

2/15/2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Mike Haupert, Rich Arpi, Bob Komoroski, Dave Lande, Howard Luloff, Jacob Sayward, Ed Edmonds, John Buckeye, Terry Bohn, Stew Thornley attending

Called to order at 703p

1. Approval of the Agenda - Ed Edmonds; Rich moves, Howard second
2. Approval of the December 8, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes - Link - Ed Edmonds and John Buckeye; John moves, Rich second
3. Treasurers Report - Rich Arpi

No Changes in expenses since last meeting

4. Membership Report Stew Thornley and John Buckeye

With Bobby Maghielse, Bryce Soberski, and Jay Bendfeldt, we have three new members since our December 8, 2025 board meeting.

With Bobby Maghielse, Bryce Soberski, Jay Bendfeldt, Kat Emley, Calvin Havercamp, Ethan Schmid, Gary Moskalyk, Mike O'Brien, and Mike Zarling, we have nine new members since the June 1 beginning of the fiscal year.

As of February 13, 2026, the chapter has 179 members with Halsey Hall Chapter as their primary chapter.

5. Newsletter Report Stew Thornley

The March 2026 issue of the newsletter will be near the end of February.

6. Book Club Report Ed Edmonds

The book club met on Saturday, February 7, at the Barnes & Noble in HarMar. The books that the group discussed were Bats: The Man Behind the Miracle and My Wild Ride in Baseball and Beyond by Davey Johnson.

Attendees were Rich Arpi, Bob Bradt, Steve Bratkovich, Ed Edmonds, Mike Haupert, Brenda Himrich, Doug Kenison, Dennis Lange, Dan Levitt, Art Mugalian, and Stew Thornley

7. Social Media Report

Bob Komoroski

Bluesky: 70 following - Facebook: 339 members - X: 802 Followers

8. Research Committee Gene Gomes and Stew Thornley

There were two Zoom meetings, with 16 attending in January and 13 in December.

The Hennepin County Library Plymouth branch was reserved for the Chapter Spring Meeting on April 25 from 9:00 am till 5:00 pm.

There was one presentation approved for the April 25- Armand Peterson's "The 1937 St. Paul Kohn's Minnesota Baseball Champions." Armand visited the library and met with the librarian to determine that he could display his material on the wall. We have room for two more presentations and a Guest Speaker.

There needs to be a visit to the library to scope out the room and plan for the use of the chapter's projector and cables, extension cords, etc. There is a screen we can use. We can bring coffee and drinks and have pizza brought in as usual. There's about 60 chairs and enough tables available.

I recommend opening the meeting up to the public, similar to what we did at the Rosewood branch of Ramsey County libraries a while back.

Mike Haupert, Ed Edmonds, and Stew Thornley will attend the expo at the Minnesota Council for the Social Studies conference on Friday, February 20 (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-pager with information about SABR scholarships for students and others.

Mike has solicited a grant from SABR to cover the \$265 registration fee for the conference and the \$412.93 for a banner stand to promote the scholarships.

Pillbox Plaque: The project 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 has passed through the site selection committee of the Capitol Area Architectural Planning Board and now moves on to the design phase. We are also trying to locate descendants of people who played at this ballpark.

9. MVP Committee Gene Gomes

On January 29 our chapter had the SABR Day event, which is a requirement for MVP level.

The chapter Research Project, led by Rich has not received much participation this year. Exact numbers are not spelled out in detail as far as I know, but we need to have more members engaged in the project. Last year we had about seven. We also had a poster submitted to the SABR convention last year, which several members contributed to.

We have another requirement: A program put on by our chapter in collaboration with another organization which is open to the public. Last year it was a program at the Hennepin County Museum. This year our only event so far was the one at the Sportscard shop in Apple Valley.

If we can use the Spring Meeting as an event it would help.

10. Events Committee- Howard Luloff

On January 29, the Chapter held our SABR Day virtual meeting with Willie Steele as he looked back at the career of W.P. Kinsella. It was well attended with more than 40 virtual attendees. Willie's presentation was outstanding. The performance of Ed Edmonds, the host was not so good. After messing up all three of his hosting tasks, it is probably correct to say "three strikes and you are out!" So, we can discuss find a better host for future events.

After searching for a new meeting site, the search was over as the Plymouth Library will be the site for the April 25 Spring Meeting.

Coming up on March 1, is the annual Gopher Baseball game at US Bank Stadium as the Gophers host the Kansas Jayhawks in a 1:05 start. The game will be proceeded by brunch at the Hen House Eatery at 10:30. Seth Tannenbaum, a SABR Member, historian, and Assistant Professor of Sport Studies at Manhattan-ville University in Purchase, New York, contacted us about a Zoom presentation on his book, Bleacher Seats and Luxury Suites: Democracy and Division at the Twentieth-Century Ballpark. The book will be published in late March (not coincidentally just in time for Opening Day) by the University of Illinois Press.

The Fred Souba Hot Stove Saturday Morning, an informal breakfast gathering for the purpose of talking baseball, will be Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m. at the Shortstop Bar and Grill, 1298 East Moore Lake Drive, Fridley 55432.

The 2026 SABR convention in Cleveland will be Wednesday, July 29 to Sunday, August 2 at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown. The Arizona Diamondbacks will be in town to play the Guardians during the convention.

Reach out to Bob T about doing the breakfast

11. Bylaws and Procedures Review Terry moves to approve them, John second

There is revised language for the following parts of Chapter Procedures

President

President-Elect - New

Immediate Past President - New

Secretary

Treasurer

Events Committee

Business Meetings, Nominations, and Elections

Membership - New

Webmaster(s)

The following procedures are not changed -

Newsletter

Social Media

MVP Chapter Committee

Research Committee

12. New Business Minimal - Further talk about Spring Meeting - Who is bringing what

13. Next Board Meeting Date

a. April 19th 7p

14. Adjournment Mike moved, Rich second 808p