

AMERICAN SOKOL - BOI
Minutes of May 14, 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, Mary Cushing, Tom Pajer, Kandi Pajer, Howie Wise, Jane Wise, Donna Sbriglia, Juanita LoGiudice, Bob Kucera, Barb Vondra and Ethna Flaherty. Excused: Chuck Kalat, Jan Kalat, Deb Allison and Kathy Barcal.

- This meeting opened with an ice breaker activity from Sis. B. Vondra. The following question was asked, "How did you learn to ride a bike?"

MINUTES:

- Minutes of the April 9, 2014, meeting was reviewed.

MOTION made by Sis. M. Cushing to accept the April 9, 2014, ASO-BOI meeting minutes, seconded by Sis. A. Gerber and passed.

BILLS:

- USPS postage for mailing two special number DVDs for WSF Show to Bro. Dostal, \$24.75.

MOTION made by Sis. A. Gerber to pay the bill, seconded by Sis. B. Vondra and passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- See attached Correspondence Report dated May 14, 2014.

- May is National Sports and Fitness Month.

- Sis. J. LoGiudice will contact Sis. Cheri Riddle and Bro. Otto to see if they are submitting any Rising Star articles; due June 1, 2014.

- Sis. Anna Janous is asking for registration for Canada Mini Slet; deadline is approaching. A question was raised as to whether ASO BOI will pay for the National Volleyball team attending the Canada Mini Slet. Bro. Matt Carlozzi has already submitted the fee for registering the team. MOTION made by Sis. E. Flaherty to reimburse Bro. Matt Carlozzi \$175.00 for the American Sokol Volleyball team fee paid for the Canada Mini Slet, seconded by Sis. D. Sbriglia and passed.

- Canada does have five volleyball teams registered.

- Sis. J. LoGiudice will send Canada hotel room payment policy information to all who are attending.

- Sis. Colleen Capodice will be leaving her position as office manager of American Sokol office at the end of May.

OTHER OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Education Committee

- Welcomed Sis. Ethna Flaherty as the new Education Director.

- Established a regular meeting time on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Central Time.

- Goal is to have a BOI representative join the Education Committee meeting every month beginning in September 2014.

- A drop box has been set up with folders for the committee to share materials and documents. They will receive an access code in June and will be asked to upload one document to make sure the system is working.

- American Sokol publication and Directors Newsletter will receive material on a rotating basis. The author of the articles will be submitted as the Education Committee, not from one individual.
- The National Merit Award currently has zero applicants. The District Education Directors will receive an e-mail from Sis. Flaherty asking them to contact the units for any possible applicants; also, requested the BOI to do the same (Sis. J. LoGiudice will contact the BOI Directors). The application is available on the web site. It was noted that Western District and Northeastern District have no graduating seniors in classes this year; however, it was also noted that adults returning to full-time classes are also eligible for the award.
- Sis. Flaherty requested that the Education Committee be kept in the loop with the progress of activities concerning the Instructors School.
- The Education Committee has no budgeted money for conferences, but under the BOI something may be able to be worked out when administrative and developmental conferences are being held.
- A wellness and nutrition program is being planned to be instituted within the next four years and will be part of the Education Committee. Sis. Domzalski will send information already gathered for this initiative to the Education Committee for their perusal.
- Sis. Ethna Flaherty will be added to the BOI roster.

Potential New BOI Members

- Bro. C. Kalat and Sis. J. Kalat are stepping down from their positions as assistants on the BOI; however, they will remain active members of the BOI.
- Sis. Kathy Barcal has taken on the position of 2nd women's assistant. Still looking for a 2nd men's assistant. Any recommendations will be considered. This is an action item for the BOI to submit names for the men's assistant with a June 10 due date.

District Directors Meeting and Convention Highlights

- Sis. Fiordelis asked for comments on the BOI Pre-Convention meeting and convention highlights.
- It was interesting and productive working together with the Board of Governors and getting their input on planning for the 2017 Slet/Sports Festival.
- The BOI Pre-Convention meeting was the best thing the BOI did, leaving the convention to be more productive. The convention seemed more relaxed. It was good to see the first time attendees and a lot of young, new people. The speaker was good.

Focus Areas 1 and 2 action steps, next steps

- Sis. Fiordelis is still waiting for action steps from Sis. Sbriglia; her due date will be June 10, 2014.
- Eventually, reports will be given on the action steps for the focus areas.
- Sis. M. Cushing noted she is still working on her overall outline for the parent/assistant focus area so her timeline will be pushed back a little.
- Sis. A. Gerber will get her action items in after Memorial Day.

2017 Event, host, dates, name, theme

- Western District is very excited to be hosting the 2017 Slet/Sports Festival.
- Sis. Gerber is in contact with the Cedar Rapids Convention Center and Visitors Bureau. The Convention Center will publish this event as a Summer Competition and Exhibition.
- Request was made of the BOI to give a recommendation of what we can call this event.
- Numerous ideas were discussed with respect to scheduling this event. The BOI will revisit this issue in a month or two.
- Suggestions for names/themes for the event were requested. American Sokol Slet and Festival was one idea. Possibly use Performance Festival rather than Sports Festival as opposed to being an ethnic or folk festival. Cedar Rapids has the National Czech and Slovak Museum which

should give us a pool of people interested in a local Sokol event. Also, consider using American Sokol Festival and Slet or, possibly, American Sokol Slet and Exhibition. BOI needs to think in marketing terms.

- Looking at available dates in 2017, it was noted that two Sundays fall on June 25, 2017 and July 2, 2017. Need to decide how many days the event will last. Cedar Rapids will be holding a Freedom Festival for about two weeks which concludes on 4th of July. The later the date is set, the longer Sokol classes may need to be in session (which is not always possible) and it may also interfere with National camp and instructors school.
- The Directors Newsletter should be used to get the Sokol membership involved in presenting their ideas. Sis. Fiordelis will put something together for the Directors Newsletter.
- Sis. Gerber will check availability of dates with the convention center prior to anything being put in the Directors Newsletter.
- It was suggested a survey go out to obtain more information (survey monkey with link on our website).
- Sis. Gerber will get some information on what Cedar Rapids is known for to possibly use as a theme for this event.

National Instructors School Update

- There are 34 students registered: 27 beginners; 1 intermediate, 4 advanced and no advanced II.
- DA Sokol will be sending some people. There are also 1-3 families interested from Sokol Washington.
- There are two units that have donated for Adopt-a-Class and one for an individual. More adoptions are expected. \$225 has been collected so far.
- Staffing is going well: Mary Cushing, Michelle Jirousek from Sokol Greater Cleveland, Todd Yatchyshyn from Sokol USA, Heidi Kuharik from Sokol Greater Cleveland. Assistant Instructors: Dan Bajak (IT), Hailie Soulides, Gretchen Obrovac (part-time staff), Ken Fron (possibly for first week). The staff will be posted on line.
- Sis. Fiordelis did contact all unit directors to talk to them about the National Instructors school and camp. No camp applications have been received yet. There has been no camp for several years, but would like to get one going this year. It was suggested to hold the camp as a 4-day camp rather than a week long camp; however, typical camps usually run 5-7 days.

Presidential Council on Physical Fitness

- Sis. Cushing applied on behalf of BOI for their award. BOI did not receive it this year. Sis. Cushing questioned our chances and she was told we look good. Sis. Cushing would like a little more information from units in order to help us be recognized. They told Sis. Cushing to continue to apply.

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.

- The next regular ASO-BOI meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. Sis. M. Fiordelis will not be available on this date. Bro. B. Kucera or Sis. A. Gerber will run the meeting.

- Sis. Fiordelis will contact Sis. L. Filipello to make sure BOI is included in ad for Canada Mini Slet program book.

There was no further business to discuss. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly R. Domzalski, Recording Secretary