission of an essay on women in baseball. Stew forwarded her essay to members of the Research Committee.
5. Upcoming events
 - a. SABR Scholars Session with Josh Ruffin on October 20
 - b. Chapter Event on November 1 at 10 a.m. at The Ballpark, Calvin Halverkamp's sports cards and memorabilia store at 203 150th St. West in Apple Valley. Calvin will speak about the hobby and how he got into the business. His store is the longest running store of its kind in Minnesota.
6. Other Items of Interest and research roundtable

- a. Ed Edmonds discussed the salary arbitration competition to be held at St. Thomas University Law School. He hoped chapter members would step forward to serve as judges during the competition. A national competition will be held at Tulane University in January.
- b. Art Mugalian explained that Bruce Brothers, a retired sportswriter, would be a good addition for membership in the Halsey Hall chapter. He would also be a good candidate as a guest speaker at a chapter meeting.
- c. For the chapter meeting, Howard Luloff sent Trivia questions and answers to Gene Gomes and the agenda to Stew Thornley.
- d. Per Bob Komoroski, a Zoom call is scheduled for November 19 at 7 p.m. during which Mark Armour will discuss appearances by Satchell Paige during his barnstorming days.
- e. Based on his research of the St. Paul Globe for 1878-1905, Rich Arpi is compiling team records for the St. Paul Saints.
- f. Terry Bohn is researching the spread of baseball in eastern North and South Dakota using the same format as that used by Rich Arpi in his spread of baseball in Minnesota.
- g. John Buckeye is reading a book on the New York Mets titled "So Many Ways to Lose."
- h. Kris Hard, as co-chair of the Official Scoring committee, initiated a discussion on the committee. Many offered comments, both pro and con, on the value of the committee. The committee restarted itself six months ago when five people met on a Zoom call.
- i. Gene Gomes explained that not all chapter leaders are required to attend Zoom calls regarding DEI. The focus of the calls will be more on the relationship between DEI and baseball.
- j. Now that baseball is soon to enter the off-season, Stew Thornley is resuming his research on the history of changes to rules including scoring rules.

8. Trivia Time Quiz, courtesy of Bob Komoroski

1. He was the last of five famous brothers to play major league ball. Perhaps not as well-known as his better-known brothers, this journeyman left fielder had a ten-year career with four teams. While less accomplished in baseball, he had a bright future in Cleveland politics as an attorney and state representative before becoming involved in, and later convicted in a bribery scandal. He also served time in Federal Prison for Volstead Act violations during prohibition. Frank Delahanty
2. A journeyman ballplayer who played with seven teams over 13 years, this Hall of Famer made his mark as a manager as the first to win World Series titles with two teams, and remains one of only three managers to win pennants with three teams. He was nicknamed "Deacon" because he sang in his church choir and lived a quiet life. Bill McKechnie
3. He is a Hall of Fame member and a three-time World Series winner. He was the winningest lefthanded pitcher until 1962 until he was eclipsed by Warren Spahn. He pitched complete games in all six of his World Series appearances, and his three match-ups against the Giant's Christy Mathewson are still considered World Series classics. Eddie Plank
4. He pitched for twenty-five years in major league ball, was on two World Series championships, and held several age-related records, including: the oldest pitcher to finish a World Series game, at 47 years, three months, and three days; and the oldest man to hit a home run in a major league game, also at 47, but broken by Julio Franco in 2006. Jack Quinn
5. This center fielder's rookie season was spent with the Chicago White Sox where he saw limited action. He spent almost all of his career with the Reds and Giants in the National League. A Hall of Famer and two-time batting champion, he led the Reds to the 1919 World Series championship. Edd Roush

6. This Hall of Fame shortstop spent his entire playing career in Chicago, except for one year. He was part of the greatest double play combinations of his era, and is famously known for feuding with his second baseman, for years, because he had taken a cab to the ballpark alone and left him, and teammates, behind. He was immortalized in a poem by sportswriter and columnist Franklin Pierce Adams. Joe Tinker

7. A native of Crow Wing County, Minnesota and member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, he twice won 20 plus games. His 14-year career is highlighted by three World Series championships. Charles Bender

8. Late in his career, this Dead ball Era spitball pitcher was mired in controversy when he was accused of tipping off a gambler to a possible fixed game. He was the first pitcher to record a win at the ball park now known as Wrigley Field. Claude Hendrix

9. He is considered by many to be the first true star of the New York American League ball club. Despite allegations of game fixing, he was considered one of the best players of his era, and was included in Lawrence Ritter and Donald Honig's book "The 100 Greatest Baseball Players of All Time." Hal Chase

10. Who are the only players to play in the same city in the 20th century in three major leagues? Rollie Zeider and Dutch Zwilling

9. Next committee meetings: November 17 and December 15

Next quizzers: Art Mugalian (November) and Dave Lande (December)

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.