

AMERICAN SOKOL - BOI
Minutes of April 9, 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. M. Cushing. The following BOI members were present: Maryann Fiordelis, Bev Domzalski, Allison Gerber, Chuck Kalat, Jan Kalat, Mary Cushing, Tom Pajer, Kandi Pajer, Howie Wise, Jane Wise, Donna Sbriglia, EllenJeanne Schnabl, Juanita LoGiudice, Joe Kucera, Bob Kucera, Todd Yatchyshyn and Deb Allison. Excused: Barb Vondra, Lynn Conrad and Kathy Barcal.

- This meeting opened with an ice breaker activity from Sis. B. Vondra. The following question was asked, "What one thing do you want to happen at the convention that you want to be a success for yourself or American Sokol?"

MINUTES:

- Minutes of the March 12, 2014, meeting was reviewed.

MOTION made by Bro. T. Pajer to accept the March 12, 2014, ASO-BOI meeting minutes, seconded by Bro. B. Kucera and passed.

BILLS:

- No bills.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- See attached Correspondence Report dated April 9, 2014.

- Bro. C. Kalat has a Rising Star for the publication; will submit when needed.

OTHER OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

National Instructor School Update

- In the Directors' Newsletter and ASO publication there was a notice about an Adopt-a-Student fundraiser for the School. This is similar to what the TNT Team once did. Donations will go directly to the school, not the student who is being adopted. Classes can also be adopted. It is \$50 for students and \$75 for classes.

- The school is not planning any transportation to the school from Canada following the Canada mini Slet; however, time allowances will be made for any students participating in the Canada mini Slet and attending the school.

- The school will be offering some classes to all levels for certifications keeping in line with the BOI activities.

- Reminder, early bird rate deadline date for school is May 1, 2014.

- Sis. Fiordelis will be calling unit directors regarding school enrollment.

WSF Show

- Central District Special Number Competition will be this weekend and their video will be prepared thereafter. The video should be ready to be mailed in one week. Western District may submit a number to be included.

Canada Mini Slet

- From Central District, Sokol Tabor has 3 people going; there are 2 going from Sokol Spirit; Matt Carlozzi and Anna from Sokol Stickney are going. Not sure if any other Districts have members attending.

- Sis. Cushing noted that she talked to Anna Janous and she is depending on the American Sokol to be the bulk of attendees. If American Sokol does not have enough people attending they may consider canceling the mini Slet.
- Sokol Cleveland has 4 men interested in going to play volleyball, but Canada's event is for co-ed volleyball teams. If there are some women who would be willing to play with them, they will attend.
- Sis. LoGiudice will send out a follow-up request for anyone who is definitely interested in attending.
- Sokol New York may have some juniors interested in attending.

Pre-Convention Agenda

- An agenda was sent out after last BOI meeting. Some adjustments have been made.
- At 5:30 on Wednesday, we will be building the 2017 Sports Festival model. At 7:00, we will take a dinner break and go to Sokol St. Louis. In the morning, we will continue building the 2017 model; have election of officers; then roundtable discussion. At noon, the BOI will break to prepare for the start of the convention.
- On Wednesday and Thursday, when the BOG is meeting, Sis. Bev Domzalski will be taking minutes for the BOG. Sis. Juanita LoGiudice will take minutes for the BOI, unless Sis. Domzalski is available. Sis. Allison Gerber and Sis. Barb Vondra will be attending both as they are able. Sis. Jan Kalat will also help with BOI minutes. Some BOI members may also be attending the By-Laws Committee meeting during the BOI meeting time.

Focus Areas 1 and 2 Action Steps

Focus Area 1

- Sis. Fiordelis will mentor 1-2 mentees to take on more roles for the BOI.
- Sis. Fiordelis also taking on Fundamentals of Gymnastics Instruction Course U100.
- Lynn Conrad is working with the icebreakers and will turn something in within the week.
- Bob Kucera – action step to send initial letter explaining how we are strengthening BOI overall and explaining face-to-face meetings; then, develop a meeting/progress schedule template to send out to directors as a reminder. Bro. Kalat has already developed a template and will send to Bro. Kucera. Sis. M. Cushing will work with Bro. B. Kucera on the letter. It was suggested that the project manager give an update and Sis. Kalat can track whether an update was actually given.

Focus Area 2

- Sis. Allison Gerber - first goal will be to develop a spreadsheet with a link to gymnastics instruction training schools and courses to be done by the end of May and posted on the website. Second goal would be monthly updates at the end of June, July and August and continue onward.
- Sis. Fiordelis requested that these plans be submitted in writing if anyone has not done so.
- Sis. M. Cushing - goal is to pilot the USA Gymnastics 100 course during the 2014-2015 Sokol season. This is also a goal for the school board. Action items:
 - Explore course online for details and information; Jane Wise completed 1/31/2014.
 - Take course online to see what was involved; Jane Wise completed by end of February.
 - Discuss above with the school board; Jane Wise and Mary Cushing by 3/31/2014.
 - Prepare necessary paperwork for information to go out to Advanced and Advanced 2 students; Jane Wise and Mary Cushing by 4/15/2014.
 - Arrange time at school to take the course; Mary Cushing and staff by end of May 2014.
 - Evaluate course with students and staff when completed, Mary Cushing.
 - Make recommendations to BOI, Mary Cushing at BOI meeting.
 - Introduce at 2014 or 2015 Development Conference, Mary Cushing, Jane Wise and National BOI.

- Sis. Fiordelis will send this out as a template for everyone to use.
- Bro. B. Kucera asked for more details on the course 100 to certify instructors. It was suggested, as a professional member, Bro. Kucera could take the course for free to gather information about the course.
- Sis. Donna Sbriglia will prepare something prior to convention.
- Sis. M. Cushing - goal is for the school board to design a class for parent helpers and to work with BOI on a track for the 2015 Development Conference. Action steps:
 - Put together an outline for this class to present to the school board; by Mary Cushing by end of April.
 - Exchange information and ideas about the class; by the school board by May 10.
 - Work on logistics with staff at instructors school; ongoing during school; due by end of school.
 - Present outline of class; by end of school; handled by Mary Cushing and Advanced and Advanced 2 students.
 - Re-evaluate areas needing revision; by Mary Cushing, staff and school board; due the end of July.
 - Present revisions and class outline to national BOI; by Mary Cushing for the August meeting.
 - Make debut presentation at 2015 Development Conference; by Mary Cushing, staff and school board.
 - Prepare curriculum to go out to units to implement by fall of 2015; by Mary Cushing, staff and school board.
 - Plan how this could be used at 2015 instructors' school; looked at by end of summer 2015 by Mary Cushing, staff and school board.
- This would help parents become assistants in class when implemented by units. This goal would train people to prepare the parents to become assistants.
- Further discussion will be held at Convention. Some confusion and concerns were raised that this goal should actually be the set-up of a track at a directors' conference specific to training parents to become Sokol-certified assistants.

Goal Ideas for Next Slet/Sports Festival

- Would like to develop models going forward for the next Slet/Sports Festival. We will be able to set some goals from the BOI side and compare them to the BOG's ideas and talk about them at the convention.
- BOI suggested the following model ideas for the 2017 Slet/Sports Festival:
 - More family friendly activities; lower hotel costs.
 - Shorten amount of days and use both weekend days to the fullest.
 - Lessen the amount of outings for the children.
 - See more people in the stands for closing ceremony.
 - More member participation.
 - Cut back on some activities.
 - Go back to some old traditions with pomp and circumstance.
 - Have a parade to advertise for local buy-in to activities.
- Sis. Fiordelis will send out the list that was previously prepared at the Directors' Conference for further discussion prior to the convention.

National Camp Update

- Bro. Kevin Fitzpatrick was not in attendance to give an update.
- An application will be filled out by camp staff and posted for campers' families to view.

Fitness Challenge Update

- Deadline was April 1, 2014, but a few units asked for a short extension in order to send in their results.
- So far, eight units have sent in results.
- Past participating units were contacted to see if they were turning in results.
- There were 280 participants and at least 100 more to come.
- Comments were made that the format used this year was not favored by most. A survey will be going out to get feedback from the participants.

BOI ACTION LIST

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

SCHOOL BOARD ACTION LIST

- Reviewed the School Board Action List.

- This is National Volunteer Week!
- Sokol USA has started a new lodge in Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania and will be known as Sokol Five Tool Fitness.

- The next ASO-BOI meeting will be at St. Louis, MO, on April 23, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. prior to the ASO Convention.
- The next regular ASO-BOI meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 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, Recording Secretary