



Sokol Spirit Annual Membership Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2026

Annual meeting called to order at 7:34pm by President, Sis. Kathy Barcal.

Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for members lost this past year.

Delegate and Committee Reports – See meeting packet for all submitted reports

Audit Committee Report:

- Request from Sis. Jenn Rutkowski to convert from Peachtree/Sage system to QuickBooks online to simplify the auditing process and enable login from anywhere/anytime. Cost is \$100 to enable remote access. On quick glance online, it looks like QuickBooks will cost \$80/year, and \$50/month for payroll package. Sis. Meribeth Tooke made a motion to proceed with purchasing QuickBooks online at a cost which would not exceed \$3,000/year. Second by Sis. Angie Bultas. Approved.
- We are currently maintaining four accounts: General, Memorial Fund, Juniors checking and Juniors savings. The last two are open but have a zero balance.

Budget and Finance Committee Report: This committee recommends:

- Maintaining the investment strategy/risk profile with the unit's Edward Jones portfolio.
- Increasing per session and full year class fees on Tots, Girls, Boys and Wheels.
- Monitoring the investment account to pull down and allocate a reserved amount of funds for projects.

The BOI accepts recommendation #2 but they will price the classes. Bro. John Bazata made a motion to accept all three of the BFC's recommendations. Sis. Vera Wilt seconded. Approved.

Also it was noted that the budget did not include a \$9,600 grant and \$1,900 grant from the Czech Ministry which may alter decision-making.

Delegate reports:

Bohemian National Cemetery and Tabor Hills: N/A

Central District: There will not be a bus available to/from Convention in Minnesota. Request for Czech Days sponsorship.

Supplemental Executive Board Reports – See meeting packet for all submitted reports

Board of Instructors: reported by Sis. Lauren Wilt

- Junior participation is low.
- There is talk of having two levels for girls' classes: one for more traditional Sokol activities, and one for more competitive gymnastics.
- Wheels participation is great.
- Sis. Tricia Rini will not serve as assistant BOI director for the fall session due to medical reasons.

- We need to make ourselves *important* in the eyes of our Sokol families. Sokol should not be the activity that is skippable because there is a scheduling conflict.
 - Seeking added parent engagement. Maybe the parent lounge will help with making those connections.
 - Setting a fee for fundraiser obligation. Parents will be asked to volunteer a certain number of hours/events or do a 'buy out' to be waived of volunteering expectations. It would be difficult to manage for fairness but it may help.
- BOI is revisiting the idea of a shared coach brought up at a past CD meeting.
 - Bro. Jon Kovar-Tooke will reach out to high school gymnasts for interest as possible coaches.
- BOI hopes to get \$250 for marketing purposes from CD.
- Class participants and members needed to march in Brookfield's Fourth of July parade.

Building Management Committee: reported by Bro. Adam Wilt: Priorities for 2026-2027 include cleaning out the apartment to create an office and parent lounge in that space and completing donor wall for basement restoration project.

Bro. Wilt submitted a motion to transfer funds of \$15,000 from Unit Reserve Fund. Second by Sis. Meribeth Tooke. Approved.

We hope to secure a grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic for building maintenance.

Information Technology Director: N/A

Bylaws: reported by Bro. Adam Wilt: Unit bylaws proposals for Annual Convention include term limits of 3 years for executive board members. Bro. Wilt would appreciate a review of bylaws next year before November, and asked if we should consider term limits for unit executive board members.

PR/Marketing: NA

Education Director: reported by Sis. Vera Wilt: The National Czech and Slovak Museum (IA) has provided the Czech films and educational materials to Sokol Spirit. Sis. Wilt motioned to make a \$70 donation to show our appreciation and for their continued support. Sis. Meribeth Tooke second. Approved.

Financial Secretary: reported by Sis. Dorothy Becker: We have 67 youth members which is the highest in the district.

Membership Director: N/A

Secretary: N/A

Treasurer: reported by Sis. Jenn Rutkowski. As discussed in the June Unit meeting, she is anxious to switch accounting systems in order to better analyze data and spending.

2nd Vice President: N/A

1st Vice President: reported by Sis. Cassie Croft: World Beer Club brought in \$2,600 last year. November, May and October were the best months. Bro. Matt Carlozzi will be coordinating and leading WBC activities next year. In September 2026, the Spirit BOI will be the host.

President: reported by Sis. Kathy Barcal: She said thank you to the Executive Board, BMC, BOI and others for their support in the past year.

Salaries/ Renumeration for Officers: No changes.

Unfinished Business: Bro. Bob Barcal asked the unit for \$250 to help with sponsorship for the 2026 CD softball team. Sis. Vera Wilt motioned, Bro. Bazata seconded. Approved.

New Business: The nominating committee asked for the casting of a unanimous ballot for the 2026-2027 year. **See nominating ballot in addendum.** Motion to approve unanimous ballot by Bro. Jon Kovar-Tookey, seconded by Sis. Vera Wilt. Approved.

Bro. Jon Kovar-Tookey was re-initiated as a Sokol Spirit member. Bro. Justin Hilcher was not present at the meeting but is a new member of Sokol Spirit.

For the Good of the Order

Sis. Vera Wilt motioned to authorize the Executive Board to conduct business over the summer. Sis. Dorothy Becker seconded. Approved.

Election and Installation of Officers

Next Unit meeting is Wednesday, September 2, 2026. Next Annual meeting is Wednesday, June 2, 2027.

Motion to adjourn Sis. Sarah Heth, Bro. John Bazata seconded. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Sis. Kathe Heetel, Unit Secretary

ADDENDUM: SOKOL SPIRIT NOMINATING COMMITTEE BALLOT

SOKOL SPIRIT BALLOT for 2027-2026 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
Information Technology Director:	Bob Barcal
Public Relations/Marketing Director:	Alix Fron
Educational Director:	Vera Wilt
By-Laws Director:	Adam Wilt
Appointed - Comptroller:	OPEN

Endorsement of Committee Selected Directors:

Physical Director:	Lauren Wilt
Assistant Director:	Tricia Rini
Building Management Director:	Adam Wilt

Other Committees:

Newsletter Editor	Howie Maskill
Webmasters	Howie Maskill, Adam Wilt and Jon Kovar-Tookey



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. 2023-2026: **Dave Kakareka**
4. Ex-Officio: **Jenn Baran** (Treasurer)
5. Ex-Officio: **Kathy Barcal** (President) Comptroller (OPEN) will also attend meetings

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: Michael Ryan | 4. 2025-2027: Adam Wilt |

New 2-year term

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

Members-at-Large (1 year term)

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| 1. 2026-2027: John Tooke | 2. 2026-2027: Eddie Zempich |
| 3. 2026-2027: Bob Barcal | Ex-Officio: Kathy Barcal |

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. Adam Wilt Bro. Michael Ryan Bro. Howie Maskill