



Unit Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2025

Meeting called to order by Sis. Cassie Croft, 1st Vice President, at 7:34 p.m. and Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting minutes approvals:

March 2025 Unit meeting minutes: Bro. John Bazata motioned to approve, Sis. Jenn Baran seconded. Approved.

Correspondence: Donation to participate in Reverse raffle event April 12th for Sokol Ceska Sin in Ohio. Motion to donate \$50 by Bro. Howie Maskill, Sis. Lauren Wilt seconded. Approved.

Presentation of Bills: Presented in BMC report for furnace expenses.

Treasurer's Report: Provided by Sis. Jenn Baran

General operating account:

Beginning balance	\$ 16,834.29
Income	\$ 4,684.68
Expenses	\$ (10,817.46)
Ending balance	\$ 10,651.51
Loss since March meeting	\$ (6,182.78)

Memorial Fund: \$ 5,147.95 (no change)

ADA Fund:

Beginning balance	\$ 3,036.71
Income	\$ 50.00
Ending balance	\$ 3,086.71

\$50 was removed from ADA fund. Sis. Baran reports she will review the money in the CD account in June as it rolled over. Transfer from Memorial Fund to checking account to pay for CPR training. How should this be paid? This training occurs every 2-3 years. Memorial Fund is used for equipment. We will use this fund to cover training. Sis. Vera Wilt motioned to transfer funds from Memorial Fund to checking to pay for CPR training, second by Sis. Meribeth Tooke, approved. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Sis. Tooke, seconded by Bro. Bazata. Approved.

Building Management Director's Report: Provided by Bro. Adam Wilt

Last meeting was held on March 27, 2025

Plan to meet with Jack (hockey rentals) after April meeting to discuss future building use and rates. Would like to research and discuss costs for floor upkeep and possible fee to support these costs. Also asking to restrict wood sticks on our floor.

Unfinished Business

o Boiler Updates/Approvals

- Had a leak - Heat Engineering fixed zone valve and installation for \$812.
- Bulldog submitted a bill to Sis. Peggy Gilbert-Ulrich in February 2025 from 2024 for 2 steam trap replacements for \$1,585. Sis. Gilbert-Ulrich will submit receipts to the Treasurer.

- o American Sokol Grants were awarded. Spirit received
 - \$1,489 for a new range (includes removal of old range and installation of the new one), and
 - \$2,113 for roof repairs.

Range may take a while to arrive so we may need to move on this sooner rather than later before the Slet. Seeking to move money now, \$10K to cover the over now. Notify members for the May meeting to advise we will be doing this and the topic will be revisited.

Status Updates

- Parking Lot - Discussed and exploring adding more lighting to the parking lot
- Basement Sound System - Seeking bids
- Exploring fix for Water Pumps/Flood Control - Vendors providing quotes
- Received a quote to repaint and refinish the gym floor for \$14,595. Committee plans to defer this until 2026.

New Business

- o Lift in back to become handicap accessible will cost \$20K – \$30K
- o Suggestion for Sokol Spirit to re-apply for Sales Tax Exemption

Next BMC meeting will be Thursday, April 24. Motion to approve by Sis. Lauren Wilt, Sis. Baran seconded. Approved.

Board of Instructors Director's Report: Presented by Sis. Lauren Wilt

- Shamrock and Roll: Spirit had 10 participants. Boys came in 2nd and 3rd which was a good showing. We will need to speak with Central District on choosing another weekend due to low turnout.
- CPR training occurred on March 22nd.
- Program is in order for the Spring Show on April 12. Senior Cal, all class Cal, Tot's Cal will all be performed.
 - o Basket raffles are encouraged for the event. Any donations are welcome.
 - o Practice will be held a few hours before the start of the show.
 - o Signup Genius is being used for the Spring Show.
 - o Someone is needed for ticket sales. Signup Genius will be left as-is.
- All Around Competition May 17 at Naperville Central HS.
- Sokol Day May 18 at the park. We will have tents and BBQ and encourage parents to attend.
- Pet Parade May 31. Sokol Spirit will be signing up for it.
- June Slet. Classes will be extended for those to participate. Slet registration, we have the Sokol Spirit gym sign up. There will be a consolidated form and will be sent from Sis. Lauren Wilt by next week. This will ensure everyone has a chance to participate. Reviewing this form as it could become complicated, and fees might be too high. Sis. Lauren Wilt and Sis. Kathy Barcal will touch base on how to best execute to sign up and pay, specifically parents. Coordinating it through the unit is something we want to do. Once we iron out the process we will share with other units.

Motion to approve by Bro. Bazata, Sis. Tooke seconded. Approved.

Executive Board Reports & Upcoming Events:

- Financial Secretary: Sis. Dorothy Becker

All the members haven't been entered into the ASO database for 1st quarter and we will be receiving an invoice for our dues, which will probably be around \$11,000. We have 239 voting members, 8 dual members, and 1 non-voting member, which means he belongs to several units. We also have to pay \$130 to the ASO youth membership for 13 new youth members due

April 15. Our dues/fees meeting to discuss finances is set for April 23 via zoom so hopefully we will have some suggestions for changes in the dues structure.

- Membership Director: Bro. Howie Maskill. No report.
- Education Director: Sis. Vera Wilt
Next Czech class starts next Monday. Registration went smoothly. April session, May-June combination 6-week and then summer break. There was one private lesson, too, and a monthly Zoom social chat..
- Bylaws Director: Bro. Adam Wilt
Email will suffice for special meeting in May for this oven issue. Separate email will be sent, Adam has template too. Reaching out to Sis. Gilbert-Ulrich to get this oven since it isn't special item it should be in stock. Also, send out annual meeting notice as well with this one.
- Newsletter: Sis. Kathe Heetel: She will be doing June newsletter.
- PR/Marketing: No report.
- Events:
 - Spring show after party April 12. We are low on volunteers and we need folks to sign up. We will have Juniors take over the raffle basket sales. We need someone for the first shift cashier and bar shifts. Someone needs to reach out to Bro. Mark Shrofe about White Claws and kegs for the party. Plastic Torch tip jar will be used for this event. Sis. Baran will get the banks for the events. Sis. Croft and Sis. Carol Shrofe will finalize food. Hot dogs will be available for kids, Czech food for adults.
 - They will review how many hot dogs will be needed for Sokol Day.
 - April WBC will be run by Sis. Carolyn Morriss and friends.
 - Friday Film nights will be held in April and May.

Delegate Announcements:

Central District: Sis. Lauren Wilt will provide updates about May 17th competitions in Naperville.

Bohemian National Cemetery:

- Has landmark status and will be protected.
- Is facing issues of not selling plots since individuals would rather not be buried in a traditional way. Those of Arabic and Hispanic background are the ones being buried at BNC recently.

Tabor Hills: A \$2M donation was made to Tabor Hills by Wayne Wolf.

New Business:

- Bro. Adam Wilt is taking the lead on planning the memorial event for Bro. Lebloch. He is having a meeting tomorrow with UMS and CCACC. Celebration of Life is scheduled for May 17 at Spirit. It will be held as an Open House, potluck style. Volunteers will be needed for food and bar and to provide items to display, digital photos and notes to share. There will be a small service and people will be given an opportunity to say a few words. UMS singers will be singing some of Paul's favorite songs. 4pm-11pm. Bro. Wilt will work on a sign-up list for volunteers.
- Sales taxes: Bro. Wilt: Suggestion for Sokol Spirit to re-apply for Sales Tax Exemption.
- 2025-2026 Budget: An April 23rd Budget and Finance meeting has been scheduled.
- 2025-2026 Calendar needs to be created.
- Golf Outing: Continue to have one annually in August. Bro. Frank Tudisco will be asked to lead it again, maybe to be held in late August or September.

Unfinished business:

Sokol Award Program: Spirit wishes to nominate Bro. Paul Lebloch and Sis. Meribeth Tooke. A Google doc will be created for people to add their thoughts and then someone will finalize them. Sis. Shrofe will also help and talk to Bro. Kuloucek to compile thoughts. Discussed other nominees like Sis. Ellie Babka and Bro. Bernie Babka, Bro. Roy Zitny and Bro. Fred Kala, too. Vote to have Sis. Meribeth Tooke, Bro. Paul Lebloch, and add Sis. Ellie Babka and Bro. Bernie Babka to the T.G. Masaryk write-up for awards presented for this year's Slet. Motion by Sis. Baran, Sis. Vera Wilt seconded. Approved.

For the good of the order:

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 7:30pm. Bring snacks for 7pm social.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sis. Sarah Heth, substitute for Sis. Kathe Heetel, Secretary