



Is Door Open for Veeck on Hall of Fame Ballot?

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The Pre-Integration Committee selected Jacob Ruppert, Hank O'Day and Deacon White for Hall of Fame induction, the Baseball Hall of Fame announced today.

Among the 10 candidates, Bill Dahlen (10) was the only other one to receive more than three votes from the 16-member committee of players, executives and media members. Twelve votes were required for induction.

While much can happen between now and the next election in three years, the lack of widespread appeal may benefit the candidacy of former Cubs president William Veeck and our attempts to have his name included on the ballot for the first time.

As one committee member told me recently, "We've discussed many of the same names and several more than once. The challenge is find new candidates who have made significant contributions. We'll certainly consider any qualified person who may have slipped through the cracks along the way."

The Chicago Baseball Museum believes that Veeck fits the description as well as anyone. We will continue to make that fact known in the months ahead.