



Sokol Spirit Membership Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2023

Meeting called to order by Sis. Kathy Barcal, President, at 7:35pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of February 2023 Minutes – Bro. Frank Tudisco motioned, Sis. Dorothy Becker second, approved

Correspondence: We received a thank you note from Brookfield Chamber of Commerce for hosting event at Spirit Thursday, January 12. We received a thank you letter from Holy Guardian Angels Parish for food pantry donations. A new book, *Czech Immigrants and Sokol Movement* by Robert Tomanek, and order form was passed around. Sis. Wendy Sanders brought in an old ad featuring a grocery store that used to be on Spirit property. Date of ad is unknown.

Approval of Bills (Excluding bills included in later reports): Bro. Bob Barcal requests reimbursement: \$119.77 for three cases of beer for WBC, \$219.99 for updated router. Sis. Dorothy Becker motioned, Sis. Alix Fron second, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Sis. Jenn Baran (absent).

General operating account:

Beginning balance	\$23,666.80
Ending balance	\$23,646.97
Difference	(\$19.83)

Memorial Fund:

Beginning balance	\$16,826.64
Ending balance	\$16,956.64
Difference	\$130.00

February has not yet been reconciled. No progress made on closing junior accounts but it will be done and the initial transfer will be recorded. Bulldog Mechanical was paid \$2,674 during the month for work dating back to 2021. We should be current on all payments as of 2/15/2023. Sis. Vera Wilt motioned, Sis. Carol Shrofe second, approved.

Building Management Director Report: Bro. Mark Shrofe (absent). Sis. Kathy Barcal presented the report. BMC has a "To Do List" that we are working on for the building.

A meeting has been scheduled to review roof repair proposals.

We have been getting non-member hall rental inquiries. For these rentals, beer is allowed but no bottles. Rentals will be \$1,200 + \$400 refundable deposit, plus security personnel. Junior Bulldog fundraiser rental will be this weekend.

Bench and pull-up bar were fixed.

The radiators are being monitored.

An energy audit will assist in identifying energy wasters around the hall. Utilities bills have been very high recently.

Board of Instructors Director's Report – Sis. Alix Fron presented.

T-shirts were ordered for new participants - \$308: 22 shirts x \$14 each

Competition leotards will be ordered. Participants will pay the leotard cost (\$34 or \$36). Can the unit cover the cost of taxes/shipping and the Square fees? Motioned (did not record who), Sis. Cassie Croft seconded, approved.

Need to order new small cones. The ones we have been using belong to Tabor. 20-pack multicolor for \$24.99

Also will order a rubber mat for under the bars. Trying to find one that is the correct length.

CD Gymnastics Competition 3/18 at Lodge 306. Doors open 9am, meet starts at 10am. So far 20 participants from Spirit are registered. Volunteers needed.

Spring Break - 3/27-3/31

Family Fun Fair on 4/22 - If anyone has ideas/rental companies/talents to share please let me know.

Looking to start a Pound or Strong Class on Saturdays - Maggie the instructor has 4 ladies from outside of Sokol that might be interested. Pound - 9:30am Saturdays 6 or 8 weeks.

CD Shamrockin' and Rollin' Gymnastics Competitions 5/20. Sis. Barcal will ask for a live doc for competitor sign-up (not Excel spreadsheet currently used).

We will do mini-shows the week of 5/22-5/25 within classes. Extended families can come to see a showcase of what participants learned in the class this session. Will start at each class's normal class time and probably end earlier than a normal class would. Families can come downstairs for a refreshment afterwards (popsicle, ice cream, etc.)

Gym floor repair is scheduled for June 15.

Executive Board Reports & Upcoming Events

Financial Secretary: Sis. Dorothy Becker. Only a few members have outstanding dues.

Membership: Bro. Howie Maskill. Two new members were to be initiated today but they were unable to attend at the last minute. He will coordinate Spirit Bucks for inclusion in March SpiritNews. Looking at the calendar for last weekend of March for family bowling event but may need to push it back. Membership brunch scheduled for April 30.

Bylaws: Bro. Adam Wilt. Two Lies and a Truth. Truth: Each unit shall have 2 representatives to the district.

PR/Marketing: Looking for Sokol swag ideas.

Newsletter: The plan is for the next newsletter to hit mailboxes mid-March

Events:

Trivia Night: held February 25. Bro. Adam Wilt reports the only expense was for winners' T-shirts. \$1312.67. Thank you to Bro. Dave Kakareka, Sis. Cassie Croft and Sis. Alix Fron for their help with grading papers, and Sis. Kathy Barcal, Bro. Bob Barcal and women's class for help with set up.

WBC: Sis. Cassie Croft: Requesting volunteers to bring corned beef for March WBC (March 17, 8pm)

Superbowl squares: Bro. Howie Maskill. \$980 profit for this fundraiser. Thank you, Howie!

Other Reports/Updates

Czech Films: next event scheduled for Friday, March 17 at 7pm

Delegate Announcements

Central District: Benefit day at Portillo's: April 1. Cdsokol.com lists all Central District events.

Bohemian National Cemetery: no report

Tabor Hills: Sis. Keg Rocush. Delegate luncheon scheduled for April. Tabor Hills is doing well.

Czech American Congress: Bro. Adam Wilt. Officers met in February to discuss possible picnic. There was not much interest so they are working on finding a venue or plan another activity. They are also considering if there is a 'need' for CAC. There is an interest in the CAC calendar but a club is not needed to do that. This organization started in 1976; Bro. Wilt appreciates any feedback.

Moravian Cultural Society: none

Brookfield Chamber of Commerce: none

New Business - Sis. Cassie Croft asked how many times Spirit should get a booth/table at the Brookfield Farmer's Market for Summer 2023. We will be represented 6 times, \$20/day.

Audit Committee will likely be meeting in May.

Send photos, captions and articles to spiritnews@hotmail.com.

Central District insurance update – Looking for group discount for Illinois gyms. Insurance is up for renewal in November.

Unfinished Business – A discussion of softball sponsorship will be added to the April meeting agenda. Usually \$300.

News around the unit – Bro. Tom Zeman asked about a bus to Lidice on June 11. Sis. Vera Wilt said there will be no bus but maybe a carpool can be arranged.

He also announced that March 2 marks 199th years since the birth of Bedřich Smetana, Czech composer of Vyšehrad, the first of six symphonic poems in the cycle Ma Vlast (My Fatherhood).

And the Prague Committee for Sister Cities will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the birth of Anton J. Cermak at the Chicago Cultural Center on May 9, 2023. Cermak, who started the Chicago Democratic Machine, took a bullet for FDR and died as a result. He is buried at BNC.

For the good of the order - Bro Adam Wilt announced that March is Best Buddies Month and encouraged spreading the word about Inclusion Day (March 1). Remember to include people with disabilities in activities. Although the overall unemployment rate in the United States is rarely at 10%, the unemployment rate for people with disabilities hovers around 81% always.

Next Meeting – April 5, 2023

- Monthly meeting social begins at 7 p.m.
- Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment by Sis. Kathy Barcal at 8:38pm

Respectfully submitted by Sis. Kathe Heetel – Secretary

