

AMERICAN SOKOL - BOI
Minutes of December 11, 2013 Meeting

This meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. by Sis. M. Fiordelis at the American Sokol Office in Brookfield, Illinois and via teleconference. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bro. J. Kucera. The following BOI members were present: Maryann Fiordelis, Juanita LoGiudice, Bev Domzalski, Allison Gerber, Chuck Kalat, Jan Kalat, Bob Kucera, Mary Cushing, Kathy Barcal, Nadia Leary, Kandi Pajer, Joe Kucera, Barb Vondra, Howie Wise and Jane Wise.

- Sis. B. Vondra opened the meeting with an ice breaker activity as suggested at the recent Directors Conference. Sis. Vondra asked for the answer to the following question, "What achievements are you proud of so far this week?"

MINUTES:

- Minutes of the November 13, 2013, meeting were reviewed.

MOTION made by Sis. A. Gerber to accept the November 13, 2013, ASO-BOI meeting minutes, seconded by Sis. K. Barcal and passed.

BILLS:

- None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- See attached Correspondence Report dated December 11, 2013.

- A Rising Star article is needed for the January issue of the American Sokol publication. Sis. LoGiudice will put together a list of the Rising Stars to date.

OTHER OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Young Adult Teleconference

- The only participants in the teleconference were Maryann Fiordelis, Barb Vondra, Tom Pajer and Adam Wilt. The session went well, but participation was very disappointing.

National Camp Update

- Kevin Fitzpatrick has not been in contact with Sis. Fiordelis. Sis. Fiordelis did talk to Alex who said plans are moving forward.

School Board Highlights

- Sis. M. Cushing reviewed the report she gave at the Directors Conference.

- The School Board met on Thursday evening and Friday morning preceding the Director's Conference. Reviewed forms and implemented a new driver's waiver. Did exploration of opportunity for certifications at the school. FSLF income potential from donations is down; talked about coming up with ideas to explore the 4-year rotation for the school to always have a place to hold the school. Touched briefly on Instructor's Standards Guideline Book. Working on developing a new track to develop a class for parents or inexperienced new volunteers; will work that in for next Development Conference. Working with google.docs for share forms and documents that are changing as time goes on. Continuing to maintain Action List which has grown. Fees for National Instructors School was raised by \$50 across the board; this has not been done since 2008. Fees: Early Bird Special, \$325; Regular Fee,

\$375 and Late Fee, \$425; Last Minute Registration, \$475. The 2014 National Instructors School will be held at Sokol Greater Cleveland, June 29 to July 13, 2014.

Fitness Challenge

- Bro. T. Pajer submitted and received the usual \$2,000 grant, as in the past, to be used specifically to support running the WSF Fitness Challenge this year.
- Sis. J. Wise will send a copy of the fitness test to be used this year to Sis. Fiordelis to look over.
- Discussed the expenses involved with the fitness challenge; it is approximately \$1.99 per person for award pins and mailing. Last year 600 people entered and cost was approximately \$1,200. Shipping to Europe may elevate costs. This year we have \$2,000; however, depending on amount of entries, costs may be more than \$2,000.

Anything Else

- President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition is offering lifetime achievement awards to organizations. Last year, Sis. Fiordelis submitted paperwork on behalf of American Sokol; however, American Sokol was not a finalist, but did receive acknowledgement of entry. This is again available and Sis. Fiordelis will pass this on for any units possibly interested in receiving a lifetime achievement award. Sis. LoGiudice will submit this information to BOI and unit directors; deadline is February 1, 2014.

FOUR-YEAR BUSINESS PLAN

Review of Focus Areas and Goals

- Reviewed the document titled, "Notes from District Directors Conference, November 23-24, 2013," specifically, from page 4 beginning with Focus Area 1. Discussion followed regarding timelines, rewording, action list and champions for each goal. The first task is to develop an introductory letter to inform units. Bro. Kalat will develop report template by January 15, 2014. Sis. M. Cushing already prepared an article to explain this initiative. Sis. Cushing will send out letters to District and Unit Presidents, Unit BOI Directors by January 5, 2014 to begin this initiative. Sis. Fiordelis is the champion who will be overseeing that these tasks are completed.
- It was suggested that there should be one champion for the entire focus area, not each portion of the focus area. May need to have one overseer of all focuses/goals and one champion for each focus/goal to report back to the overseer. It was felt that Sis. Fiordelis should be the overseer of all focus areas.
- The budget and four-year plan will begin in July 2014.
- Discussed going back under each of the focus areas to prioritize these goals. We need to start now so that this will be accomplished by convention. The goal for the next meeting is to review these focus areas and decide what to begin with in the year 2014 and move on with the rest thereafter.
- Reviewed the last part of the "Notes" regarding the plan for the next Sports Festival. Sis. Fiordelis requested that those who were not in attendance at the Directors Conference review these Sports Festival notes and provide input at the next meeting.

CONVENTION BOI MEETING

- It was suggested that the BOI discuss at its next meeting whether there will be a pre-convention meeting at the convention so travel plans can be finalized.
- It was also suggested that the absent District Directors should be notified to attend the regular ASO BOI meetings, especially prior to the Convention.

BOI ACTION LIST

- Action list was reviewed; an updated copy is posted on the BOI members' web site.
- The next regular ASO-BOI meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

There was no further business to discuss. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly R. Domzalski, Secretary