

MINUTES OF THE
AMERICAN SOKOL
2010 CONVENTION BOI MEETING
Omaha, Nebraska
April 20-21, 2010

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. on April 20, 2010, by National Director of Men, Br. Chuck Kalat, and National Director of Women, Sis. Barb Vondra.

Bro. C. Kalat dispensed with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of past Sokols.

All District Directors, American Sokol Board of Instructor members and guests were requested to rise and introduce themselves. A sign-in sheet was also passed around.

PRESENT:

Sis. Barb Vondra, ASO Women's Director
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VOTING RIGHTS

- Each District Director has one vote, 1st and 2nd ASO Assistants each have one vote, National Directors each have a vote and will break a tie. Bro. B. Kucera and Sis. A. Gerber each have two votes. Everyone is welcome to participate in the discussions, present opinions and suggestions even though they have no voting power. Motions are restricted to those who have voting rights, but anyone can join discussions.

General Meeting Plans

- Copies of National and District Director Reports and Committee Reports were sent to conferees prior to the Conference for review. Agenda was presented and will be followed.

- Meeting will continue today until 12:00 p.m., then break for lunch. After lunch, this meeting will resume in another meeting room. Tomorrow, meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until business is finished.

REPORTS OF PAST ACTIVITIES

National Director

- Bro. C. Kalat reviewed the Report of the American Sokol National Board of Instructors 2005-2010 (September, 2005 – March, 2010) dated April 1, 2010 and attached hereto.
- Bro. Kalat thanked the Board of Instructors for all their work during the past five years.
- Sis. M. Fiordelis asked what the difference is between AAPHERD and USAG Congress, and which conference is better to attend. Bro. Kalat explained that AAPHERD is more about physical education in general with broader topics and USAG Congress is essentially about gymnastics.

Youth

- Bro. B. Kucera quickly reviewed his position as Youth Director for the past five years.
- The holiday coloring contest is the most popular contest in the Youth newsletter.
- All units have a youth ambassador
- Passport program is a good program for the kids. The little kids are excited about it; however, the older kids do not follow through with it. The passport should be used as a tool to document and keep track of activities to refer to when applying for the merit award. Districts should offer stickers for District Events to be placed in their passport documenting those District events. Central District creates a label with event information so the kids know what event they received the sticker at.
- Bro. B. Kucera is retiring from his position as youth director.
- Sis. LoGiudice asked if we need to keep up with changing technology which kids seem to know well. Bro. Pajer stated that Sis. Maria Breidenbach is in charge of testing facebook, etc. Texting reminders might be a benefit for course, camp, award deadlines, etc. Discussion followed concerning pros and cons of texting.

ATTENDANCE

- It is still a problem getting units to report attendance on a regular basis.
- Discussion followed on the different categories of reporting.
- Questions were raised as to why attendance is reported, what the purpose for the numbers is and why those numbers are never used for anything. Discussion followed attempting to answer these questions. It was felt these numbers should be analyzed in some way.
- Bro. R. Milan talked about new technology used at the college level gymnastic meets for scoring and recording members and numbers.
- Discussed numbers of members in ASO and participation in programs and events.

2005-2010 BOI BUDGET REVIEW

- The BOI Budget was \$198,000 for 5 years and was under budget.

2005-2010 FSLF BUDGET REVIEW

- The BOI under spent on this budget also. This budget was \$68,000 and the BOI used \$55,000. This budget is financially in good shape.
- Since not many are taking advantage of the scholarship, maybe that money can be used for something else.
- Some felt the scholarship amount should be increased to make it more enticing. This will be discussed later in this meeting.

SINGLE DIRECTOR NATIONAL BOI STRUCTURE

- Bro. C. Kalat read the by-law change proposed changing to a single director.
- When asked if having single directors follow down to Districts and Units, it was felt this should be for the National Board only since work is at a higher more strategic level, rather than the more operational level in Districts and Units.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES IMPACTING BOIS

- The by-law change for a single director needs to be presented on floor.

At 10:00 a.m., a break was taken. Meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

AMERICAN SOKOL PROGRAMS – FUTURE PLANS

Fitness Physical Core Program

- Bro. C. Kalat reviewed the results of the survey monkey that had been sent out recently.
- Most of the responses came from Central District.
- Sis. M. Fiordelis feels the Fitness Physical Core Program belongs under the National BOI for following through with implementation of this program.
- Bro. R. Jaros feels we are not keeping up with new programs available to the public. We are very old fashioned. Stretching is not necessary at the beginning of a workout; no study proves it is effective. Stretching is more important at the end of class.
- The core program also depends on the style of teaching the program.
- Bro. T. Pajer suggests we motivate the instructors to actively lead these programs.
- It was suggested that the BOI include a demonstration of physical core programs at the next Directors Conference.
- Bro. T. Pajer suggested that what the BOI feels Sokol needs to use should be added to the curriculum at the Instructors School.
- Sis. B. Vondra suggested clinics and workshops should be implanted to teach people how to handle these programs.

Guidelines for Developing Sokol Instructors Manual

- Bro. C. Kalat reviewed survey results.
- The BOI needs to find out why these manuals are not being used. The manuals need to be promoted to the people who really need to use the manual.
- It was also suggested that the manual should not be geared toward gymnastics only, but physical fitness in general.
- People need to understand that Sokol needs standardization to help perpetuate programs so Sokol won't die.
- Bro. Pajer suggested we make a decision on what our goal is on these manuals and whether this should be an enforced standard or optional. We need to have standards to be followed by all units.
- Sis. M. Cushing stated that we have to be proactive, not reactive. We need to get information out better for conferences and instructor schools. Enforcement needs to come from the national office. We need to have help in enforcement. We need to enforce Sokol perpetuation and standardization. We need to stress the importance of leadership in order to build classes and enforce Sokol standardization.

Youth Membership

- Bro. Pajer questioned whether youth membership should fall under BOI or be placed under the membership committee, not to take it on, but to oversee the youth director. Bro. B. Kucera feels it may get lost.
- Bro. Pajer suggested removing the one parent per child rule, and charge more for youth membership fees. This would have to be a by-law change.
- Instructors and Units should be reporting numbers to membership committee so membership committee can track the numbers. There should still be a Youth Director who would be doing the same duties as in the past, but maybe the membership director should support all youth programs.
- Bro. B. Kucera feels the membership committee should be in charge of collecting the youth membership fees and keeping track of the one parent to youth information, not the youth director.
- The point of the adult member with a child was to increase membership. Discussion followed about parent/child dues; also, discussed membership status and tax exemption.
- By saying everyone has to be a member, the problem is getting tax exemption. We cannot stipulate that everyone needs to be a member. That is not being charitable. This problem arose with Sokol Chicagoland and they had to be willing to take anyone regardless of whether they are a Sokol member or not. They had to be charitable.
- The membership director should be concerned with enticing members to be a part of Sokol and remain a part of Sokol.
- Sis. M. Cushing suggested this discussion/information be provided to the convention committees for youth and membership.
- It was also stated that units should not be put in a position to stop units from getting tax exemption

MOTION made by Bro. T. Pajer that both the membership and youth committees discuss two concepts at convention: (1) Moving youth membership structure and program under the membership committee; and (2) possible removal of parent membership requirements and move funds collected to the participants with the percentage split staying the same; i.e. \$5 to youth membership, \$28 to operations, seconded by Sis. M. Cushing and passed.

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 Bro. Mike Dropka, Sokol Town of Lake, guest
 Sis. EllenJeanne Schnabl, Sokol Spirit, ASO Education Director, guest
 Bro. Ed Schnabl, Sokol Spirit, guest.

Merit Award

- Sis. B. Kucera submitted names of applicants. The 2009-2010 awardees will be reminded that transcripts are due.
 - Having a single director may affect the Merit Award committee, bringing the vote down to four votes; may need a BOI person to break a tie.
 - The Merit Award finances are under budget.
 - Sis L. Laznovsky suggested we use merit award money somewhere else rather than for a scholarship to college. Requested ideas of what to do with the scholarship money.
 - Ideas were passed around about what to do with the scholarship money. One suggestion was that the money be given to units to help send students to Course and Camp or a Development Conference.
 - In Central District, there is some confusion between the National Merit Award and the Central District award.
 - There were 27 awards given out for the last five years: 2005-2006, 9 applicants/7 awards; 2006-2007, 7 applicants/6 awards; 2007-2008, 8 applicants/7 awards; 2008-2009, 4 applicants/4 awards; 2009-2010, 8 applicants/3 awards.
 - This award is a leadership award. The kids need to show what sort of leadership skills they have. So many applications are unacceptable for consideration. Discussion continued about the process involved with sending and returning the applications.
 - Suggestions were made to send applications to all seniors; or send to district directors to distribute and tell National who they were given to.
- MOTION made by Bro. R. Milan for one merit award per district (\$3,000) and other merit award monies (\$3,000) be used for some other new leadership developmental program to be defined/established, seconded by Sis. L. Laznovsky and passed (8 to 6).

- Because the merit award has to do with development of leadership and education of our students, should this be under the educational committee. BOI would manage other half of funds for new leadership development program.
- Bro. T. Pajer feels items that are not physical in nature should be delegated to committees such as the membership and educational committees to handle and expand other groups besides education and membership.
- Sis. Schnabl indicated that originally, the Future Sokol Leaders Fund was set up by James Cihak. Eventually, it was decided to use the money in this fund for merit awards and the educational committee was to take care of it. The Educational Committee was too small to handle it, so it was given to the BOI to handle.
- Bro. R. Milan noted that all these items that need to be handled by someone other than the BOI is a difficult thing to do because no one has time to do it as a volunteer. We need to pay people to do this stuff.
- The National Executive Board Committees, i.e. education, membership, fundraising, etc., should be taking on projects and having committee people doing something and the directors should be turning in reports to the National Board.

MOTION made by Bro. T. Pajer to transition the merit award to the educational committee effective for the next four years, seconded by Sis. L. Laznovsky and passed (11 to 3).

- The Directors get applications when requested from Sis. J. LoGiudice, who keeps track of who gets how many.

Gymnastic Skills

- National Gymnastics Month – Out of 500 there were 230 pins sent out.

Directors Newsletter

- Discussed continuation of Directors Newsletter. Currently, 103 newsletters are sent by U.S. mail and 63 newsletters are sent by e-mail.

MOTION made by Sis. M. Fiordelis to continue publishing the Directors Newsletter, seconded by Sis. A. Gerber and passed.

Rhythmic program

- BOI does try to keep artistic, rhythmic and volleyball programs separate.
- Discussion followed about whether this program should be taken out of the National program. It was decided to leave the option open to use at competitions.

Instructor Training Programs

- There are several video training programs available to instructors at the National office.
- Discussed programs available for training instructors. Further discussed what to do to have instructors take advantage of the training available. Sokol needs to keep on top of new programs available from other organizations. We also need to attend other Congresses and seminars offered by these organizations.

National Instructor School

- This year's National Instructor School is scheduled for July 11-25, 2010. The registration deadline is May 15.

- Plans for 2010 School

- Have received no "Instructor in Training" applications.
- The staff meeting is coming up.
- So far, two applicants applied for the school.

- Bid Process (bid deadline too early?)

- April 1st is the deadline to submit bids to hold Instructors' School.

- Central District will be submitting a bid for 2011.
- National School Board
 - Meets annually at Directors Conference where members of school board and the physical directors are present.
 - The purpose of the board is to review procedures and curriculum.
- Weekend Schools
 - These are mini instructor schools.
 - There are funds to support this, but the district must help.
- District Instructor Schools
 - No applications have been received to date for the Western District School.

At 2:45 p.m., a 15-minute break was taken. The meeting resumed at 3:00 p.m.

- Unit Instructor Schools, Traveling Instructors and Video Instructors Course
 - Short discussions were held on these programs.

National Sokol summer Camp

- Plans for 2010 Camp
 - The National Sokol Summer Camp is scheduled for August 1-9, 2010.
 - Would like to have at least 50 campers registered. There were several early bird specials available to campers: family discounts, 5 or more from same unit, class discounts when 50 or more attend.
 - Discussed incentives, some sort of a prize, for sending kids to camp.
 - Normal camp registration deadline is May 1.

Traveling Summer Camps

- Plans for 210 Camps
 - Central District has one lined up for 6/11-13/10. Kevin Fitzpatrick will coordinate this program. There may be a new trainee staff member.
 - The deadline for Central District camp is 5/15. The camp will be held at Sokol Tabor.
 - Bro. Pajer suggested sending out one form for all summer activities; Sis. M. Cushing suggested sending a form with the choices of School, National Camp or Weekend Camp along with the initial promotional DVD.

WSF Fitness Testing Program

- There were 9 units that participated. Approximately 341 participants (100 less than last year).
- Bro. H. Wise and Sis. J. Wise check all scores; no unit sent in a perfect paper.
- Participation pins have been ordered. Top 25% gets a pin.
- Pins and medals will go out as soon as they receive the order.

- ASO Fitness Challenge

- The BOI Action list has a 9/1/10 deadline to contact WSF regarding their utilizing the ASO fitness program which is easier to administer and the chart is easier to read.

WSF "Show" Program

- This program is a compilation of special number compositions. All are combined on multiple DVDs. Each participating WSF organization (ASO BOI) reviews the DVDs and chooses its favorites.

- ASO will continue to participate in this program.

Unit/District Directors Development

- Handbooks

- The handbook is a reference for BOI of programs available. It is updated annually.

Judging Certification Programs

- This program was started long ago. It is not up-to-date anymore. Sokol currently follows the USAG program.

MOTION by Sis. J. Kalat to remove this as an offered program, seconded by Bro. R. Milan and passed.

Aerobics Program

- This program should be combined with the core program. It should be reviewed/revamped.

Seniors in Motion Program

- Consists of warm-up exercise module and line dancing module.

- New York uses chair exercises.

- It was suggested that this program be reviewed/revamped.

Folk Dance Program

- There are 10 or 12 dances from different countries; very simple dances. They are used at the Instructors School.

- It does not need to be updated.

- It can move to the core program.

- Sis. J. Wise will make a DVD copy for the National office.

Mom & Tot Program

- This program is essentially a list of resources and two Patti Komara tapes.

- Discussed converting all VHS tapes to DVD.

Basic Volleyball Program

- This program and rules information can be found online. Currently, we have text only.

- Bro. H Wise will review the volleyball program.

Beginner Ballet Program

- There is text only put together by Sis. E. Schnabl of resources and techniques

Other Sport Programs

- This is for any future programs to be added; i.e. tae kwando (there is information at the National office); stability ball (Ron Jaros discussed at a conference).

Annual National Sports Tournaments

• Volleyball

- Discussed holding these types of tournaments to offset our budget.

- Should consider bowling or golf, also.

- Should look into GIJO-type programs to run.

• Mini Triathlon and Dodge Ball

- Sokol knows how to run events and should hold more of them.

Other Program Ideas

- Sis. J. LoGiudice is looking into National Walking programs. Polish Falcons would like to jointly participate with Sokol.

- Get a team together for the World Gymnastrada. It is the largest sporting event in world. It has the most participants (10,000 to 11,000) in one place. USAG will be taking people combined with another small group to do a performance in Lausanne, Switzerland on July 7-17, 2011.

Accommodations are in schools or 4-star hotel on lake, which is more expensive. There is an Olympic museum; this is the home of the Olympic committee; there are 9:00-5:00 performances that go on every 10-15 minutes; food is provided; a Sokol delegation would be welcome with USAG delegation. The 500-mile routine would be perfect. It could strengthen our interest in the

sport. The average age of attendees is 36 years old. This is more about life long participation. COS brought the largest all men's group to perform at the World Gymnaestrada.

- Golden age 50+ in Portugal. The cost is \$750 plus air fare. Contact Sis. L. Laznovsky if interested. There are about 2,000 participants. Package includes participant card and free local transportation; required to carry insurance; receive official USAG uniform (Sis. Laznovsky has samples); 7-day lunch packages and breakfasts; 10 days at the school costs \$1,751 per person; accommodations in 4-star hotel \$2,699 per person plus air fare.

MOTION made by Bro. R. Milan that the BOI support a group delegation to travel to Switzerland for the World Gymnaestrada, seconded by Sis. M. Fiordelis and passed.

- On 6/25-27/10, Indianapolis will host Team Gym Festival; looking for volunteers. This is an opportunity to experience team gym. Competition is on Saturday. Training is on Sunday.

- USA Wheel Federation won a bid for 2013 World Wheel Championships in Chicago.

Program Ideas

- Discussed what Sokol should be doing to promote its programs.

- Should have someone who is knowledgeable about all the programs Sokol offers and travel to different units to make them aware of what the National has to offer.

BOI Development Conferences

- Will be held October 16-17, 2010 in Cleveland, OH. There will be no Directors' Conference, just development tracks.

- Sokol USA will be asked if they want a track to talk about their Slet and conduct calisthenics clinics.

At 4:25 p.m., a 10-15 minute break was taken. The meeting resumed at 4:40 p.m.

Uniforms

• New Uniform Project –Basic Uniforms status and plans

- Uniform recommendations were viewed on a slide presentation at this time.

- Uniforms will be: Tots - blue t-shirt, red shorts; children - red t-shirt, blue shorts; juniors - white t-shirt, blue shorts; adults - white polo shirt, blue shorts or pants w/pockets.

- There was concern that shorts have pockets for men and women

MOTION made by Sis. L. Laznovsky to move forward and let the committee determine the shorts and trim based on the sources they come from seconded by Bro. R. Milan and passed.

- Everyone will still wear white gym shoes and socks.

• Accessories and Optional Items

- This will be put off for now.

- There are stock uniforms in the National office. A sale was held last summer. Contact Sis. Jean Hruby to purchase stock.

There was no further business to discuss. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

April 21, 2010

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NEW UNIFORMS – continued

- Clarified accents on the uniforms. Informal vote taken; 8-6 for no accents.
- Everyone wears white socks and white gym shoes.

FUTURE OF SOKOL

Youth Membership

- A letter was prepared to present to the educational committee about changes discussed. Sis. J. LoGiudice will deliver the letter to that committee.

New Wing – Young Adults

- Discussed what to do with this group. It is just a committee to the BOI. We need to nurture the younger set to keep it going.
- Bro. Mike Dropka suggested they be told what direction they need to go.
- New Wing needs to tell us what the younger set wants to do; what their interests are. The point of the New Wing was to help ASO keep kids transitioning from junior class (going off to college) to senior class (and coming back after college to Sokol again) through age 30.
- Bro. Dropka feels we should give them an event to plan. Don't ask for monthly reports. They would prefer to just plan an event. They would be interested in becoming more involved.
- Sis. J. Wise stated that they are capable of planning an event.
- The New Wing or a new branch thereof should include young family events.

- Bro. H. Wise feels no separate group like New Wing is needed. The younger groups are enthusiastic and energetic to be involved. Just ask and they would be willing to help.
 - Bro. Dropka doesn't think it matters if there is a group or not. If this age group gets involved, it's because they are available and they want to get involved.
- MOTION made by Sis. L. Laznovsky to remove the New Wing separate group and find ways to get everyone involved on events, seconded by Bro. H. Wise and passed.

Use of Technology

- Discussed whether the BOI website is a good thing for the instructors to go to for information. Not everyone remembers to look at the site. Suggested the possibility of a reminder to go to BOI page to see what is happening.
- There is no webmaster to control a web site. It would be wise to find someone who goes to college who may be available and is looking for experience in web pages. Post an ad in the newsletter or look on Craig's List.
- Should also look into Facebook, Twitter, Blogs to see if this helps. This should be the duty of PR or marketing to look into.
- It would be nice to have a chat area on a web site if you're looking for information. Add clips of DVDs available.
- Discussed capital equipment. All movies should be transferred to DVD. This should be handled by the education department, especially since library and archives are under the education department.
- Discussed the tournament rules. The current updated version is posted on web.
- Should update teleconferencing capabilities; investigate webinar.

Strategic Planning

- Phase I was sent out. ODT is giving a presentation at the start of the convention.
- There will be presentations from leadership, implementation and marketing. SPTF is moving forward. Everyone was asked to look at all with an open mind. When looking at the written words, understand their meaning. If you don't understand the words written, ask for an explanation of what they actually mean.
- It was pointed out that the teams presenting are not asking for anything to be voted on. The teams are just looking for discussion and input and feedback.

At 10:00 a.m., a break was taken. Meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

Keeping our Kids

- There were 9 summer camps last summer at Sokol Ft. Worth. It is open to Sokol and non-Sokol members.
- We need to find instructors who are good and make the kids want to come back.
- Encourage one class to look forward to joining next age level class.
- Units should operate in a standard fashion.
- Lengthy discussion was had on instructors needed to keep the kids. Use the tools we have, instructor school, instructor manual and school manual. Good instructors get the classes to grow.

New Programs and Initiatives

- This is something the BOI needs to enact.
- Bro. Pajer and Sis. Laznovsky will continue working on the family camp event that was presented at last BOI Conference. They are looking for a date. Then, a pilot camp can be prepared. Sis. M. Fiordelis offered Sokol Detroit as location to host pilot camp.

- Sis. J. Wise explained the Sokol Greater Cleveland family fun day. She feels we don't need to hold a local camp because people don't tend to stay for all activities. They leave to attend to personal commitments.
- Action list deadline for planning family camp event is July 1.
- Sis. L. Laznovsky had an adult camp idea where adults can learn how to fish, tie a knot, build a fire, etc. The action list deadline to plan this event is May 15.
- Ideas for several tournaments were discussed, such as a National dodge ball tournament or ping pong tournaments which are becoming popular.
- Bro. Pajer suggested a structured nutrition plan with a deadline on the action list.
- Communication to directors and instructors is a major initiative for next four years.

2010 COMPATRIOT FESTIVAL IN PRAGUE

- This is not a Sokol event. It will take place on September 9-12, 2010, in Prague. The intention of this festival is to bring groups from outside countries to join this festival. If anyone wants more information, Bro. Kalat will forward it to them. ASO will not be sponsoring this event.

2011 SOKOL USA SLET

- This Slet will be held in Cleveland on June 28-July 3, 2011.
- ASO will premier their new uniforms
- Bro. Pajer and Sis. Wurst will create an American Sokol special number. Their deadline is 9/1/10.

So far, there is no information about calisthenics.

- A technical meeting will be in the Fall, 2010.
- Bro. R. Milan asked whether we should consider combining Slets with Sokol USA in the future. Discussion with Sokol USA are on the action list.

2012 SLET IN PRAGUE

- The Slet is scheduled for July 1 – 7 2012. ASO usually picks a few calcs to learn. A clinic may be planned to learn the calcs following the 2011 Slet in Cleveland.

2013 ASO SLET

- Sokol Milwaukee is interested in hosting this Slet. Bro. Pajer gave a brief overview of events. BOI should be getting started on the calisthenics selection process now. They will need to be tested in near future.

SOKOL AWARDS PROGRAM

- Bro. Jerry Milan began this program. Bro. R. Milan gave a brief explanation on types of awards possible with this program.

POSTPONED AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Discussed hosting Gym Fest. Sis. L. Laznovsky heard many great comments about the Texas Slet event from USAG groups. She suggested that ASO look into running this fest in the future.
- Discussed tattoos and decided to follow guidelines of USAG or possibly high school guidelines. No one really cares if the tattoos are covered up.

- BOI submits a list of resolutions to resolution committee. Bro. Kalat read a list of organizations that should receive letters from Sokol. Forgotten organizations were added to the list.

At 12:00 p.m. a break was taken for lunch. At 1:00 p.m., District Directors will meet to decide on next National Director(s). Meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Sis. Barb Vondra, ASO Women's Director
Bro. Chuck Kalat, ASO Men's Director
Bro. Bob Kucera, Naperville-Tyrs/Central, ASO Youth Director and 1st Assistant ASO Men's Director
Bro. Thomas Pajer, Spirit/Central, 2nd Assistant ASO Men's Director
Sis. Maryann Fiordelis, Detroit/Northeastern, 1st Assistant ASO Women's Director
Sis. Janet Kalat, KHB/Southern, 2nd Asst. ASO Women's Dir.
Sis. Juanita LoGiudice, Tabor/Central, ASO-BOI office secretary
Sis. Bev Domzalski, Chicagoland/Central, ASO-BOI recording secretary
Bro. Rome Milan, Fort Worth/Southern, Men's District Director
Bro. Howie Wise, Gr. Cleveland/Northeastern, Men's District Director
Sis. Mary Cushing, Detroit/Northeastern, representing Women's District Director

Sis. Allison Gerber, Cedar Rapids/Western, Men's/Women's District Director
Sis. Lori Laznovsky, KHB/Southern, Women's District Director
Sis. Donna Sbriglia, New York/Eastern, Women's District Director
Sis. Barb Kucera, Naperville-Tyrs/Central, Women's District Director
Bro. Ronald Jaros, Sokol Philadelphia/Eastern, representing Men's District Director
Sis. Jane Wise, Greater Cleveland/Northeastern, ASO-BOI member, guest
Sis. Christina Curran-Wurst, Sokolice Tabor, ASO-BOI member, guest
Sis. Sandra Benak, South Omaha, guest
Bro. Vojmir Benak, Sokol South Omaha, guest
Bro. Buddy Benak, Sokol South Omaha, guest
Bro. Frank Michalek, Sokol Chicagoland, guest
Sis. Marla Breidenbach, Sokol St. Louis, guest
Sis. EllenJeanne Schnabl, Sokol Spirit, ASO Educational Director, guest
Bro. Jerry Milan, ASO-BOI, guest

- Reviewed a survey monkey. Bro. Pajer added comments.

2010-2014 BOI BUDGET

- Bro. Kalat reviewed the budget, a copy is attached.
- The National needs to look at doing National events to make more money. This needs to happen every year. We should not depend on Slet once every four years.
- We may need a special event director to plan special events for us.
- Several discussions followed. If a district runs a National event, they should allow at least 75% for the District and 25% to the ASO.
- Discussed attempting to get sponsorship. Did try for Texas Slet, but did not get any big names.

A few moments were taken at this time by Bro. C. Kalat and Sis. B. Vondra to present gifts in appreciation of the BOI secretarial staff and the four BOI assistants.

FSLF BUDGET

- Bro. C. Kalat reviewed the attached FSLF Budget.
- Donations should be noted on this fund. People should be reminded through the publication that money can be donated to this fund in memory of deceased members. There could be an "In

Memory of" section in the publication when a donation to this fund is made. A recommendation should be made to the publication editor from the BOI.

- We are spending more from this fund than we can guarantee coming in.

PLAN FOR OFFICER/COMMITTEE TRANSITIONS

Bro. R. Milan announced selection of Sis. Maryann Fiordelis as single physical director for next four years.

At this time, Sis. M. Fiordelis gave an overview of SPTF presentation of ODT for convention floor.

- Bro. Paul Lebloch gave some information about Prague Slet. Next slet in Prague will be in 2012. Bro. Lebloch gave information to publication which never appeared. On 12/5/10, there will be an exhibition of all numbers. A DVD will be sent out for everyone to view.

- There are two co-ed numbers for juniors (will be at next year's Gymnasetrada) and Group II. Junior girls and women have a number with jump ropes and there is a simpler women's number without hand apparatus.

- A new men's number is being written.

- A BOI committee should be assigned to choose which numbers we should participate in once viewed.

- This will be 150th year of the founding of Sokol, The 180th birthday of Miroslav Tyrs and the 130th anniversary of the first Sokol Slet.

- 2011 Sokol USA Slet might be a good time to showcase calcs for Prague.

- Sis. E. Schnabl was informed that all money for Merit Award comes out of FSLF.

Bro. H. Wise congratulated Sis. Barb Vondra and Bro. Chuck Kalat for an outstanding job as directors for the past 10 years.

- There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly R. Domzalski, BOI Recording Secretary