

The After Game Bus Ride

It's been awhile since the Minor League Committee has issued a newsletter of any sort. And, unfortunately, it could be measured in years, not weeks. However, we – Joe Werner and Joe Wanchow – want to get the ball rolling again, with the ultimate goal of creating a bit more interaction and communication within the committee. So here we go...

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This is just a quick reminder: The Minor League Committee meeting is on Saturday, June 30th, at 2 PM in the Elk Room. We would really like to see you there!

Research Projects

One of the driving forces behind the Minor League Committee is research, specifically compiling stats of yesteryear. We both field numerous – and we mean *numerous* – emails about parties interested in compiling such research. But, unfortunately, as new co-chairs, we're in a bit of a bind. We need to know where everyone's at. Or more specifically: Who's working on what?

Not only do we want to avoid double-work, but perhaps someone can assist you. That's why we're dedicating an entire section – of endless e-paper – so you can get the word out. Please, share what you're working on. We'd love to hear it.

For example, new member Don Hammack sent this in:

The Mississippi Gulf Coast is better known as a fishing playground, and now it has casinos, but during the first half of the 20th century, professional baseball was played in the area. Various major league teams held spring training here, but there were minor league teams in Gulfport and Biloxi for two separate three-year stretches in the Cotton States League. I'd like to document those teams' histories, starting with the 1906-08 Gulfport Crabs and Gulfport-Biloxi Sand Crabs. Early examination of newspaper microfilm indicate it may be possible to put together game-by-game results for the entire league.

Mr. Hammack is actually the inspiration for this section; he inquired about what work was done. If you know or can be any help please contact us (emails are below).

Which brings us to the next section...

Stats Update

Along with research questions, we both receive a lot of inquiries about updating databases. I – Joe Werner – dropped the ball on this one. I'm sorry. My personal life, as it sometimes happens, has distracted me a bit over the last few months. But before that, some headway had been made with BaseballReference.com, and I'll start chasing down some answers again.

Finally...

We need help. If you're interested in contributing to the newsletter, which, hopefully, will become a monthly event, let us know. If you have thoughts, suggestions, comments, let us know. We need help!

Our emails are: JosephMWerner@yahoo.com and jw2462@sbcglobal.net. Give us a few days to respond, and we'll do our best to get back with you as soon as possible. Also, please send it to both chairs.