

The meeting was called to order at 8:07pm by Sis. V. Wilt.

Important dates for 2014-2015 Sokol year: Members were informed of upcoming events and urged to keep an eye on the Spirit website because dates do sometimes have to change and the web is the best way to receive the most updated information. Registration 9/11, Oktoberfest 9/12, Classes start 9/14 and 9/15.

Delegate and Committee Reports:

- Junior Board: Focus for next year will be on increasing membership to the class. Joint events with other units (Naperville Junior class) have been fun. High School sports and clubs are really hindering. The Jrs have 2 fly-ups (female)
- Masaryk Czech School: no updates/report
- Bohemian National Cemetery: sincere thanks given for the strong showing at the Memorial Day service. Some upcoming events include: Aug 16 at 1:30pm: Pavlina will speak about a historic cemetery in Prague; July 12 will be a picnic to recognize funds raised to commemorate the Eastland disaster monument; the return of the fall gala.
- Central District: attendance continues to be inadequate at meetings. Quorum is rarely made to make decisions.
- Czech American Congress: Lidice-Sunday June 7, the event will be held in Crest Hill.
- Audit Committee: no updates from May. All money is accounted for and the taxes have been filed.
- Finance Committee: nothing to report.

Executive Board Officer Reports: (Refer to annual meeting packet for full reports, only highlights are listed here)

- Bylaws Director: Amendments were submitted (Bro. Wilt) and the director approves of them, encouraging unit to do the same and pass them.
- Education director: \$422 in profit for the Czech language classes this year. \$122 for the film nights.
- Info Tech Director: NO REPORT
- PR/Marketing Director: NO REPORT (Vacancy)
- BMC Director: Refer to report attached on website. Discussion from Unit: Bro. P. Lebloch commends the BMC for their efforts to maintain our building.
- BOI Directors: Accomplishments this year: expanded programming in SPIN and Baby & Me, as well as wheels. Unit members in attendance suggested to try to start a basic soccer program. This might be better in the fall and spring rather than summer.
- Membership Director: ASO is looking to create more digital opportunities to maintain accurate rosters.
- Financial Secretary: Goals for next year include connecting with and keeping better records of membership. We have 2 recently initiated members! In 2014-2015 the Exec Board did not have to pay their membership dues, and the unit needs to decide if they will do this again for next year.
- Treasurer: The Edward Jones Investment account is worth ~\$480,000. In the last year we have taken ~\$28,000 from it.
- Secretary: picking up some marketing duties in the vacancy.
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: The officers stated they need more clarification on their specific roles. Discussion from Unit: the by-laws do delegate and explain the roles of these positions, it was suggested that these officers start there.
- President: Happy to see expansion of programs and success of new ones like the World Beer Club. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cruise was a great success and many thanks given to those who made it happen. Next year, our President wants us to be a guiding force in the upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> celebration weekend. Spirit should be proud that we have created a wide range of activities and classes to attract many different kinds of community members. Finally0a

call for volunteers was made to assist with the instructor's school!! Discussion from Unit: all are welcome to attend the competitions and graduation for instructor's school.

#### By-law proposals:

- Bro. Wilt reviewed and read through the proposals that were provided in the annual meeting packet.
- Term limit proposals:
  - Bro. Wilt moves to approve item #1 and #2. Bro. B. Babka seconds the motion. Discussion from unit: Bro. Zitny asked about other units' success with term limits. Clarification regarding the proposal was given. Motion carried by majority vote.
- Unit Officer Changes:
  - Bro. Wilt moves to approve the change to the President's role in voting. Bro. Shrofe seconds the motion. *Motion carried by majority vote.*
  - Bro. Wilt moves to approve the physical director title change. Sis. L. Wilt seconds the motion. Discussion from unit: Unit states that it is sad we cannot fill this position. Despite mimicking the national level-the physical director of the unit takes on so much, it is hard to approach people to do it alone. There might be people very hesitant to take this position on alone. The scope of the job is different compared to the national director. Our gym is very different. The idea of this change helps support the co-ed nature of the new programs and creates a point person. Sis. Tooke calls the question. *Motion is NOT carried, 12 affirmative votes and 13 negative votes.*
  - Bro. Wilt moves to reduce the size of the committee and restructure the officers. Bro. Bazata seconds the motion. *Motion carried by majority vote.*
  - Bro. Wilt moves to eliminate the required written version of by-law change proposals and use only electronic and newsletter to communicate these. Bro. Bazata seconds the motion. Discussion from Unit: this could help people come to the previous meeting before annual. *Motion carried by majority vote.*
- Unit Reserve Fund:
  - Bro. Wilt motioned to approve discussion of this topic to be held at unit meeting rather than a special separate meeting. Bro. Bazata seconds the motion. Discussion from Unit: monthly membership meeting attendance is too low for such major decisions to be made there; Edward Jones reserve fund should be replenished if we take from it; since attendance is low-how can we count on members to show for a special additional meeting; we should be able to take as much funding as needed as long as the value doesn't dip below \$450,000. *Motion was carried by majority vote.*
- Annual Meeting:
  - Bro. Wilt moves to establish that the Spirit annual meeting always be the first Wednesday of June and no mailing will be needed to be sent out unless the date changes. Bro. Lacina seconds the motion. *Motion carried by majority vote.*

#### Salaries/Remuneration of Officers:

- Bro. Barcal moves to increase the remuneration for the physical director to cover both positions from this past year. Bro. Wilt seconds the motion. Discussion from Unit: current practice already accounts for this. Motion withdrawn.
- Sis. Tooke moves that membership dues be paid for the Executive Board members as remunerations(President, 1 VP, 2VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Membership, IT, PR/Marketing, Educational, By-laws, Women's BOI director, Men's BOI Director, BMC Director). Sis. E. Babka seconds the motion. *Motion carried by majority vote.*
- Report of Nominating Committee:

The current slate for Executive Board(found in Annual Meeting packet) was read by Bro. Wilt and followed by a call for further nominations for the position of Women's Physical Director. None were presented. Bro. Wilt read the

endorsement of the executive directors followed by a call for further nominations, none were presented. Bro. Wilt moves to have the secretary cast a unanimous ballot to approve the slate as presented. The motion is seconded (by whom, is not clear) and the unit approved unanimously. Bro. Wilt read the committee slate and moves to approve. Committee vacancies: historian, unit meeting hostess and flag monitor. Angelica Jewett has been removed from audit committee due to not being an initiated member. Bro. Jim Hedderman will fill the vacancy on the BMC. Committee slate and changes approved by unit. Bro. Wilt read the delegate slate. Volunteers and nominations were called for the openings. None heard. Motion carried by unit to approve delegates.

Installation of Officers: Bro. Wilt presided over the installation of Executive Officers.

New Business:

- Sis. Tooke moves to purchase a commemorative plaque for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Sis. Shrofe seconds the motion. Discussion from Unit: the membership hasn't seen what the plaque actually looks like; do we find its design appropriate? *Motion carried by majority vote.*
- Sis. E. Babka moves to approve the Executive Board to conduct all summer business in the off months. Sis. Tooke seconds the motion. *Motion carried by majority vote.*

Unfinished Business:

- The website could use some updated photos to kick off the new Sokol year. Please send these in!

For the Good of the Order:

- The next unit meeting is Wednesday September 2.
- 2016 annual meeting is Wednesday June 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Croft-Secretary