



Unit Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2026

Meeting called to order by Sis. Kathy Barcal, President, at 7:34pm, and Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting minutes approvals:

April 2026 Unit meeting minutes: Sis. Lauren Wilt motioned to approve as recorded, Sis. Vera Wilt second. Approved.

Correspondence:

Brookfield Recreation Duck Sponsorship. Motion to approve \$250 for this initiative for Sokol Spirit marketing by Sis. Mary Novak, second by Sis. Sarah Heth. By a slim vote, the motion was carried.

Presentation of Bills:

\$34.00 for printing of 2026 Membership directory - Sis. Kathe Heetel
Bro. John Bazata made a motion for reimbursement, second by Sis. Dorothy Becker. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Provided by Sis. Jenn Rutkowski

General operating account:

Beginning balance	\$ 17,114.57
Income	\$ 11,704.33
Expenses	<u>\$ (21,726.65)</u>
Ending balance	\$ 7,092.25
Loss since April meeting	\$ (10,022.32)

Memorial Fund: Beginning & ending balance \$ 5,545.96 (no change)

ADA Fund: Beginning & ending balance \$ 3,211.71 (no change)

Notes: Sis. Rutkowski reports:

- A \$10,000 CD is still at our bank using the funds from the Memorial Fund.
- There is \$30 that is unreconciled from March. This will be corrected/fixd by the end of May.
- She hopes to reconcile all fundraisers for presentation at the 2026 Annual meeting.
- Annual ASO dues payment of approx. \$11,000 was made in the month of April.
- Estimated 2026 Exhibition financial results. All of the below is profit. Detailed report will follow.

Exhibition Ad Book	1,440.66
Exhibition Show/Party	2,122.50
Total Exhibition Profit	3,563.16

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Sis. Vera Wilt, Bro. John Bazata second. Approved.

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

BMC Meeting was not held in May due to scheduling conflicts, but the Committee corresponded and would like to report on the following projects and maintenance.

o Boiler

- Replacement will begin on May 18, after classes end, and will take about a week.

- Cost recap: Heat Engineering - \$41,980 (one boiler) + \$11,598 (pumping station) = \$52,578
 - American Sokol Grants will cover boiler costs of up to \$6,240
 - Project scope: removal of old two boiler system, and being replaced with a single boiler system.
 - Thank you to Sis. Barcal for taking the lead with this project!
- o Gym Floor
- Project will begin on August 4
 - Cost recap: Unit approved \$15,595 labor and material. Finalized agreement came in at \$14,595, but the cost to repair up to 25 broken floor boards would be \$2,195. The total, should repairs be needed, would be \$16,790. The BMC is seeking an additional authorization for the \$1,195 variance if needed.
 - American Sokol Grants will cover floor costs of up to \$3,090
 - Project scope: floor will be sanded, two coats of water-based urethane sanding sealer to be applied. Lines will be painted for the existing volleyball court, two pickleball courts, and Sokol Spirit logo. Then two more coats of water-based urethane gym finish will be applied. We need BOI feedback for any other floor markings.
- o Liquor License has been renewed. Thanks, Bro. Mark Shrofe.
- o Mat cart was fixed. Thanks, Bro. Kevin Rutkowski.
- o Still need to complete door and ladder installation for the roof hatch on the third floor.
- o Apartment - Now that Hockey is out, Bro. Howie Maskill is getting a quote to demo this space and will begin work to make an office and lounge area

Next BMC Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 28 at 7 pm. We will set a date for a building clean up at this meeting.

Motion to approve BMC report and authorize up to additional \$1,195 to cover variance for new gym floor board replacement, if needed, by Bro. Bazata, second by Sis. Carol Shrofe. Approved.

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

Important dates

- Spring Show/Exhibition – Thank you to all volunteers at Exhibition.
- Last leotard order was placed.
- There are several coaching vacancies for next year, especially girls' coaches. See Sis. Wilt if interested.
- CD All-Around Competition - May 16, 2026 at Naperville Central.
- Sokol Day - May 17, 2026. Theme: True Blue. For All Class number, wear Sokol or blue shirts.
- Pet Parade: May 30. Marchers needed.
- Brookfield 4th of July Parade. Marchers needed, too.

Executive Board reports:

Financial Secretary: Sis. Dorothy Becker reported 6 members are delinquent on their dues. Also, about \$11K was sent to American Sokol for AS dues.

Membership: Bro. Howie Maskill reported the Membership Dinner on May 8 will include 19 awardees and 80 attendees.

Education: Sis. Vera Wilt reported education events are over for this year with the exception of the last Czech film to be held on May 15. Planning for a Fall holiday event, maybe cookie-making or mahjong.

Bylaws: Bro. Wilt provided updates on the bylaws approved for consideration at the 2026 Convention. Final versions will be sent May 12:

- 1) 3-term limit
- 2) Dual membership
- 3) What to call the Financial Secretary role

He is asking for other unit bylaws suggestions. On May 20, at the Central District meeting, there will be discussion about bylaws. Zoom meeting starts at 7pm, bylaws discussion at 7:30pm.

PR/Marketing: Bro. Alix Fron had no updates.

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

World Beer Club: Next WBC is May 15 at 7pm. Bro. Matt Carlozzi is hosting a baseball theme event to celebrate Crosstown Classic. It will likely be the last one until Fall.

Events:

- Members Night Event: Friday, May 8. 6:30pm dinner, recognition at 8pm.
- Sokol Day: Sunday, May 17 at Veteran's Park in Lyons. Noon to 4pm. Theme is True Blue. Sis. Fron will coordinate the Sokol Spirit basket for the basket raffle. Bro. Bazata will purchase the prasky for the prasky raffle.

Updates: Discussion about lacking parent involvement. *What can we do to get parents more involved with their children in Sokol, and volunteering for events?* Also, discussion about holding Exhibition in March instead of April.

Delegate announcements:

- Central District: Delegate meeting at Spirit on May 20, 7:00pm.
- 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.
- Golf outing: Sis. Barcal contacted Bro. Frank Tudisco Jr. He presented three dates: August 1, September 19 and September 26. Meeting participants thought September 19 may be the best option. Sis. Barcal will respond to Bro. Tudisco with that feedback.
- American Sokol softball season is starting with first game on May 11 at 7:45pm.
- Executive Board annual reports are due May 22. Please upload to the Google folder.
- Bro. Bazata thanked members for their support of wheels athletes going to Germany this summer.

For the good of the order:

Next meeting will be held on June 3, 2026. Uniforms to be worn.

- Social at 6:30pm.
- Unit meeting begins at 7:00pm
- Annual meeting begins at 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm.

Attendance: 13 members



Respectfully submitted by Sis. Kathe Heetel, Secretary