



Unit Meeting Minutes – November 5, 2025

Meeting called to order by Sis. Kathy Barcal, President, at 7:37 p.m. and Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting minutes approvals:

October 2025 Unit meeting minutes: Bro. John Bazata motioned to approve, Sis. Vera Wilt second. Approved.

Correspondence:

Troop 90 (Brookfield, LaGrange Park) is soliciting for a \$35 business card ad for their Nov 22 pancake breakfast placemat. An ad to advertise our pancake breakfast will be created and sent. Motion to give \$35 Troop 90 by Bro. Bazata, second by Sis. Vera Wilt. Approved.

Presentation of Bills:

Presented by Sis. Kathe Heetel: \$97.20 for printing costs for October Spirit News. Sis. Cassie Croft motioned to approve reimbursement, Sis. Lauren Wilt second. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Provided by Sis. Jenn Baran

General operating account:

Beginning balance	\$ 24,392.67
Income	\$ 13,288.01
Expenses	<u>\$ (6,656.69)</u>
Ending balance	\$ 31,023.99
Gain since Oct meeting	\$ 6,631.32

Memorial Fund:

Beginning & ending balance \$ 3,254.60 (no change)

ADA Fund:

Beginning & ending balance \$ 3,136.71 (no change)

Note: October is not fully reconciled but should be materially close.

\$500 move from the Memorial Fund to the general checking account to cover bills. Transfer has still not been done to put the money back in the general checking account. This was not completed in October but will be completed in November along with the ~\$1,800 that was purchased for mats for this year.

We have begun receiving payments from the Slet events which is helping the cash balance.

Insurance bills were paid within the first couple days of November totaling \$15,028. I have included those in November numbers for reference.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Sis. Vera Wilt, Sis. Carol Shrofe second. Approved.

Bro. Dave Kakareka gave a brief report about insurance, saying that November 1 is when insurance is renewed. 2 of the 5 policies we have are on 3-year pricing holds. Insurance was negotiated and the bill was lowered overall by \$200. Sokol Spirit is now covered for the next 12 months.

Building Management Director's Report: Provided by Sis. Kathy Barcal and Bro. Adam Wilt

- Rentals
 - New lead: Sis. Kathy Barcal will be the new lead for building rentals.

- Revised rental pricing (now includes ice):
 - Group Rentals: \$600
 - Sokol Spirit Member Rentals: \$200 (+\$100 non-refundable deposit)
 - Non-Sokol Spirit Member Rentals: \$300 (+\$100 non-refundable deposit)
 - Creative Arts: \$10/person
 - Hockey: \$400/day (proposed \$450 starting January 2027-December 2027)
 - Miners: \$200/month
 - MCS: \$50/month
 - Non-Member Event Rentals – limited basis:\$400 deposit, refundable at Spirit's discretion. \$1,500 rental fee for 6 hours (plus 1 hour set up and 1 hour clean up). Clean up fee: \$100/hour (more than one hour taken from deposit), On-site people \$100 for the night. Renter provides security and proof of insurance.
 - Parking Lot for members: Truck parking - \$80/month, one night/week
 - Tap: \$50
- Building matters
 - Boiler – only 1 boiler current working (we have 2). Planning to renew our service contract expiring on 12/3/2025 with one free service call. Bro. Mark Shrofe is scheduling a service call.
 - Hockey – Bro. Shrofe is checking with Jack if he received the pad to go under the floor. BMC recommends the use of new flooring should start in Spring. Bro. Shrofe will take the lead with Jack on communication.
 - BMC rate for hockey:
 - \$400 per week to continue until Dec 2026 (with floor padding)
 - Rate to increase to \$450 in 2027.
 - Closet door on 3rd floor: Completion and ladder. Sis. Barcal is checking with Bro. Eric Kostecki to finish. Need doorknob, light and ladder. Bro. Barcal will check on ladder.
 - Building Power/Electric projects pending (Bro. Shrofe will complete in near future):
 - Parking lot lights.
 - Outlets in the gym.
 - Lighting in the closet.
 - Skylight: Bro. Kevin Rutkowski caulked and resealed it.
 - BMC management:
 - Bro. Rutkowski will begin leading BMC email account and text communication in addition to recording meeting minutes.
 - Bro. Wilt will resume as BMC Chair including presiding over meetings and report to the Unit
 - Vacant roles: seeking volunteers to join BMC.
 - Winter clean up: BMC would like to organize a clean up in the winter (early 2026)

Board of Instructors Director's Report: Presented by Sis. Lauren Wilt (from meeting Oct 22)

Bills and Correspondence

- Suzy Mazgay and Eddie Zempich – USAG/Safesport certification
- Tricia Rini – bought Halloween bags for \$28.58

New Business

- Certification – reminder that all coaches are required to get certified USAG/Safesport. This will be enforced at the CD level for meets. Please send proof to Tricia and Lauren. Costs will be reimbursed by Jenn.
- Track and Field – Scores are due on October 30. We did have 10 kids from boys/girls/tots classes show up on October 17 for a fun event filled evening! Families then stayed for Beer Club. Shout out to Coaches Kaitlyn and Eddie for coming out to help!
- Halloween Parties – held the week of Halloween during class. Candy was sorted by the Juniors prior.
- Trim a Tree – Brookfield Zoo on November 9, meeting at 11am at the zoo. We will have treats for kids and families. Ornaments will be decorated during class prior.

- Turkey Trot meet – registration due on November 4. Please keep pushing sign up in classes. Google form has been sent out to parents.
- Winter Show – December 19. Please start working on your routines for performance. Santa has been booked. We will have the following snacks for the kids; candy canes, cookies, chips, and hot cocoa.
- Spring – we are looking to have the Fun Fair on March 7 in the late afternoon. Additionally, we tentatively would like to plan a women's volleyball tournament in May.

Dates

- Central District Annual Meeting - November 2, 2025
- Spaghetti Dinner - November 8, 2025
- Brookfield Zoo Tree Trim - November 9, 2025
- Craft & Vendor Fair- November 15, 2025
- Turkey Time Competition - November 15, 2025
- No Classes/Thanksgiving Week - November 24 - 30, 2025
- Winter Show - December 19, 2025
- No Classes/Winter Break - December 21, 2025 - January 12, 2026
- Pancake Breakfast and Flapjack Open Volleyball Tournament - January 25, 2026
- Trivia Night - February 21, 2026
- Sham Rock n Rolling Competition - March 21, 2026
- CD All-Around Competition - May 16, 2026
- Sokol Day - May 17, 2026
- La Grange Pet Parade - May 30, 2026

Executive Board reports & Upcoming Events:

Financial Secretary: Sis. Becker submitted a report that she submitted the ASO and Central District 3rd quarter reports. We owe the ASO \$245 for 14 new members and the Central District \$331.25 for our 257 voting and 8 dual members.

Membership: Bro. Howie Maskill. No report.

Education: Sis. Vera Wilt reports "Houby Talk" event held October 29 drew about 25 people. It was a great presentation which included food dishes with mushrooms yielded \$149. Sis. Wilt is also planning an event featuring Czech party foods and asked for input about a date. It may be held on Thursday, December 18.

PR/Marketing: Sis. Fron purchased a 1-week Facebook ad to feature Spaghetti Dinner (\$12) and a 2-week Facebook ad to feature the Vendor/Craft Fair (\$24). She will also be working on a business card ad for the Troop 90 pancake breakfast to promote our pancake breakfast in January.

Newsletter: Bro. Howie Maskill is asking for content (articles, photos, captions, events) for December 2025 Spirit News by November 21.

Beer Club: The November WBC will be hosted by Sis. Carolyn Morriss and friends. December will be hosted by Spirit's adult classes.

Bylaws: Bro. Wilt discussed Sokol Spirit's proposal to American Sokol By-Laws for the 2026 convention. Proposed change is with regard to dual membership. In summary, voting member rights are allowed in each unit, the corresponding district and at the American Sokol level. A discussion followed and more information is forthcoming.

Other updates: The Share Food Share Love event will be held at Spirit on January 31 from 7pm-9pm. Wreath Sale orders are due November 12.

Delegate announcements:

- Central District meeting held November 2:
 - This year's President's Awards were presented to two Spirit members: Sis. Cassie Croft and Bro. Mark Shrofe. Bro. Ken Fron Jr also tied for the men's award.
 - Sis. Linda Filipello was voted in as Central District President, Bro. Joe Bajek voted in as Men's Physical Director. Sis. Barcal will serve as 2nd Vice President.
- Bohemian National Cemetery: N/A but determined at CD meeting that delegates are no longer needed.
- Tabor Hills: N/A

New Business:

- Troop 90 Placemat ad (discussed in Correspondence)
- The Convention will be held in Minneapolis, MN, June 12-14, 2026. There will be a bus provided to those who wish to travel by bus. Non-delegates can also ride. Bro. Wilt asked us to consider re-proposing dual membership voting rules as bylaw changes, and will send travel information to delegates and substitutes.

For the good of the order:

Please sign up to help with Spaghetti Dinner and Vendor Fair

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, December 3, 2025. Social at 7pm, meeting at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sis. Kathe Heetel, Secretary

