

AMERICAN SOKOL - BOI
Minutes of January 8, 2014 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 Sis. Deb Allison. The following BOI members were present: Maryann Fiordelis, Juanita LoGiudice, Bev Domzalski, Allison Gerber, Chuck Kalat, Jan Kalat, Tom Pajer, Mary Cushing, Kathy Barcal, Kandi Pajer, Joe Kucera, Barb Vondra, Howie Wise, Jane Wise, Deb Allison, EllenJeanne Schnabl and Todd Yatchyshyn. Excused: Bob Kucera.

- Sis. M. Fiordelis presented the icebreaker from Sis. B. Vondra. The following question was asked, "What made you laugh the most this week?"

MINUTES:

- Minutes of the December 11, 2013, meeting were reviewed. Sis. Schnabl was not present at that meeting and should have been shown as excused.

MOTION made by Bro. T. Pajer to accept the December 11, 2013, ASO-BOI meeting minutes, seconded by Sis. E. Schnabl and passed.

BILLS:

- None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- See attached Correspondence Report dated January 8, 2014.

- Correction to the date the Rising Star article is due: January 17, 2014.

OTHER OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Digitizing BOI Materials

- The process is very slow, but is getting done; the question was asked whether we want to get it done at a slow pace for free or do we want to pay someone else to do it? It was decided that Lynette will continue to move along with this project.

- Eventually this material will be available for internet viewing.

- It was suggested that a list of materials being copied be prepared so people are aware of what ASO has available.

- Sis. LoGiudice will check for a local service to make copies of specific items needed now.

- This project was given a new Action List date of June, 2014.

Rising Star Article

- A list of those who already received the distinction of being a Rising Star was e-mailed to the ASO BOI prior to this meeting.

- It was suggested an article requesting Rising Stars be placed in the Directors Newsletter.

- It was decided that each District will be assigned a month that their District will be responsible for providing a Rising Star article.

Fitness Challenge

- A grant was received from Bridgestone Firestone marked specifically for the Fitness Challenge.

- Sis. LoGiudice will forward same information as was sent to Bro. Dostal of COS to the following: Sokol USA – Todd Yatchyshyn; Sokol Canada – Wendy; and DA Sokol - ?.

- Discussed changing the name of Fitness Challenge to "Sokol Fitness Challenge."

Extra Time at Convention

- A majority of the BOI will be able to attend Convention a day earlier for a BOI meeting. Lori Laznovsky and Lynn Conrad may not be able to be in early on Wednesday. Those that cannot be at the Convention a day earlier should perhaps be joining the regular monthly meetings of the ASO BOI to offer regular input to the ASO BOI.
- It was felt an ASO BOI meeting prior to the Convention would be beneficial to the ASO BOI. MOTION made by Bro. C. Kalat that the ASO BOI meet at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday preceding the convention, seconded by Sis. E. Schnabl and passed.
- It was noted that the selection of the next Physical Director can be done on Thursday when everyone is present.

Focus Areas for 2014 (Business Plan)

- Previously discussed putting together a Sokol calendar as a fundraiser; however, the ASO office is planning a 150th anniversary calendar in 2015. It was suggested ASO BOI forego plans for a calendar fundraiser at this time.
- What to concentrate on in 2014:
 - 2015 Gymnaestrada. Attempting to get 150 American Sokol people to attend in 2015. Sis. Vondra and Sis. Laznovsky are working on this.
 - Under Standards talked about opening up a class for inexperienced coaches and parent helpers (also discussed at School Board meeting); make it part of the development conference.
 - Performance Evaluations for Unit Directors from District Directors for 2014-2015 and should get working on this.
 - Create additional Development Conferences including a Regional conference.
 - External and internal surveys regarding wellness and nutrition programs to be finalized.
 - Pilot training program from Coach 101 USA Gymnastics educations opportunities.
 - District Directors to attend Regional or National Congress.
 - First thing to work on is champions for focus areas such as criteria and responsibilities.
 - Select one or two areas of infrastructure to work on such as communication.
 - Elevating standards of operation in units will be a later goal. This is a possible topic for pre-convention meeting.
- Sis. Fiordelis will send out a list of these items to the ASO BOI. These items need to be prioritized.

Next Slet Material

- ASO BOI needs a good plan or schedule of how many days and what should be covered. This would be a good topic for a pre-convention meeting.

Anything Else

- Currently have a Rising Start from St. Louis. And, Kim Elliott from Sokol Stickney will prepare the next one.
- More information from Sokol Canada about their mini Slet should be coming in the next two weeks.

BOI ACTION LIST

- Action list was reviewed; an updated copy is posted on the BOI members' web site.

SCHOOL BOARD 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, February 12, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

There was no further business to discuss. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly R. Domzalski, Secretary