

Halsey Hall Research Committee Meeting - February 16, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Stew Thornley, Dave Lande, Ed Edmonds, Bob Komoroski, Art Mugalian, Kris Hard, Gene Gomes, Terry Bohn, Rich Arpi, Darryl Sannes, Glenn Renick, Mike Hauptert, Doug Skipper, Brenda Himrich, Mike Zarling, John Buckeye

Pre-meeting discussion items: ABA & NAIA basketball, George Mikan, basketball scandal in New York City involving CCNY, Marshall U High School & Ronnie Henderson

1. Approval of January meeting minutes: Ed Edmonds moved to approve the January meeting minutes. Bob Komoroski seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
2. Spring Chapter Meeting planning
 - a. Meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 25 at the Hennepin County Library in Plymouth. The room is reserved and will be open at 9 a.m. Discussion about possibly setting the room up the Friday night prior to the meeting. Gene Gomes will call the library about this. Dave Lande is willing to visit the site.
 - b. One presentation has been approved: Armand Peterson's 1937 St. Paul Kohn's Champions. Gene Gomes contacted Sam Sundermeyer who said he can't attend the meeting.
 - c. Possibilities for guest speaker include Marshal Kelner (attorney and former minor league broadcaster), John Anderson (former Gopher baseball coach), and Amanda Dailey (Director, Player Education at the Minnesota Twins).
 - d. Gene Gomes said that in the future the chapter could collaborate with Hennepin County library but this would require more advanced planning to do so.
 - e. Kris Hard is now an agent with Sports Management Worldwide.
 - f. Brenda Himrich suggested a possible future chapter event at the downtown Minneapolis library. This could involve any of the following: tour of the archives, panel discussion involving local authors, speaker on conducting research.
 - g. Need a volunteer to broadcast chapter meeting on Facebook.
3. SABR Day chapter event with professor and author Willie Steele
 - a. Willie Steele sent a note to Bob Komoroski thanking the chapter for hosting the Zoom event. Mike Hauptert appreciated the event being recorded for future viewing.
4. Board meeting on February 15
 - a. Stew Thornley said that the proposed Pillbox plaque is being reviewed by the state site selection design committee. The committee has asked if living descendants of those who played at the site could be found. The plaque has now been designated as a "commemorative work". It's estimated cost is in the \$10-12K range.
 - b. Kris Hard offered to speak at the spring chapter meeting but not as the major speaker.
5. Research Roundtable – Around the Horn
 - a. Stew Thornley received an e-mail from Bill Nowlin regarding a planned book on the 1987 and 1991 Twins teams. The book would include bio's on players, coaches, front office staff and broadcasters as well as game stories on key regular-season games and all

post-season games. Bill Nowlin and Cecilia Tan are looking for a volunteer from the chapter to be the local leader for this book. Anyone interested should contact Stew Thornley.

- b. Ed Edmonds is scheduled to make presentations on baseball's anti-trust exemption to the National Judicial College in Phoenix and to the Florida State University Law School. He'll also make a presentation at the NINE Conference on three Hall of Famers who are attorneys. 2026 arbitration results were eight in favor of players and four in favor of teams.
 - c. Kris Hard is look for ideas for the Official Scoring Research Committee.
 - d. Gene Gomes sent an e-mail to John Thorn regarding the Abner Powell baseball card. John responded with a one-word reply "CONGRATS".
 - e. Rich Arpi continues to work on 19th century game scores, specifically the 1876 season. He's a member of the SABR Research Award Committee reviewing 25 candidates and 15 books.
 - f. Glenn Renick is now recognized as an "Official Contributor" to the Baseball Hall of Fame.
 - g. Doug Skipper is working with Art Mugalian to review eight nominees for the Ritter Award. The final vote will be taken in early March and the announcement will be made in early April.
 - h. Bob Komoroski explained that the northern New Jersey chapter is sponsoring the 19th Century Interdisciplinary Symposium to be held via Zoom on Saturday, November 14.
 - i. Darryl Sannes continues to work on baseball and the Civil War.
 - j. John Buckeye just finished an excellent book on Bo Jackson.
 - k. Art Mugalian made a reference to Max Kepler's recent drug suspension.
 - l. Brenda Himrich has a new Rawlings baseball glove!
 - m. Dave Lande said that SABR released its book on Henry Aaron that includes a game story written by him.
6. Trivia Time Quiz, courtesy of Ed Edmonds
- 1. This lefty died recently (February 4, 2026). A native of Portland, Oregon, he retired as a member of the San Diego Padres. In 1970 he lost 19 games. He rebounded to win 25 in 1971 when he started 45 games and completed 29. Mickey Lolich
 - 2. This great control pitcher is best known for his years with the Cincinnati Reds. In a career total of 3,646 innings, he walked only 761 batters, an outstanding average of 1.88 per nine innings. He was a six-time All Star who won 25 games in 1939 and 20 in 1940. He had four 20-win seasons and won two games in the 1940 World Series. Paul Derringer

3. He pitched a total of 20 years for the Cleveland Indians, and he led the American League with a 2.95 ERA in 1933. He won 15 or more games in eight consecutive seasons (1932-1939). He was also a noted pitching coach and manager. Mel Harder

4. This tall, dominating right-hander from Van Nuys, California, had a career 2.95 ERA. From 1962-1965, he led all of MLB with 40 or more games started in each year. One of his nicknames was Airedale. Don Drysdale

5. Although perhaps best known for being the key Orioles player in the trade to the Reds for Frank Robinson, this pitcher should be remembered for his place in the theme of this trivia quiz. In his 17-year career, he also pitched for the Cubs and Braves. He recorded double-digit wins from 1959-1968, and he twice won 17 games in 1971 and 1972. Milt Pappas

6. In his 15-year career from 1915-1929, he was a feared and irascible pitcher. Noted for provoking a critical lawsuit over a move from the Red Sox to the Yankees, I am not going to give you the easy giveaway clue. Carl Mays

7. This two-time MVP in the mid-1940s, this lefty was one of the greatest hurlers of his generation during and after WWII. He was as difficult and unpopular as the "gentlemen" in questions number 2 and 6. He played most of his 17-year career in his hometown. In 1945 and 1946, he put together back-to-back sub-2.00 ERA seasons. Hal Newhouser

8. This pitcher was born in Nitro, West Virginia, and pitched for 18 years in the big leagues. He won games 2, 5, and 7 in the 1957 World Series. He was involved in trades that included Glen Hobbie, Bob Sadowski, Gene Oliver, and Johnny Sain. He strung together ten double-digit wins seasons from 1953-1962. Lew Burdette

9. This lefty is best known for his years with the Chicago White Sox before one notable season with the Giants when he won his lone World Series victory. He was a seven-time All-Star. He led the league in strikeouts in 1953, and he finished his career with 1,999 Ks. Eleven times he had double-digit loss seasons. Billy Pierce

10. This pitcher landed on the exact key number that is part of the theme of this quiz. His 17-year career included stints with the Indians, Tigers, Yankees, and Giants. He pitched in two games in the 1920 World Series, his only postseason appearances. He started a total of 368 games in a career that included 513 game appearances. In 1923, he won 26 games. In 1926, he won 27 while completing 32 or his 36 games started. George Uhle

11. If you have not yet figured out the theme, it might help you to know that these individuals are also part of the same group: Stan Coveleski, Charles Bender, Eddie Cicotte, Rube Marquard, Orel Hershiser, Vida Blue, Charlie Root, Jim Bunning, and Catfish Hunter. Pitchers with 200-225 wins.

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

8. Next meetings on March 16 and April 20. Next quizzier is John Buckeye.