

ORGANIZATION MEETING OF BASEBALL HISTORIANS & STATISTICAL RESEARCHERS
AUGUST 10, 1971, COOPERSTOWN, N.Y.

Agenda Items

1. How formal an organization? Do you want a constitution which would stipulate when you hold meetings, how many constitute a quorum, how you elect your officers, etc.
2. What would be the objectives of the organization? Should they be:
 - (1) To foster the study of baseball as a significant American social and athletic institution.
 - (2) To establish an accurate historical account of baseball through the years.
 - (3) To facilitate the dissemination of baseball research information.
 - (4) To promote the best interests of baseball as our National Pastime.
3. What should the organization be named? Should we try to combine in the title both historical and statistical functions, but yet make it brief? Should we try to have an acronym? How about:
 - (1) National Association for Baseball Research (NABR)
 - (2) National Association of Baseball Research Historians
 - (3) Baseball Historical Research Association
 - (4) Society of American Baseball Historians
 - (5) Baseball Historical and Statistical Society
4. What should be the membership qualifications? Should there be an Active membership for those engaged in research, Associate for those interested in baseball and the organization? Should we have a membership card?
5. How much in dues? A token amount, or enough to finance a publication? \$5-\$10 for Active members annually? \$2 for an Associate?

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6. What kind of publication? What about a 4-page newsletter periodically (quarterly) to keep the membership informed of organization and personal activities. What about, in addition, an annual historical review to carry feature articles and statistical summaries, but only of unpublished material. This publication might be sold commercially in the winter as hot stove material. But how would it be financed.
7. Should we hold annual meetings in different areas? Washington in 1972? Chicago 1973? San Francisco or Los Angeles in 1974? a minor league city in 1975? Philadelphia in 1976?
8. How many officers? President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer? What about a publications committee or would the officers serve as the committee?
9. What should be our relationship to other baseball organizations and/or publications?
10. Other discussion items?