



## Sokol Spirit Membership Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2023

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of March 2023 Minutes** – Sis. Dorothy Becker motioned, Sis. Alix Fron second, approved with corrections.

**Correspondence:** Brookfield Chamber of Commerce event invitation: Street Dance June 10, 7-9 pm.  
Sokol Spirit members will sign up for a shift to work at a beer tent and wear Sokol Spirit gear.

**Approval of Bills (Excluding bills included in later reports):** Reimbursement requested:

Bro. Mark Shrofe: garbage bags \$198.88

Bro. Howie Maskill: cardstock \$27.44, stamps \$88.20, new membership pins \$358.00

Sis. Alix Fron: Fun Fair prizes \$96.73

**Treasurer's Report:** Submitted by Sis. Jenn Baran (absent). Bro. John Bazata motioned, Bro Bob Barcal second, approved.

General operating account:

Beginning balance	\$26,379.86
Ending balance	\$25,068.85
Difference	(\$1311.01)

Memorial Fund:

Beginning balance	\$16,956.64
Ending balance	\$17,006.64
Difference	\$50.00

March has been reconciled. No progress has been made in closing Junior accounts but it will be done and the initial transfer will be recorded.

**Building Management Director Report:** Submitted by Bro. Mark Shrofe (absent)

- BMC is currently working on a solution for the roof repairs. We have four quotes from roofing companies.
- We are currently running on one boiler. The part alone costs \$750 to get the other one running. Also, we are looking to get testing done on the system and try to stop the leaks, and we are going to have to spend some money on flushing maintenance on the boilers.
- We are having the gym floor done in June.
- S.E. Gross Middle School is holding their Trivia Night April 15 at the building.

**Board of Instructors Director's Report:** Submitted by Sis. Alix Fron

- POUND (9:15am) and STRONG (10am) classes on Saturdays 3/25 - 4/15. 2 signed up, 2 to 3 drop-in per class. STRONG is a high intensity training class.
- CD March Shamrock Competition held 3/18. 16 girls and 5 boys competed from Spirit.
- Spring American Sokol Youth Stretch event will be held Tuesday 4/11. Email sent to families. Will be held during boys class – others can do from home.
- Fun Fair 4/22 4 to 6pm at Spirit. Balloon artist and face painter lined up (\$225 and \$180 respectively). Looking for volunteers to sign up – free admission if parents volunteer. Fun Fair will feature games (rented from Kevin Kozelka), food, dessert, and open bar. Prizes and photo booth

props were purchased. Food needs to be purchased: hot dogs, popcorn, pretzels, cotton candy, popsicles(?) We also need to stock the bar. We are hoping for parents to volunteer.

- CD Competition 5/20 @ Naperville Central High School. Boys' session 1st and 1 or 2 girls' sessions following. Volunteers needed.
- Will have an extra practice for competitors on 5/19 at Spirit.
- Sokol Day will be held 5/21 in the afternoon. Location TBA.
- Spirit will need a Girls coach and maybe Director for next year.

Bro. John Bazata motioned, Sis. Dorothy Becker second, approved.

### **Executive Board Reports & Upcoming Events**

Financial Secretary: Sis. Dorothy Becker. Youth membership is due. We have 88 youth members at Sokol Spirit. ASO membership and CD membership due in April - 52 new women and 7 new men, but we lost 31 women and 6 men. Total is 270 members. Everyone is up to date with dues.

Membership: Bro. Howie Maskill. At this meeting we initiated new member Sis. Sarah Heth. Membership brunch April 30. The mailing went out, certificates are done, and pins are purchased.

Bylaws: Bro. Adam Wilt. Two lies and a truth. Truth: Nominating committee must have up to 4 members. Nominating committee must be selected in April meeting.

PR/Marketing: Sis. Kathy Barcal will provide some ideas to Sis. Kempson.

Newsletter: Scheduled to arrive in mailboxes in mid-April. .

Events:

Family fun fair and Membership Brunch. Czech films and World Beer Club.

Brookfield Farmer's Market: Sis. Cassie Croft was absent but sent a report, confirming the dates with the Farmer's Market committee. The check has been mailed and insurance confirmed. We have the Spirit booth at the market on the following dates: June 17, July 15 and 29, August 5 and 19, and September 9. We will be looking for volunteers via Sign Up Genius in May. Looking for Wheels and BOI members to talk about classes.

### **Other Reports/Updates**

Czech Films: next event Friday, April 21 at 7pm.

### **Delegate Announcements**

CD: Bro. Howie Maskill. Sokol Day Awards picnic will be held on May 21. Portillo's fundraiser was today.

Bohemian National Cemetery: Sis. Angie Bultas. No more Memorial Day parade or buses. Anton Cermak was the first Czech mayor of Chicago. Cook County hospital was Czechoslovak Cook County hospital before it was renamed. Cermak would have been 150 years old on May 9. He's buried at BNC. May 6 @ TG Masaryk – 11am ceremony at BNC. May 9: Sister Cities will have a celebration at BNC. City of Chicago is taking over the invitations. Chicago Cultural center – invite only event May 9. Let Bro. Wilt know if you are interested in attending.

Tabor Hills: Sis. Angie Bultas. Doing well. Fantastic place.

Czech American Congress: meeting tomorrow. No picnic anymore; planning June 12 Lidice celebration in Crest Hill. Clean up the park day in May. Speaker for event: historian from Czech Republic will talk about Lidice.

Moravian Cultural Society: no report

Brookfield Chamber of Commerce: no report

**New Business** – Nominating committee is looking for volunteers. Meets late April to confirm who is staying in their role and then contact potential people for open slots. Bro. Wilt, Sis. Barcal, Bro. Maskill and Sis. Heth volunteered to be on that committee at the meeting.

Bro. Maskill asked if the unit could buy firesticks at the cost of about \$30 each to televise events. The unit could buy one firestick for the building. Bro. John Bazata motioned to approve. Bro. Wilt amended the motion to include 2 firesticks so they are set up and don't need to be undone. Motion approved.

Sis. Vera Wilt is looking to change up Czech classes as we currently hold them. Looking to reconfigure – maybe offer smaller groups. Different topics may be discussed. She is also soliciting for topic ideas.

**Unfinished Business** – Discussion about reimbursement for students who go to instructor school. CD would pay for 25%. Spirit would pay for 50% of early bird tuition if the student comes back to teach/assist. Bro. John Bazata motioned, Bro. Howie Maskill second. Approved.

Status of Falcon Key Club. Some donations received but no report of the recognitions.

**News around the unit** – none

**For the good of the order** - none

Next Meeting – May 3, 2023

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

**Adjournment by Sis. Kathy Barcal at 8:57pm**

Respectfully submitted by Sis. Kathe Heetel – Secretary

