



**2026 Annual
Membership Meeting
June 3, 2026**



2026 Annual Meeting Packet Contents

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June Unit Meeting Agenda

June 3, 2026

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Presentation of Bills
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Building Management Director Report
8. Board of Instructors Directors' Report
9. Executive Board Reports & Upcoming Events
10. Newsletter
11. New Business
12. Unfinished Business
13. Annual Meeting



May Unit Meeting Minutes

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 \$ (21,726.65)
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/fixed 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



Annual Membership Meeting Agenda
June 3, 2026 – 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Pledge, Moment of Silence

2. June Regular Unit Meeting Items (see page 4)

3. Delegate and Committee Reports

- a. Audit Committee Report Update
- b. Budget & Finance Committee Report
- c. Delegate Reports

4. Executive Board Officer Reports

- a. Board of Instructors – Physical Director
- b. Building Management Committee - Director
- c. Transfer of funds from the Unit Reserve Fund
- d. Information Technology Director
- e. PR/Marketing Director
- f. Educational Director
- g. Financial Secretary
- h. Membership Director
- i. Secretary
- j. Treasurer
- k. 2nd Vice President
- l. 1st Vice President
- m. President

5. Unit By-laws Proposals

6. Salaries/Remuneration of Officers

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

- a. Important Dates for 2026-27 Sokol Season

- b. Apartment Renovation
- c. Report of the Nominating Committee
- d. Election and Installation of Officers

9. For the good of the order

- a. Summer Unit Business Motion
- b. Next Unit meeting Wednesday, September 2, 2026
- c. Next annual meeting Wednesday, June 2, 2027

10. Adjournment



Audit Committee Report

Sis. Rutkowski, Petkus, Novak, and Rhoades conducted an audit for the annual meeting of Sokol Spirit. We reviewed year over year fundraisers, income over expense reports, and the proposed budget vs. the actual expenditures. 2025 income taxes will be filed with an extension.

Fundraising reports seem to be better than in the past. Chairpeople, please continue to be detailed, keep and include receipts, and be timely. We are looking into the possibility of keeping a “bank” locked in the office so that it is readily available for all events. More to come at a future date.

It has been helpful to get the “Square” reports from Sis. Heth. Sis. Rutkowski will continue to work with her to parse out and streamline the information that is most helpful and important so that it can all be applied properly.

Some account names included on the budget seem redundant and/or outdated. We will work with Bro. Kakareka to update the line items.

Our current “Peachtree” system for accounting is outdated and cumbersome to use, but free. However, we would like to look into other systems, such as Quickbooks for example, so that reports are easier to do and pull out, and perhaps our online credit card systems can be imported.

Our recommendation would be to consolidate our bank accounts into an interest bearing savings account in order to maximize interest earnings (with the exception of the Edward Jones investments). This would include the savings and some of the checking at Old National, and rolling/closing the old Junior Board accounts into this as well. Transfers can be made from one account to another online easily when needed for bills.

Accounts are as follows as of 4/30/26:

General Checking–Old National–\$7092.25
Memorial Checking–Old National–\$5545.96
CD (from the Memorial Checking funds)–Old National–\$10,000, matures in August 2026
Edward Jones–2 accounts–\$8533.79 and \$397,782.28

Total assets in bank and investment accounts as of 4/30/26= \$428,954.28

Respectfully submitted, Sis. Rutkowski, Petkus, Novak, and Rhoades



Budget & Finance Committee Report



Board of Instructors Report

Summer 2025

1. Farmer's Market—all summer (Saturdays)
 - Under the direction of Sis. Croft, unit and BOI members were at the Sokol Spirit booth during the Brookfield Farmers Market throughout the summer. We distributed information about our classes and events.
2. Summer Wheels Session
 - A summer wheels session was held 5/20-8/19 with 3 participants enrolled.
3. Pet Parade – May 30, 2025
 - Sokol Spirit Participated in the LaGrange Pet Parade.
 - We had participants from our Wheels Class, Girls Class, Boys Class, Juniors Class and their families and pets walk with us.
 - We passed out flyers to the community promoting our fall programming!
4. Brookfield Independence Day Parade – July 4, 2025
 - Members from our adult/youth programs and their families walked in the parade and handed out flyers promoting our fall programming!

Fall 2025

1. Fall Session
 - Classes started on September 8, 2025.
 - Registration opened up in early August and was done through Active Works. Families had the option of registering for the full-year at once or for the fall/spring sessions individually.
2. Youth Participant T-shirts
 - The BOI ordered red Sokol Spirit T-shirts that were given out to our youth participants.
 - Exhibition also brought new Sokol Spirit Shirts to class participants in shades of green, purple, and pink.
3. Men's Volleyball
 - The Spirit Men's class participated in the CD Volleyball League. The games were held every other week at Sokol Spirit and Sokol Tabor.
4. Track & Field
 - The Central District competition was done independently at each gym and scores were sent into the district.

- Sokol Spirit hosted a family Track and Field evening where families could come and work through each competition event before scores were sent to the district.
5. Halloween Parties
 - Were held during regular class times. Each family brought a bag of candy and the Juniors distributed the candy into trick-or-treat bags that each youth participant could take home.
 6. Brookfield Zoo Tree Trim - Saturday November 9, 2025
 - Participants decorated ornaments in class and families joined us at the Zoo to decorate the Spirit tree in snowy weather. We provided hot chocolate and donuts.
 7. Central District Turkey Time Tumbling & Vault Competition - Saturday November 15, 2025
 - Held at Naperville Central High School.
 - Sokol Spirit had 3 Boys and 6 Girls compete.
 - The girls competed floor and vault and the boys competed floor, vault and pommel horse.
 8. Sokol Spirit Winter Show - Friday December 19, 2025
 - The Tots, Girls, Boys, Juniors, and Wheels Classes performed Special Numbers and Apparatus for our Gym Show held in the Sokol Spirit Gym.
 - Santa Claus made a guest appearance!
 - Participants and spectators were invited downstairs for holiday treats, visits with Santa, and Beer Club.

Winter/Spring 2026

1. Winter/Spring Session
 - Began on January 12, 2026.
 - Registration was done once again through Active Works.
2. Flapjack Open
 - Held after the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday January 25, 2026. Dave Kakareka and Howie Maskill were kind enough to organize the competition!
3. Central District ShamRock N' Roll Competition - Saturday March 21, 2026 ▪ Held at Sokol USA Lodge 306.
 - Sokol Spirit had 6 Boys and 9 Girls compete
 - The competition consisted of Beam and Bars for Girls, and High Bar, Rings, and Uneven Bars for Boys however none of our boys were able to attend the competition
4. Spring Show "Its All Fun and Games "- Saturday April 25, 2026
 - Held at George Washington Middle School
 - Special Numbers and apparatus performed by Girls, Boys, Tots, Wheels, Juniors ▪ The Austin Powers all class number was performed by participants from all class levels.
 - Mario Mongello was the DJ
 - Families were invited back to the gym post exhibition to celebrate a fun year. ▪ Classes collected items for a basket raffle with a wide array of items ensuring something for everyone.
5. CD All Around Competition - Saturday May 16, 2026
 - Held at Naperville Central High School.

- Sokol Spirit had 5 Boys and 11 Girls compete
 - Many medals and ribbons were awarded to our boys and girls!
6. Central District Sokol Day Awards Picnic - Sunday May 17, 2026
- Held at Veterans Park in Lyons.
 - Many class participants and members attended.
 - Kevin Rutkowski and Jenn Baran cooked for our group and made our tent the place to be as always!
 - It was a beautiful day and fun was had by all!

Thank you to my wonderful BOI members without whom none of this would exist. Your constant care for our programing and participants cannot be celebrated enough, each of you brings so much talent and energy to Sokol Spirit.

A very special Thank You to my right hand – Tricia Rini! I would not have made it through this year without your constant help, calm, ideas, and administrative genius!

Our year was a success thanks to each and every member of the BOI!

NaZdar!
Sis. Lauren Wilt
Sokol Spirit Physical Director



Building Management Committee Report

2026 Annual Report

Submitted by Brother Adam Wilt – Building Management Director

The Building Management Committee continues to work collectively to address the needs of our facility. Since the 2025 Annual Meeting the following tasks have been completed:

- New Boiler installed (May 2026)
- Red mat cart fixed again (April 2026)
- 3rd Floor Bathroom Skylight was resealed
- New range for the kitchen was installed (June 2025)

BMC Upcoming Projects & Priorities

- Gym Floor repainting and re-surfacing (August 2026)
- Create and potentially implement plan for former apartment space (pending Unit Approval)
- Complete donor wall for basement restoration project in 2018 (by September 2026)
- Finishing the door and light for the 3rd floor closet and set up a ladder for roof access
- Project on our radar, but not scheduled
 - Explore options for new building sound system
 - Explore installing lift in back staircase (ADA project)
 - Keeping an eye on status of Boiler & Water Heater

Proposals for Annual Meeting approval

- Fund transfer request from Unit Reserve Fund for up to \$15,000 to complete renovation of current apartment to be repurposed as the office for Sokol Spirit and a lounge/meeting area.
 - PROJECT NOTES
 - This space would be used by parents during classes and for meetings/socializing.
 - Following the renovation the current office would be set up as a weight room with existing items that are not currently being used
 - We will apply for an American Sokol Grant for this project.
 - If approved we look to begin work following the refinishing/painting of the gym floor

The BMC selected the following officers for the 2026-2027 year:

- Chair - Adam Wilt
- Vice Chair & Secretary - Kevin Rutkowski
- Rental Manager - Kathy Barcal

Eagle Youth Sports Thank you to our entire committee for their work and dedication to keeping our building in working order. Special thank you to Kathy for keeping our facilities clean and for overseeing our building rentals.

On behalf of the committee,
Brother Adam Wilt
BMC Chair

Sokol Spirit Rental Rates

Group Rentals - \$600

- Expectation - Clean Up, As you found it
- Groups Include - Schools, Clubs, Nonprofits
- Get their own insurance - Must provide for Spirit

- Sokol Spirit Member Rental - \$200 (*plus \$100 refundable deposit)
 - Expectation - Clean Up, As you found it

- Sokol Non-Spirit Member Rental - \$300 (*plus \$100 refundable deposit)
 - Includes - Friends of Members, Members of other units
 - Expectation - Clean Up, As you found it

- Creative Arts - \$10 per person

- Hockey - \$400 Per Day (starting in September 2025)

- Miners - \$200 a month (2nd Tuesday)

- MCS - \$50 a month (Last Tuesday)

- Non Member Event Rental - **LIMITED BASIS**
 - \$400 - Deposit (refundable; at Spirits discretion within 60 days of event)
 - \$1,500 - Rental Fee for 6 hours (plus 1 hour set up and 1 hour clean up)
 - Clean Up Fee - \$100 per hour (more than one hour taken from deposit)
 - On Site People - \$100 (for the night)
 - Renter Provides:
 - Security
 - Proof of Insurance (Can acquire through: eventhelper.com)

- Parking Lot
 - For Members
 - Truck Parking - \$80 a month for one night a week

Additional Uses and Fees:

- Tap \$25
- Kitchen/Ice - \$25

For rental availability email building@sokolspirit.org



Bylaws Director Report

Submitted by Brother Adam Wilt – Bylaws Director

The current Bylaws for Sokol Spirit are posted on the Unit website at:

<http://www.sokolspirit.org/membership/bylaws/>

In the fall the Unit approved SOPs with officer role descriptions for our Executive Board. I will ask our officers to review these annually.

At the April Unit meeting we reviewed the bylaw proposals for the American Sokol and determined our notes for the National Bylaws committee. They have revised our one recommendation for the American Sokol Officer term limit proposal (changed from no limit to three terms). The rest of the items appear to have remained mostly the same in subsequent revisions.

My next project for our Bylaws will be to reconcile our Unit Bylaws with the National Bylaws changes made at the June 2026 American Sokol Convention. This will likely be done at a special meeting in January (after the Central District revisions), or at the 2027 Sokol Spirit annual meeting.

There are no proposals for bylaw changes to this meeting. At the annual meeting I will report again on the major proposed revisions to American Sokol Bylaws for the 2026 Convention.

Nazdar!
Bro. Adam Wilt
Bylaws Director



Public Relations/Marketing Report

Submitted by Alix Fron - PR/Marketing Director

This past year, I focused on driving community engagement, increasing event attendance, and elevating the local visibility of Sokol Spirit. I promoted our core cultural and fitness missions through targeted event promotion and strategic local advertising.

To boost digital engagement and streamline how members and the public find our events, a heavy emphasis was placed on cohesive visual branding and active social media scheduling. To do this I completed the following:

- Designed and distributed custom promotional flyers for major organizational milestones and public events.
- Created and managed dedicated Facebook Events to facilitate RSVP tracking, organic sharing, and direct communication with attendees.
- Maintained regular listings on the *Brookfield Community Calendar*, capturing local residents actively looking for weekend and family activities.
- Submitted event dates and press releases to the *RB Landmark Calendar*, ensuring coverage reached traditional media consumers and older demographics in the surrounding neighborhoods.
- Coordinated and submitted targeted advertisements on behalf of Sokol Spirit for various local fundraising events. This dual-purpose strategy supported sister organizations while simultaneously keeping the Sokol Spirit brand top-of-mind for community-minded locals.

Promotion for events included:

- Golf Outing (August)
- Oktoberfest (Sept)
- Beer Club (3rd Friday every month)
- Czech Film (3rd Friday every month)
- Educational Event - Houby Talk (Oct)
- Spaghetti Dinner (Nov)
- Holiday Vendor Craft Fair (Nov)
- Wreath Sale (Nov)
- Educational Event - Czech Party Foods (Dec)
- Pancake Breakfast (Jan)
- Flapjack Open (Jan)
- Superbowl Squares (Feb)
- Trivia Night (Feb)
- Educational Event - Egg Coloring (March)
- Membership Luncheon (May)
- National Senior Fitness Day (May)

Looking forward to another successful Sokol Spirit year.
Sincerely, Sis. Alix Fron



Educational Director Report

The Adult Czech Language class on Mondays with 5 regular participants, and the monthly Zoom chat with 3 participants have continued from September through June under the tutelage of Pavlina Reichlova.

Many thanks to Meribeth and John Tooke who manage all the movie night educational presentations. John does the "heavy lifting" bringing in the beverages and ice and back up computer, and assisting in preparation. Meribeth reviews and selects the movies, obtains them from libraries or the American Sokol collection, keeps track of attendance and collects the donations and writes up the report each time. She consults with Pavlina and myself on the selections and scheduling and Pavlina obtains those movies we stream. Meribeth prepares the write-ups and discussion points while Pavlina conducts the discussion and provides insight as a native who grew up with many of the movies. Meribeth also prepares the flyers with descriptions of all the movies to be shown. My deepest gratitude goes out to that team for all their work on the movie nights.

I submitted a few items for sharing in the newsletter, including a brief lesson on the meaning of Nazdar and a write up about Sokol Memorial Day on October 8th.

We introduced one-off educational events this year, starting with "Houby Talk" on Wednesday, October 29th, with Frank Sladek presenting, and including some mushroom foods. The second event featured Czech party foods in time for the holidays, which I presented on Thursday, December 18th. The third event was The Art of Kraslice, featured several Czech egg decorating techniques, and was led by our Czech language teacher, Pavlina, on March 30th. We charged a small fee at each event, just to cover costs, but there was a modest profit on these events.

Thank you to all the participants in classes, movies and special learning events. If I am to continue in this role for another year, I will welcome your suggestions for subjects to feature at these events. Some suggestions have included a cookie recipe exchange with teaching various techniques people use. I personally only make a couple of kinds of cookies, so I would ask others to help on that. Maybe participants could bring a recipe to share and a couple dozen of the cookies for an exchange? I thought a sing along to learn some of the Sokol and other Czech songs might be fun.

I also hope to share some small educational lessons for our youth participants without interfering with their physical program.

I participate in any district educational directors meetings, including those to evaluate applicants for the Anne Svec Merit Award. This year, both of the Sokol Spirit applicants, Anna Pachla and Cole Heetel, were selected for these scholarships.

Nazdar, Vera A. Wilt
Educational Director



Financial Secretary Report

As financial secretary, I submitted the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th 2025 Quarterly reports to the ASO and the Central District. I did send the 1st 2026 Quarterly report to both the Central District and the National ASO and asked our treasurer to send the respective checks.

On the 1st Quarterly 2026 report forms, I reported a gain of 13 voting men and women. We lost a total of 29 voting members, due to termination, resignations, or death. According to the 1st Quarter 2026 ASO roster, we have 82 voting men, 157 voting women, 6 non-voting men and 2 non-voting women for a total of 247 members.

The ASO member dues are \$35 per member per year. The ASO convention fee is \$10 per member per year. The 2026 dues for our members is \$8,592.50 and our convention fee is \$2,390. Thus, our annual dues totaled \$10,982.50. The database entries were due by March 31, and the billing for the 1st Qtr was e-mailed out to the Financial Secretaries in April 2026. Our unit treasurer, Jennifer Baran, sent a check to cover our dues.

We paid the Central District \$310 for the 1st Qtr 2025 dues, \$315. for the 2nd Qtr 2025 dues, \$331.25 for the 3rd Qtr 2025 dues, and \$328.75. for the 4th Qtr 2025 dues along with the \$526 convention fee in the 4th Qtr. We paid \$308.75 for the 1st Qtr 2026 dues.

Sokol Spirit did ask members to contribute \$75 this year. A student is asked to contribute \$55 per year. We currently have 5 students on our roster. A member that accumulated 60+ years of membership in Sokol is considered a legacy member of Sokol Spirit, and therefore, is not asked to contribute to the unit. We have 12 Legacy members. We do ask these honorary members to contribute \$55 per year to cover the ASO and Central District dues. In addition, we do pay a credit card fee to ActiveWorks and Square payments for members who contribute online. Our online payments seem to be growing in popularity. Our unit only receives \$23 a year from our members for expenses after we pay our dues to the ASO and Central District. We, therefore, need to run fund raisers to cover the rest of our expenses. My recommendation is that we need to raise the class fees and/or charge our credit card users more. The finance committee is going to examine these issues. The issue of dual membership voting rights will be on the ASO Convention agenda in 2026.

As financial secretary, I wrote letters to the membership requesting dues starting in December 2025. I then sent second notice letters and did get some positive feedback from the personal touch. I also called and e-mailed several members requesting yearly contributions. We did have some issues with collecting parent payments in the fall this year, which has been resolved.

As financial secretary, I again entered the youth membership into the ASO database. We paid the ASO yearly dues for youth members a total of \$670 in December 2025.

The new ASO database system, Findjoo, has been online for over a year, so I have been working with the ASO financial secretary when problems arise.

Dorothy Becker, Sokol Spirit Financial Secretary



Membership Director Report

I have completed my 4th term as Membership Director. I chaired the annual membership event on March 8th to celebrate our members and recognize those with milestone anniversaries. We tried something new this year by hosting on a Friday evening rather than a Sunday afternoon. We also made the entry and meal free for all Spirit members. Guests were welcome at a fee of \$15. We saw an increase in participation compared to the past few years. There were 73 in attendance including members, guests and children. Nineteen honorees attended. We also featured a live band.

I continue to manage our membership email distribution list through Mailchimp so that our members are up to date with regular communications.

This was our third consecutive year mailing out "Spirit Bucks" for members to use at Unit events. Tracking indicates 54 bucks were redeemed at various events, providing a total benefit of \$540 to our members.

Our total membership count has decreased this year, in part due to lower youth class enrollment and some members choosing not to renew. Although class enrollment does impact membership due to the parent requirement, we need more actively involved members. I challenge everyone to think of those friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers who can benefit from all the great things Sokol has to offer and invite them to join our Unit. Sometimes all it takes is an ask.

Our Unit was sad to lose the following long-time members since our last annual meeting.

Mildred Mentzer - 86-year member
Elmer Kulousek - 73-year member
William KostECKI - 75-year member

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Howie Maskill
Membership Director



Secretary Report

June 2026 marked the end of my fourth year in the position of Sokol Spirit Secretary. Although I was tasked with reviewing correspondence prior to every Unit meeting it was mostly electronic so Pres. Barcal received most of it in advance. At the monthly Unit meetings, I took minutes during the meetings. Several officers graciously provided copies of their reports before or after the meeting which enabled me to take notes during the meeting but also helped to best capture the essence of what they wanted to share with the Unit. After the meeting, I reviewed and compiled the notes and reports and posted them as Unit Meeting minutes on the Sokol Spirit website. I also recorded and posted the Annual Meeting minutes in June.

As secretary, I was also tasked with sending notes to members on behalf of Sokol Spirit: get-well notes to members who were sick, sympathy cards to the families of members who passed away, thank you notes for donations, and congratulatory notes to newly-engaged couples, new parents or people who had other events or milestones to celebrate.

In addition to the Secretary responsibilities, I also managed all written correspondence for donations made to the Memorial, Newsletter and ADA funds. For each donation, a note of acknowledgement was sent to the individual(s) or the loved ones for whom the donation was made and a thank you note was sent to the individual(s) who made the donation. Although it's not currently part of the Secretary's responsibilities, this task fits nicely with the nature of the role.

In Summer 2025 I started working with Sis. Pat Satek to develop new Sokol Spirit stationary for correspondence. The supply we've had for Memorial, Newsletter and ADA fund correspondence for decades was running low, and the stationary wording is inflexible for some acknowledgement notices. Unfortunately, I dragged my feet and the window to use Sis. Satek's software passed without progress. However, the late Bro. Paul Lebloch left behind boxes and boxes of Sokol memorabilia and, among the boxes, a stack of Sokol postcards and seals that we plan to use as temporary stationary for correspondence. We think these postcards and seals will be well-received, and serve as a nice nod to Bro. Lebloch's Sokol legacy.

I hope Spirit members make a habit of reading the Unit meeting minutes. Of course they serve as a historical record, but they also allow those who cannot attend the meetings, or are not or cannot be as involved in the Unit, to stay in touch with what is discussed and happening. And there are a lot of good things happening, thanks to those who hold leadership or support positions, support our unit, and/or volunteer their time and talents. I am happy to be part of the Executive Board and a member of the best Sokol gym around.

Respectfully submitted,
Sis. Kathe Heetel
Sokol Spirit Secretary



Treasurer Report

Attached are the income statements for the calendar year 2025 and 2026.

There has been minimal updates from last year, which is not a cause for concern. Receipts and discussions on fundraisers have been smooth. I have worked to pull together a fundraiser report out of the system that shows the recorded profits which has been helpful to review.

To assist with go-forward reporting, I am going to do the research and work to move over to QuickBooks. I believe this will allow for much easier reporting, removing a lot of the manual aspects which take way too much time. This would introduce a new monthly/annual expense (amount TBD) but it will remove the annual expense for Splashtop which allows me the ability to remove into the Sokol computer.

Jennifer Rutkowski

Treasurer – Sokol Spirit

Income Statement

May 2025 - Apr 2026

Revenues

Income - Class Fees	41,556.69
Income - Czech Class Activity	4,007.10
Income - Unit Dues	11,727.38
Income - Fundraiser	30,701.82
Income - Memorials	2,512.50
Income - Donations	4,278.02
Income - BOD - Hall Rental	23,978.58
Income Uniform Sales	301.85
Income Competition Entry Fees	1,325.45
Income - Grants Rcvd	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	425.00

Total Revenues	121,814.39
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Expenses

Fundraiser Expenses	12,448.87
Bank Charges	0.65
Income Spirit Use Beer Purch	1,396.95
Insurance General Liability	18,384.00
Insurance Sports Liability	1,463.00
Insurance - Workmen's Comp	986.00
Licenses and Permits	629.32
Utilities - Electric	4,266.59
Utilities - Gas	8,218.23
Utilities - Sewer and Water	1,559.74
Utilities - Waste Pickup	3,495.61
Utilities - Snow Plow/Lawn Cut	4,099.00
Utilities - Pest Control	772.00
Utilities - Bldg Maintenance	1,050.00
Utilities - Internet & Phone	1,168.14
Maintenance & Building Supplie	1,031.10
Czech Class Expenses	10.00
Event Entry Fees	3,964.51
Gym Supplies & Equipment	4,740.62
Postage and Office Expense	754.29
Hall & Kitchen Supplies	2,433.22
Newsletter Expenses	506.80
Computer & Technology Expense	646.19
Tax Filing Expense	615.00
Advertising / PR / Marketing	1,446.78
Membership Fees Other Org	129.00

Payroll Tax Expense	3,532.20
Sales Taxes Paid Out	650.31
Dues Payable	25,012.25
Officer Remuneration	1,600.00
Outside Instructor Expense	3,000.00
Gymnastic Instructors Payroll	17,100.00
Czech Class Instructor Payroll	2,201.22
Other Expense	50.96
Programs Instructor Payroll	2,635.00
Total Expenses	131,997.55
Net Income	(10,183.16)

Fundraiser Report

Fundraiser	Year	Sum of Income	Sum of Expenses	Sum of Net
☐ Cards for a Cause	2025	\$ 931.98	\$ 544.00	\$ 387.98
☐ Exhibition	2024	\$ 4,993.08	\$ 3,257.27	\$ 1,735.81
	2025	\$ 4,352.20	\$ 2,838.60	\$ 1,513.60
	2026	\$ 3,919.59	\$ 1,797.09	\$ 2,122.50
☐ Exhibition Ad Book	2026	\$ 1,639.84	\$ 568.78	\$ 1,071.06
☐ Flapjack Open	2023	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00
	2024	\$ 210.00	\$ -	\$ 210.00
	2025	\$ 180.00	\$ -	\$ 180.00
	2026	\$ 131.54	\$ -	\$ 131.54
☐ Fun Fair	2025	\$ 309.77	\$ 540.05	\$ (230.28)
☐ Membership	2026	\$ 80.09	\$ 1,389.99	\$ (1,309.90)
☐ Membership Brunch	2025	\$ 543.98	\$ 566.31	\$ (22.33)
☐ Oktoberfest	2022	\$ 4,997.39	\$ 3,177.09	\$ 1,820.30
	2023	\$ 6,001.34	\$ 3,751.55	\$ 2,249.79
	2024	\$ 5,389.15	\$ 4,128.11	\$ 1,261.04
	2025	\$ 5,932.36	\$ 3,896.71	\$ 2,035.65
☐ Ornament	2024	\$ 110.00	\$ -	\$ 110.00
☐ Pancake Breakfast	2023	\$ 2,424.13	\$ 831.01	\$ 1,593.12
	2024	\$ 2,657.00	\$ 735.48	\$ 1,921.52
	2025	\$ 1,751.57	\$ 688.92	\$ 1,062.65
	2026	\$ 1,904.38	\$ 768.89	\$ 1,135.49
☐ Placemat Ad	2024	\$ 575.00	\$ 144.40	\$ 430.60
	2025	\$ 490.00	\$ 69.50	\$ 420.50
	2026	\$ 178.75	\$ 81.90	\$ 96.85
☐ Spaghetti Dinner	2022	\$ 2,452.70	\$ 1,480.36	\$ 972.34
	2023	\$ 2,225.69	\$ 1,412.21	\$ 813.48
	2024	\$ 2,890.44	\$ 1,873.48	\$ 1,016.96
	2025	\$ 3,209.70	\$ 1,362.56	\$ 1,847.14
☐ Super Bowl	2025	\$ 1,329.01	\$ -	\$ 1,329.01
	2026	\$ 1,328.07	\$ -	\$ 1,328.07
☐ Trivia Night	2023	\$ 1,312.67	\$ -	\$ 1,312.67
	2024	\$ 1,684.00	\$ 103.68	\$ 1,580.32
	2025	\$ 900.00	\$ 101.50	\$ 798.50
	2026	\$ 846.02	\$ 94.36	\$ 751.66
☐ Vendor Fair	2022	\$ 3,415.06	\$ 111.14	\$ 3,303.92
	2023	\$ 3,296.95	\$ 378.19	\$ 2,918.76
	2024	\$ 3,129.00	\$ 354.79	\$ 2,774.21
	2025	\$ 3,667.69	\$ 527.99	\$ 3,139.70
☐ Wreath Sale	2022	\$ 1,805.39	\$ 1,343.00	\$ 462.39
	2023	\$ 1,306.00	\$ 1,212.50	\$ 93.50
	2024	\$ 1,754.17	\$ 1,369.00	\$ 385.17
	2025	\$ 2,053.25	\$ 1,578.25	\$ 475.00
Grand Total		\$ 88,458.95	\$ 43,078.66	\$ 45,380.29



2nd Vice President Report

I completed my second year as 2nd Vice President. My duties include compiling purchase reporting from the square website, Active website, transferring money from the Square website to our checking account and providing this information to the Treasurer and other committee members inquiring about purchases done via Square or active for fundraisers or other events.

I worked with the committee members to get all the bills together and income and then turn it into the Treasurer so she could reimburse them for all the expenses.

Sometimes the receipts and cash were given directly to the treasurer, and we would exchange information to complete the report. The treasurer has been putting all this information on an excel spreadsheet and was able to get all the information for a complete report. Since we have been accepting credit cards, I would run Square / Active and provide that report to the treasurer. All reports that I received information on were completed with copies of the receipts attached and given to the Treasurer to be filed in the office. It has been a great learning experience and enjoyment for serving in this position. I would like to grow more in this position by learning how to write grants that would in turn bring in money to cover future expenses and repairs. I look forward to my second year as 2nd VP.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah F. Heth
2nd Vice President



1st Vice President Report

Submitted by Sis. Cassie Croft

As Sokol Spirit's 1st VP, I continued my commitment to assisting the executive board and President in the growth of the unit. I coordinated our booth at the Farmer's Market in the summer, which we've become a known booth at this point. I give many thanks to the members who volunteered to work the booth, sometimes in some hot weather, and to JB and his team for bringing the wheel. It is the ultimate conversation starter. Note: we'll be returning this summer and have reserved the following dates: June 6, July 18, August 1, 15, 22, Sept 12.

I have continued to assist on the steering committee for Oktoberfest, mobilized committees to execute the Spaghetti dinner, pancake breakfast and exhibition after party events. I also ran the wreath sale again this year, one of our oldest fundraisers.

I continued to help support the beer club events, despite there being no true chair in place. I continued to support those who volunteered to host, and kept track of the finances and supplies for the monthly gathering. We've seen some regular hosts come through and I thank them for their enthusiasm to keep these events fun. The price increase hasn't seemed to deter our faithful attendees.

I hope to continue to support our executive board with the growth of our unit and continued success in any role that I commit to for Sokol Spirit.



President Report

Submitted By Sis. Kathy Barcal

Sokol Spirit had a productive and fun-filled 2025 - 2026 Sokol season! I am extremely thankful for the leadership and continued efforts of Spirit's Executive Board, Board of Instructors, and Building Management Committee. These committees continue to keep our successful programs running and our building safe for everyone.

Our Board of Instructors had an active and outstanding year! Our children's classes participated in our winter show, exhibition, Central District competitions and Sokol Day. Together with the Board of Directors, we held our Spring Show (a.k.a. Exhibition) where we performed the "Soko Baby, Yeah" all class special number as a unit. The event was held at George Washington Middle School in Lyons. We held our traditional after party back at our gym. Our gym show was a success! Thank you to our BOI and our Director Sis. Lauren Wilt and assistant, Sis. Tricia Rini, for continuing to maintain our Sokol classes and events for all of our participants. We hope to continue this tradition moving forward into the next Sokol year.

We are proud to have had two young adults receive the 2026 Central District Merit award at the Central District Sokol Day event. Congratulations to Anna Pachla and Bro. Cole Heetel. We will have one young adult attend the 2026 Instructor School to be held at Sokol Lodge 47 in Monessen, PA from June 27, 2026 - July 5, 2026. Good luck to Sis. Josie Mensik as she attends her final instructor school course. We look forward to your return to share Sokol knowledge as an instructor or assistant.

Sokol Spirit has had a year packed with many **FUN**draising and social events. Over the last year, we held our Oktoberfest, Holiday Vendor Fair, Spaghetti Dinner, Pancake Breakfast, Flapjack Volleyball Tournament, Trivia Night and golf outing. Our World Beer Club has grown through the years and we continue to host this event on the third Friday of each month. Thank you to Sis. Cassie Croft and those who have run a beer club for Sokol Spirit. We do have a few fundraisers that are not in person such as our wreath sale in December and Super Bowl Squares. One event that we have continued to host is our Membership event where we honor those members celebrating membership milestones. This year our event was held on a Friday evening and it was very well attended. Thank you to all our members who have continued to support our events this past year.

Sokol Spirit offers educational programs with our Czech language classes and our monthly Czech Film events (3rd Friday of each month). Over the past year, Sis. Vera Wilt has introduced several new educational events. We held a Houby Talk event that was led by Bro. Frank Sladek. We learned about how to hunt for mushrooms and also how to prepare mushrooms for snacks and meals. Our second event was held in December led by Sis. Vera Wilt. We learned how to make Czech snacks, especially the delicious

chlebičky. Our last event was held in March led by Sis. Pavlina Reichlova. We learned the Art of Kraslice. We learned about the traditional Czech and Slovak art of coloring eggs. We all got to create our own decorated eggs to take home. Thank you Sis. Wilt for your time and hard work on these endeavors! Also, thank you for all you do to keep our Czech language programs going throughout the year. Thank you to Sis. Meribeth Tooke for organizing our monthly Czech film series.

Thank you to our Building Management Committee (BMC) led by Bro. Adam Wilt for your continued work throughout the year with building updates and improvements. This summer we will have a new boiler in place as well as a refinished gym floor. Sokol Spirit has been the recipient of two grants from the American Sokol Foundation to assist with our improvements. Thank you again, Bro. Adam Wilt and the entire BMC! We appreciate your time and hard work in keeping our building safe and clean!

We continue to engage with our community by participating in the Brookfield Farmer's Market over the summer. Furthermore, we participated in the LaGrange Pet Parade and the Fourth of July parade in Brookfield. Sokol Spirit maintains their membership with the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce who have collaborated with us over the last year with events. We are also collaborating with Share Food Share Love throughout the year collecting donations for the local food pantry. We collaborated with Share Food Share Love to hold a Game Show Night at Sokol Spirit on January 31st. We hope to continue this next year. We communicate our events, classes, etc. through Facebook, Instagram and our website. We are proud to continue our involvement with the Pillars Community Health Association's Secret Santa program. Thank you, Sis. Meribeth Tooke for organizing this for us each year.

Sokol Spirit continuously demonstrates our mission by providing fitness, fun and community for individuals and families through physical, educational, cultural and social programming. I would like to thank **everyone** who has contributed to Sokol Spirit's success over the last year. We look forward to a successful 2026 - 2027!

Nazdar!

Sis. Kathy Barcal
President

Nominating Committee Ballot

Sokol Spirit S.O.P. Form # I.A. 6.11

Nominating Committee presenting the 2026-27 ballot:

Sis. Sarah Heth, Sis. Kathy Barcal, Bro. Adam Wilt

SOKOL SPIRIT BALLOT for 2026-2027 presented on Wednesday, June 3, 2026

EXECUTIVE BOARD DIRECTORS

President:	Kathy Barcal
First (1 st) Vice President:	Cassie Croft
Second (2 nd) Vice President:	Sarah Heth
Treasurer:	Jenn Baran
Secretary:	Kathe Heetel
Financial Secretary:	Dorothy Becker
Membership Director:	Howie Maskill
Public Relations/Marketing Director:	Alix Fron
Educational Director:	Vera Wilt
By-Laws Director:	Adam Wilt
Information Technology Director:	Bob Barcal

Endorsement of Committee Selected Directors:

Men's Physical Director:	Lauren Wilt
Women's Physical Director:	Lauren Wilt
Building Management Director:	Adam Wilt

Other Committees:

Newsletter Editor/Fund	Howie Maskill
Webmaster	Howie Maskill & Adam Wilt

ELECTED SPECIAL COMMITTEES at the annual meeting:

AUDIT COMMITTEE: (A three (3) year rotation of terms for 3 members)

1. 2024-2027: **Ashley Croft**
2. 2025-2028: **Diana Rhodes**
3. 2026-2029: **Mary Novak**

BUDGET and FINANCE COMMITTEE: (A three (3) year rotation of terms for 5 members)

1. 2024-2027: **Kevin Rutkowski**
2. 2025-2028: **Sarah Heth**
3. 2026-2029: **Dave Kakareka**
4. Ex-officio: **Jenn Baran** (Treasurer)
5. Ex-officio: **Kathy Barcal** (President)

BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: (A two (2) year rotation of terms for 8 members and one (1) year for 3 members.)

Endorsement for 2nd-year on Committee

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| 1. 2025-2027: Kevin Rutkowski | 2. 2025-2027: Michael Gonzalez |
| 3. 2025-2027: Adam Wilt | 4. 2025-2027: Mike Ryan (NEW) |

New 2-year term

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| 1. 2026-2028: Howie Maskill | 2. 2026-2028: Ryan Wasielewski |
| 3. 2026-2028: Mark Shrofe | 4. 2026-2028: OPEN |

Members-at-Large (1 year term)

1. 2026-2027: **John Tooke**
2. 2026-2027: **Bob Barcal**
3. 2026-2027: **Eddie Zempich**

OTHER ELECTIONS.....

DELEGATES/REPRESENTATIVES to Affiliate Organizations:

Brookfield Chamber of Commerce (Various meeting times)

Representatives: Bob Barcal, Kathy Barcal, Vera Wilt & Adam Wilt

Bohemian National Cemetery (1st Wednesday PM meeting) Election January

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| 1. Angie Bultas | 3. OPEN |
| 2. OPEN | |

Central District of the American Sokol Organization (3rd Wednesday PM meeting) Election November

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| 1. Kathy Barcal | 4. OPEN |
| 2. Bob Barcal | 5. OPEN |
| 3. Sarah Heth | |

Tabor Hills/Bohemian Nursing Home (Quarterly meetings usually in Naperville home)

1. **Angie Bultas**
2. **Carol Rocush**

Respectfully submitted,

2026-2027 Sokol Spirit Nominating Committee

Sis. Kathy Barcal Bro. Howie Maskill Bro. Mike Ryan Bro. Adam Wilt



Sokol Spirit
Events Calendar
2026 – 2027

2026

June

11 – 14 – American Sokol Convention

July

4 – Brookfield Fourth of July Parade

August

Farmer's Market Dates

September

12 - Oktoberfest

14 – Classes Begin

18 - Czech Film Event & World Beer Club

October

16 - Czech Film Event & World Beer Club

24 – MCS Hospoda @ Spirit

November

1 – Central District Annual Meeting

7 – Spaghetti Dinner (?)

14 – Vendor Fair

20 – Czech Film Event and World Beer Club

? – Central District Turkey Tumble

23 - 27 – No Classes/Thanksgiving Week

December

18(?) – Winter Show & World Beer Club

12/21 – 1/8 - No classes (?)

2027

January

1 – 1/8 No Classes (?)

15 – World Beer Club

24 – Pancake Breakfast & Flapjack Open Volleyball Tournament (?)

February

? – Fun Fair

19 – Czech Film Event & World Beer Club

20 – Trivia Night Event

? - Worldwide Sokol Walk

March

? – Membership Event

19 – Czech Film Event & World Beer Club

? – Shamrock n Shufflin' Gymnastics – @ Lodge 306

22 – 26 No Classes – SPRING BREAK (Tentative)

April

16 – Czech Film Event & World Beer Club

? – Spring Show (Exhibition)

May

21 – Czech Film Event & World & World Beer Club

15 ? – Central District Gymnastic Competition

16 ? – Central District Sokol Day

June

? – Pet Parade

2 – Annual Membership Meeting (email info@sokolspirit.org for details)