



Unit Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2026

Meeting called to order by Sis. Kathy Barcal, President, at 7:36p.m. and Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting minutes approvals:

March 2026 Unit meeting minutes: Sis. Lauren Wilt motioned to approve as recorded, Bro. John Bazata second. Approved.

Correspondence:

- Riverside Township Health & Wellness Fair will be held Sat, August 29, 2026 from 10am-noon. The event is free. Spirit will set up a booth. Recruitment for volunteers will take place later this summer.
- The Brookfield Chamber of Commerce (BCC) solicited for \$150 for brand visibility at BCC events. No motion was made to participate in this initiative.
- American Sokol resource drive houses important documents from BOI and National BOI.

Presentation of Bills:

\$90.30 for printing of March 2026 SpiritNews newsletters - Sis. Kathe Heetel
Bro. John Bazata made a motion for reimbursement, second by Sis. Carol Shrofe. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Provided by Sis. Jenn Rutkowski

General operating account:

Beginning balance	\$ 17,724.37
Income	\$ 8,722.48
Expenses	\$ <u>(8,529.97)</u>
Ending balance	\$ 17,916.88
Gain since March meeting	\$ 192.51

Memorial Fund:

Beginning balance	\$ 5,278.16
Income	\$ <u>267.80</u>
Ending balance	\$ 5,545.96

ADA Fund:

Beginning & ending balance	\$ 3,211.71
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Notes: Sis. Rutkowski hopes to reconcile all fundraisers for presentation at the 2026 Annual meeting.

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

Building Management Director's Report: Presented by Bro. Adam Wilt – meeting held March 26

New Rentals

- Siberian Dance Group on Fridays 6:30-9:30pm – Proposed \$60/hour
- July 25th Rental in Basement – Alex God Daughter Graduation Party

Projects & Maintenance

- Boiler
 - Thermostat – Bro. Mark Shrofe to get new thermostat for Office Upstairs. Boiler is currently working with the thermostat in office turned off. Potential Valve to fix was quoted by Bull Dog to replace. This way we can switch between heat and air.

- **Seeking Unit Approval of Quote**
 - Heat Engineering - \$41,980 (one boiler) + \$11,598 (pumping station) = \$52,578
 - Numerous attempts have been made to get other quotes, but no luck in getting one. The BMC recommends we proceed with the bid from Heat.
 - BMC is asking Heat Engineering about having our water tested and how to keep pipes from corroding.
 - Seeking for installation in June 2026
- American Sokol Grants received. Thank you to Sis. Kathy Barcal for filling out and submitting the grant forms!
 - Boiler - \$6,240
 - Gym Floor - \$3,090
- Liquor license being renewed – see other reports later in these minutes
- Gym floor – Grant received, noted below. Quote received from Veterans Flooring for \$15,595 for labor and material. Seeking to do this in Summer after boiler in July.
- Sound system – In conversations about installing a sound system in the lower hall
- Mat cart broke – Bro. Kevin Rutkowski fixed it
- Bills – Seeking reductions for garbage and Comcast fees
- Apartment - Now that hockey is out, Howie is getting a quote to demo this space and begin work to make an office and lounge area
- Discussion about celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the building is starting.

Next BMC Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, April 30 at 7 pm

Sis. Vera Wilt motioned to approved BMC report which includes approving funding for the gym floor and boiler/pumping projects, second by Bro. Bazata. Approved.

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

Important dates

- Spring Show/Exhibition – April 25 at George Washington Middle School (GWMS), 4:30pm.
 - Sis. Lauren Wilt plans to have the Airplane Toss and Heads or Tails as fundraisers at the show. The Basket Raffle will be held at the after party.
 - Sis. Lauren Wilt asked the unit to consider using registration and competition fees to pay for All Class number T-shirts. The money would come from fees for students who do not compete. Sis. Vera Wilt made a motion to use these funds, Bro. Bazata second. Approved.
 - CD All-Around Competition - May 16, 2026 at Naperville Central.
 - Sokol Day - May 17, 2026
 - Bro. Bazata announced that in March 2026, Spirit wheel gymnasts participated in the US Open Wheel Gymnastic meet. Two gymnasts from Spirit qualified to go to Germany in June 2026 for national competition. Emily (age 26) came in first place, and Hope (age 13) came in second place in the Juniors' division. Bro. Bazata is hoping to coordinate a fundraiser at the April WBC in which gymnasts will participate in a 30 minute show and ask for donations to help with travel expenses to Germany. He will contact the host of the April WBC to work out details but the members at the unit meeting seemed to support this idea.
 - La Grange Pet Parade - May 30, 2026 – will have a 'decades' theme.
 - September 2026 WBC will be sponsored by Spirit's BOI.
- Motion to approve BOI report by Sis. Vera Wilt, second by Bro. Bazata. Approved.

Executive Board reports:

Financial Secretary: N/A

Membership: Bro. Howie Maskill – This year's Membership event scheduled for the evening of May 8, 2026.

Education: Sis. Vera Wilt reported the event Art of Kraslice (traditional Czech and Slovak egg decorating) was held at Spirit on Monday, March 30 at 7pm. The event was attended by 25 people who paid \$10/each. After expenses, the event yielded \$189.25. It was a great event. Everything else (classes, movies) is going well.

Bylaws: Bro. Wilt presented the bylaws approved for consideration at the 2026 Convention. After some discussion, he will submit these notes on behalf of our Sokol Spirit.

- **Article 6, Section II, Subsection B, Part 4:** The proposal to change the title Financial Secretary to Database Administrator was generally understood, but we're concerned that this may not be the best terminology to actually define the role. Our membership suggested something along the lines of Membership Administrator or Member Data Director. The word membership/member would be ideal to include since that's is at the core of the focus for this role, and using the word Director aligns with our other titles.
- **Article 6, Section II, Subsection B, Part 6:** The Bylaws Chair role is listed in other parts of the document as Chairman, instead of Chair. This should probably be revised to use the same terminology throughout the Bylaws. However, our discussion led to the following inquiry: Should the title be revised to be Bylaws Director rather than Chairman/Chair? That terminology would align with the other roles in the bylaws. We also recognize that Chairman/Chair may make sense at the national level since this role is elected from amongst the National Bylaws Committee, however at the District and Unit level this role is typically a Director rather than a Committee Chair. Just some notes for your consideration.
- **Article 6, Section III, Subsection A, Part 4, Subpart B:** Our Unit believes that term limits are essential to progress and to re-energizing our membership. However, we also understand that a role on the Executive Board requires specific talents and also can be hard to fill. We propose that a three (3) term limit might make sense rather than simply eliminating the limit. In the short term this would be an incremental change, and could even be adjusted at a later convention should the membership see fit. Yet, from a historical perspective this would provide comparable alignment (a two year variance) with the duration of the term limit when this change was implemented. Prior to the change of our convention cycle from 5 years to 4 years in 2010 an officer would reach their two term limit in 10 years. The adjustment to a 3 term limit would simply be 2 years longer, rather than two years shorter, from the original duration.
- **Article 32. Section 1. The District Annual Meeting:** Just a note we caught: The portion regarding the minimum slate of officers at the District Level would need to include the Foundation Director role should that role be added as a convention delegate.
- Sokol Spirit also sponsored recommendation for submission regarding membership in multiple units.

PR/Marketing: N/A

Newsletter: Bro. Maskill reported that content deadline for the next newsletter will be by mid-June.

World Beer Club: Next WBC is April 17

Other reports/updates: Sis. Cassie Croft announced the SignUp Genius for volunteers to help with the Spring Show is available. Many volunteers are needed.

Bro. Bob Barcal announced our liquor license is due for renewal. However, this year the building title is required as part of the renewal process. He went through some documents and was unable to find the title. Bro. Adam Wilt made a motion to approve funds for a building title search so the liquor license can be renewed. Bro. Bazata second. Approved.

Delegate announcements:

- Central District: The 2026 Convention will be held June 12-14, 2026 in Minneapolis, MN. It has been decided that there will not be a Central District chartered bus to Convention.
- Bohemian National Cemetery: N/A
- Tabor Hills: N/A

New Business:

- The budget for 2026-2027 will be determined for review at the Annual meeting.
- Let Sis. Barcal know if you are interested in serving on this year's Spirit Nominating Committee.
- There is talk about this year's annual Golf outing. Sis. Barcal will reach out to Bro. Frank Tudisco Jr. The meeting participants suggested that September may be a better time for this event due to temperature and other summer conflicts.

Unfinished Business: N/A**For the good of the order:**

Next meeting will be held on May 6, 2026.

Social at 7pm

Meeting begins at 7:30pm

Motion to adjourn by Bro. John Bazata, second by Sis. Wendy Sanders. Meeting adjourned 9:13pm.

Attendance: 16 members



Respectfully submitted by Sis. Kathe Heetel, Secretary