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Dear Bob:

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This is letter No. 3 aimed at organizing the baseball historians and statistical research types at a meeting in Cooperstown, N.Y. on August 10. It is being mailed to the 40 odd (not all of them are odd) persons who have expressed an interest in such an organization, and not merely the 17-18 who indicated plans to attend. We want to make it "perfectly clear" that the organization will be made up of those who are interested rather than just those who attend the first meeting.

First, have you made motel accommodations? Also remember that public transportation is very poor to Cooperstown--a twice daily Pine Hills Trailways bus from New York City is all there is. Cab fare from Utica, Albany, and Syracuse would be more than \$20. Cliff Kachline reminds us that there are only a few outfield tickets left for the August 9 Hall of Fame game in case some of you want to take this in. Tickets are \$2.50 plus 50¢ mailing charge.

Based on various suggestions received, I have drafted a proposed agenda of discussion items for our August 10 meeting. I have reviewed these with Cliff, so let me list them tentatively as follows:

- (1) How formal an organization do you want?
- (2) What should be the objectives of the organization?
- (3) What should the organization be named?
- (4) What should be the membership qualifications?
- (5) How much in dues? A token amount, or enough to finance a publication?
- (6) What kind of publication? Newsletter or annual historical review? Or both?
- (7) Should we hold annual meetings in different areas?
- (8) How many officers? President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer? Publications Committee?
- (9) What should be our relationship to other baseball organizations and/or publications?
- (10) Other discussion items?

Please give some serious thought to these matters prior to the meeting; and those not attending let me know what you're thinking so we can have some additional input. We plan to discuss these and possibly other items at a meeting in the baseball library at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 10. We will meet again at 2 p.m. to vote on questions discussed at the morning meeting and to put the organization in being. If there are any other last minute instructions I will get a message off to the attendees in early August.

Sincerely, *Bob Davids*
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