

Halsey Hall SABR Chapter  
Research Committee  
December 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Attendees (13): Stew Thornley, Dave Lande, Art Mugalian, Bob Komoroski, Gene Gomes, Rich Arpi, Darryl Sannes, Brenda Himrich, Terry Bohn, Glenn Renick, Mike Zarling, Doug Skipper, & Ed Edmonds

Pre-meeting conversations: Pete Alonso, Josh Bell, Gopher baseball, Rob Reiner, 1975 World Series game 6, broadcast crew size, Bucky Dent's 1978 home run.

Meeting started at 7:07 p.m.

1. November 17 meeting minutes: Mike Zarling moved to approve. Art Mugalian seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes approved.
2. Spring Chapter meeting
  - a. Armand Peterson's proposed research presentation: "The 1937 St. Paul Kohn's: Minnesota's First National Baseball Champions"
    - i. Comments: Extensive proposal submitted. Interesting story. Focus on local amateur baseball. Many pictures included.
    - ii. Gene Gomes moved to approve the proposed research presentation. Bob Komoroski seconded the motion. All in favor. Proposed research presentation approved.
  - b. Discussion on reaching out to previous presenters or possible new presenters.
  - c. No possible guest speakers identified at this time.
3. Location of spring meeting
  - a. Per Mike Zarling, the Park Tavern has a small room. Consensus is that it's not suitable for a chapter meeting. May be suitable for other spring events.
  - b. Fairview Community Center in Roseville and Bloomington Events Center are possibilities.
4. Mark Armour's November 19<sup>th</sup> Zoom presentation on location of Satchel Paige's games.
  - a. Per Bob Komoroski, this has turned into a group project. Stew Thornley will include a link to this project in the next newsletter.
5. Chapter Board meeting was held on December 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Howard Luloff is planning a chapter event in the spring to attend a Minnesota Gopher baseball game.
6. Upcoming chapter events
  - a. Willie Steele presentation will be held via Zoom on Thursday, January 29 at 7 p.m. Can sign up for this via the SABR events calendar. Moderator is yet to be identified. Mass e-mail to chapter members will be sent.
7. Research roundtable / around the horn
  - a. Stew Thornley
    - i. Chapter newsletter to be issued soon.
    - ii. Application for Pillbox plaque has more hoops to go through.
    - iii. In the off-season, work continues on documenting rules changes.
    - iv. Will deliver a research presentation at the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Baseball Conference in April in Cooperstown. Topic is Perry Werden who set a professional record when he hit 45 home while playing for a Minneapolis team in 1895.
  - b. Gene Gomes

- i. Working with Rich Arpi on Excel spreadsheet documenting 19<sup>th</sup> century baseball in the upper Midwest. Focus is on 1887 season.
  - ii. In 2019, wrote a biography on his great grandfather, Abner Powell, a 19<sup>th</sup> century pioneer. In a Ginter card set, Topps has included a card on Abner Powell.
- c. Rich Arpi
  - i. Researching St. Paul Globe for game data to include in spreadsheet. May start another season.
  - ii. Research primer page is included in chapter Web site.
  - iii. Working on 1887 Northwestern League season.
  - iv. Possible chapter research project is how baseball was covered by the press in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- d. Terry Bohn
  - i. Continue to spend time working on long-dead minor leaguers.
  - ii. Will review research primer for possible updates.
- e. Glenn Renick
  - i. Working with Jason Schwartz and Mark Armour while partnering with the Hall of Fame on Yuengling ice cream baseball cards issued during prohibition.
- f. Mike Zarling
  - i. Working on project regarding Hall of Fame candidacy. This involves benchmarks and Hall of Famers who don't meet benchmarks. The project involves 24 players per position and 80 pitchers.
- g. Doug Skipper
  - i. Working with Art Mugalian on 2026 Larry Ritter award for best book on dead-ball era. Eight books were nominated and five of the eight are being considered. Award will be announced on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- h. Ed Edmonds
  - i. Finished a review of "Baseball in the Roaring '20's" for the NINE conference. The conference is looking for a new site as the hotel where it has been held in the past has closed.
  - ii. Tracking 250 arbitration-eligible players. 30 free agents after the non-tender date.
  - iii. After salary arbitration competition at St. Thomas, three students will compete in New Orleans on January 15-16. Ed will go to New Orleans as a coach. Kris Hard volunteered as a judge in the St. Thomas competition.
- i. Art Mugalian
  - i. George Altman, who passed away in November, was one of three players who played in the Negro Leagues, the major leagues and in Japan. The other two were Larry Doby and Don Newcombe.

#### 8. Trivia Time Quiz, courtesy of Dave Lande

1. In his acting career, he played both good guys and bad guys. In a notable early role, he carried a wood club and was "stepping high". He passed away in 2025.  
Joe Don Baker
2. This actress won an Academy Award as best actress in a supporting role. At the time, she was married to actor, Alec Baldwin.  
Kim Basinger

3. Notable for his walrus mustache and thick eyeglasses, he generally played the good guy in films. One exception was as a bad guy with a gun pursuing an attorney played by Tom Cruise in a film based on a book written by John Grisham.  
Wilford Brimley
4. This actress has been nominated for an Academy Award eight times but has yet to win one. In a notable film role, her character boiled a pet bunny.  
Glenn Close
5. This actor won an Academy Award for best supporting actor. One of his earlier movie roles was as a consigliere to a mob boss in a film directed by Francis Ford Coppola.  
Robert Duvall
6. In a remake of a heist movie that starred Steve McQueen and Ali MacGraw, this actor acted in the role played by Slim Pickens in the original film.  
Richard Farnsworth
7. She has one Academy Award nomination for best actress in a supporting role. For several years, she acted under the last name of Seagull.  
Barbara Hershey
8. Generally, cast as a tough guy, he was cast as Mr. Blonde in a Quentin Tarantino film. His sister, Virginia, also acts in Hollywood. He passed away in 2025.  
Michael Madsen
9. In a long and versatile career in television and movies, his roles ranged from a newspaper reporter in a short-lived horror series on tv to a buffoonish father in a Christmas movie where he cherished his "leg" lamp.  
Darren McGavin
10. This actor won an Academy Award for best director. Two of his most notable roles as an actor were in movies co-starring his actor friend, Paul. He passed away in 2025.  
Robert Redford

Quiz theme: All of these actors are in the cast for the film "The Natural".

---

8. Next committee meetings: January 19 and February 16
9. Next quizzzer: Mike Zarling (January)
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.