

## **Annual Report by the Casey Stengel Chapter of SABR: 6/1/23 to 5/31/24**

Casey Stengel Chapter members overwhelmingly ratified the bylaws in February 2024 and elected a chapter treasurer in April. Our website administrator, Kevin Carter, uploaded the bylaws to [www.nycsabr.org](http://www.nycsabr.org) under the Business tab on the home page. Kevin coordinates chapter book discussions via zoom such as when former NY Yankees Public Relations Director Marty Appel, who has written almost two dozen baseball books, spoke about *Pinstripes by the Tale*, his latest book.

In April, again via zoom, Bill Nowlin and David Fischer, who co-authored *Red Sox vs. Yankees: Hometown Experts Analyze, Debate, and Illuminate Baseball's Ultimate Rivalry*, presented a friendly debate about the BoSox-Yanks rivalry, comparing the key players on both teams and examining the games that exacerbated this historic rivalry.

For SABR Day on 2/3/24, our online event was held via zoom with keynote speaker Joe Posnanski, author of *The Baseball 100* and *Why We Love Baseball: A History in 50 Moments* and he included his other books during the Q&A when people referred to them. Known for his storytelling abilities, "The Poz" captivated attendees.

Our two in-person chapter meetings for the period were held on June 10, 2023, and March 23, 2024. Both meetings were held at Scandinavia House in mid-town Manhattan. The 2023 meeting featured a Marty Appel, Anthony McCarron and Tony Guida discussion on *New York Baseball At Its Best: Now and Then*. This was followed by a short video presentation. Erik Sherman then hosted a discussion on *Yankees vs. Dodgers 1981 World Series Game 3*. Eric Weiss held his annual trivia event.

The 2024 meeting featured a guest presentation given by Kevin Baker - *The New York Game: Baseball and the Rise of a New City*. This was followed by a panel discussion on *The Pulse of New York Baseball: Present and Past* with Anthony McCarron (*The Mets: A 50th Anniversary Celebration* - with Andy Martino), Billy Altman and Laura Albanese. Additionally, Jay Goldberg gave a Presentation on *The Memory of America: Stories from a New York Baseball Clubhouse*. Eric Weiss wrapped things up with a trivia event.

SABR's Baseball Memories Chartered Community promotes baseball reminiscence to help people dealing with early dementia, and our local CSC members have planned monthly meetings since August 2023 in cooperation with Caring Kind (previously known as Alzheimer's Association, New York City). We watch short video clips, flip old baseball cards, sing team songs, and share opinions on favorite teams, ballplayers, games, the Hall of Fame and more with the participants of Caring Kind's Connect 2 Baseball program.

The CSC was asked to create a committee for the annual Ron Gabriel Award and gladly accepted. The co-chairs, Gary Sarnoff and Al Blumkin, will recruit readers to nominate articles, books, and other research pieces on the beloved Brooklyn Dodgers, completed during the preceding calendar year (published or unpublished, online or in print). Ron Gabriel was an exceptional researcher and collector of Brooklyn Dodgers baseball.

CSC member Gary Mintz continues his zoom meetings of The New York Giants Preservation Society three times a month which are attended by dozens of fans all over the country. The indefatigable founder of the NYGPS, Gary has hosted authors and researchers such as Lew Freedman, Andrew Goldblatt, Steve Steinberg, Jerry Grillo, John Burbridge, and other

speakers to share their knowledge of the New York Giants. A highlight was to create a Say Hey Willie Mays Appreciation Day on 2/4/24 that included a 3+hour zoom meeting as well as to raise funds for the Say Hey Foundation.

Our chapter continues its efforts to recruit and retain members not only by in-person meetings but by distributing a monthly chapter newsletter covering news and events of the chapter as well as subjects of interest.

March 30, 2024

Kevin Carter, Secretary

Evelyn Begley, President

Ernestine Miller, Vice-President

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