

Halsey Hall Research Committee November 17, 2025 Zoom Meeting Minutes

Attendees (18): Dave Lande, Gene Gomes, Ed Edmonds, Stew Thornley, Howard Luloff, Kris Hard, Bob Komoroski, Art Mugalian, Steve Ehlers, Mike Zarling, Brenda Himrich, John Buckeye, Mike Haupert, Darryl Sannes, Rich Arpi, Glenn Renick, Dan Levitt, Doug Skipper.

Gene hosted Zoom after Dave withdrew due to a bad cold before the meeting started.

Pre-meeting topics of conversation: Dan Levitt will assume office of SABR President after Dan Evans resigned. Dan said Evans left due to not being able to fulfill the remainder of his term.

Close MVP decision: Judge over Raleigh- does it contrast with Morneau over Jeter in 2006– the Yankee player won this time.

1. Approval of October Meeting minutes

2. Fall Chapter Meeting Wrap-up:

- Thanks to presenters, guest speakers panel (Mary Shea, Chelsey Falzone, Emma Charlesworth-Seiler), and to Glenn Renick for his vintage baseball card display spanning the career of Joe Hauser.
- Brenda said there has been only one or two viewers via Facebook for the meetings. She said downloads of the presentations are available on FB as well, for about 30 days. She will have a detailed report soon.

3. Spring 2026 Meeting location:

- There was a long discussion about The Park Tavern in St. Louis Park on 3401 Louisiana Ave. for a potential venue. There's no charge for the room. Howard viewed the pizza menu, Brenda shared photos of the rooms, and it seems that bringing donuts there might be OK, but we'll order pizza and soda from them for lunch. The video / TV screen is nice, and capacity is listed as 36 for the room. Someone will visit and report back about the space before the next Board and Research Comm. Meetings. We'll compare costs at the church to any new venue, trying to keep the \$10 fee the same going forward.
- Howard was asked by Stew if there is an update on Denard Span's availability as speaker, and he said Jim Cox lost the contact info. He'll follow up.

4. Baseball Card Shop Event recap:

The Ballpark Sportscards Shop event attracted 12 members, plus three others from the public.

5. Chapter Events coming up

- Howard has plans for a Minnesota Gophers game vs. Kansas Jayhawks on March 1st at 12 noon at U. S. Bank Stadium. A possible pre-game breakfast at The Hen House or another restaurant will be decided upon.
- Bob mentioned the Nov. 19 Chapter Zoom event with Mark Armour about Satchel Paige, and to register on the SABR.org website under Events Calendar.

6. Research Roundtable – Around the Horn

- Ed will be with co-author Lou Schiff on Dec. 1st discussing their Attorneys in the HOF book. Ed reported that thirteen St. Thomas Law School students met for an Arbitration Contest yesterday, judged by he and Kris Hard.
- Stew has a presentation planned for the 19th Century Conference in Cooperstown April 24-25, 2026. The subject is Perry Werden's career between 1895-99. Stew will miss our Spring Meeting.
- Ed will prepare for a presentation at The Nine conference, dealing with "attorneys" John Montgomery Ward, Miller Huggins and Tony Larussa -subjects in his book.
- Art has a scorekeeping committee question for Kris Hard and will follow up.
- Kris asked for suggestions about research project/ideas for his SABR scorekeeping committee.

- Bob took part in the Baseball Reliquary's induction ceremony. Felipe Alou and Ron Leflore were there. Bob has a great idea for our SABR Day event: author Willie Steele, expert on W. P. Kinsella and current professor at Lipscomb College. He'll follow up.
- Steve took over as quizmaster at the St. Paul Old Timer's Club after the passing of Dave Anderson.
- John is pursuing the offseason story/saga of the Twins and can report on this in Spring 2026.
- Glenn has finished another chapter for the SABR book on the history of baseball cards. He showed us a 19th century "baseball" card by Merchant Gargling Oil depicting a funny scene.

7. Trivia Time Themed Quiz, by Art Mugalian: - "Players Turned Announcers"

1. This Hall of Famer was the 1949 AL batting champ and played his entire career in the American League, mostly at the hot corner. A 10-time all-star, he struck out just 287 times in 15 years. **George Kell**
2. This Canadian native played his entire career in Cleveland. He led the league in doubles in 1916 and twice topped his league in walks. He was the first batter to face Babe Ruth in an MLB game. He was Ray Chapman's roommate. **Jack Graney**
3. This Hall of Famer played four decades in the majors and took home 16 straight Gold Gloves. He finally won a World Series ring the year before retirement. His nickname went well with his surname. **Jim Kaat**, nicknamed "**Kitty**"
4. Another HOF-er, this guy won five Gold Gloves. He finished fourth in rookie of the year balloting to Frank Howard. He led his league in walks five times and was the first player to invoke the 5-and-10 rule. **Ron Santo** (Stew mentioned the "Santo Clause")
5. The only HOF-er born in New Mexico, this man led his league in home runs seven years in a row. He was once involved in a trade with Joe Garagiola. **Ralph Kiner**
6. This two-time World Series champ was born in the city where he played his entire ML career. His home run was the only run off Mickey Lolich in an epic game 7. He died from Covid in October 2020. **Mike Shannon**
7. This pitcher tossed two complete-game wins in his only World Series but lost out on the MVP to Roberto Clemente. His career was derailed by a condition that was subsequently named for him. **Steve Blass**
8. This HOF-er set a pitching record that was broken by another Dodger 20 years later. He hit 29 homers in a 14-year career and once threw six shutouts in a row. He went to high school with Robert Redford. **Don Drysdale**
9. This HOF-er won 237 games in a 21-year career. Nicknamed "the schoolboy wonder," he was a three-time World Series champ. Upon his retirement he had recorded more WS victories than any other pitcher. In the off-season he worked as an undertaker. **Waite Hoyt**
10. Born in Milwaukee, this 1957 AL rookie of the year hit two homers with four RBI in the first World Series game played in his home town. Three years later he was involved in a bad-hop base hit that helped turn Game 7 of another WS. **Tony Kubek**

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1. Next R. Committee Meeting: Dec. 15 and Jan.19
Next Quizzer, of our Illustrious 50th Chapter Trivia Quiz: Dave Lande
 2. Meeting adjourned at: 8:59 pm!

