

AMERICAN SOKOL - BOI
Minutes of May 11, 2011 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. Bob Kucera. The following BOI members were present: Maryann Fiordelis, Barb Vondra, Bev Domzalski, Allison Gerber, Chuck Kalat, Jan Kalat, Kandi Pajer, Kathy Barcal, Jane Wise, Howie Wise, EllenJeanne Schnabl, Mary Cushing and Bob Kucera. Guest: Kevin Fitzpatrick. Excused: Tom Pajer, Christina Wurst, Paul Lebloch, Juanita LoGiudice and Donna Sbriglia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy Birthday: Paul Lebloch, 5/13; and Jane Wise, 5/28.

MINUTES:

- Minutes of the April 13, 2011, meeting were reviewed. Correction: Under 2013 Slet, a typo was corrected from CA Sokol to DA Sokol.

MOTION made by Bro. C. Kalat to accept the April 13, 2011, ASO-BOI meeting minutes, with one correction as noted above, seconded by Bro. B. Kucera and passed.

BILLS:

- Two bills for replacement uniforms, \$1, 944.77 and \$965.20.
- Lynette Gilbert, mailing of WSF DVD for show competition, \$5.09.

MOTION made by Bro. C. Kalat to approve payment of bills, seconded by Sis. B. Vondra and passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mail:

- Various American Sokol Unit Newsletters and other organizations.
- 2012 Packet of materials of 3 cal's each with text booklet, CD and DVD training video.
- Patti Komara packet of specials being offered.

E-mail:

- Chuck Kalat, Director's Newsletter – May.
- Jean Hruby, 2012 American Sokol Prague Tour Info.
- Tom Pajer, message from President regarding Executive Director, Greg Harris' employment was terminated due to lack of funds.
- Distributed to Unit and District Directors:

- Fitness Challenge Results deadline May 1st
- National Instructor School Registration Early Bird deadline May 15th
- Sokol USA Sokolfest registration deadlines due now or double
- Black and White T-Shirt Order Form deadline June 1st

- Distributed to Yahoo Group:

- 2011 Minutes & Updated Action List posted on BOI website, www.american-sokol.org/boi/members.

- American Sokol, Unit Growth Grant up to \$5,000 and Application Guidelines from American Sokol.
- Angela Hartford, Exercise with Clubbells, new word for Indian Clubs.

OTHER OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Directors Newsletter

- Expanded version is going quite well.
- About 20 newsletters go by USPS; well over 200 go out by e-mail. Cost per issue to mail by USPS is about \$2.00. Some are mailed because e-mail addresses are not good. Need to keep e-mails updated.

Fitness Challenge

- 2011 Fitness Challenge Report is attached.
- Suggestions were made to do this challenge every other year, or consider changing events every year for variety. Also, suggested a \$1.00 entry fee.
- Discussion on which events should be used; to be put on Director's Conference agenda.

Survey Result 2013 Competitions

- 2013 American Sokol Competition Survey Results report is attached.
- Pacific District does have women's programs; however, there are no district directors. Their only contact is the District President.
- It was suggested that we attempt to hold a competition with other competitive organizations.

National Instructors School Staff Meeting

- Will be meeting in the Chicago area during the weekend of June 10-12, 2011.
- Staff will be present to look at facility to see what may need to be changed. The first wave of registration should be coming in by that time.
- New official uniform is required for all students and staff at course.

2012 Cal Materials and Instructors for Development Conference

- Sis J. LoGiudice received three sets of DVDs from COS, along with handbooks, for each cal ASO will be doing.
 - Copies will be made for each District. All other copies would be sold upon request.
- MOTION made by Bro. C. Kalat to send to each District Director one set of DVD and CD of the three numbers after Sokol USA's Slet, seconded and passed.
- Sis. M. Fiordelis asked for volunteers to teach these cal at the Development Conference.

Camp Reunion

- Two meetings have been held since last BOI meeting. The reunion camp will be held on August 19-21, 2011, at the Sokol St. Louis Camp. Sokol St. Louis requires a 25-camper minimum at \$50 per camper, which would be a \$1,250 commitment to reserve the camp for that weekend. If for whatever reason the camp would be canceled, we would get that money back. The drop date for camp will be July 15, 2011. The camp will be for Sokol and non-Sokol members, 18 years and older.
- A save-the-date promotion was in the Director's Newsletter. Something will be prepared for the American Sokol publication.
- Staff for camp will be Matt Carlozzi, Maria Breidenbach, Tom Pajer, Lori Laznovsky, Peter Lattanzio and Kevin Fitzpatrick.
- Camp will be promoted during Sokol USA Slet.
- Registration letter and waiver form will be posted on the current camp web site and through Facebook.
- A subsidy of \$1,000 was requested from the Sokol Future Leaders Fund to help cover the \$1,250 commitment to Sokol St. Louis Camp. The cost for each camper would be \$100. Discussion followed regarding amount to be subsidized from Sokol Future Leaders Fund. MOTION made by Bro. K. Fitzpatrick that Sokol Future Leaders Fund subsidize camp for \$1,500.00, seconded by Bro. H. Wise and passed.
- Staff will be subsidized for their travel, but nothing else.
- Holding a camp for 18 year olds and up will give Sokol an opportunity to do some leadership training with them. The camp will have organized activities.

Mentoring Team

- There was a request in the Director's Newsletter for volunteers for the Mentoring Team. Volunteers are Mary Cushing, Barb Vondra, Maryann Fiordelis, Kevin Fitzpatrick and Kandi Pajer. The first meeting will take place this month.

Resource List

- Resource List was sent out to BOI members looking for comments on whether this is a valuable tool and information.

- It was suggested that the resource list be a whole Sokol program resource list. An article could be put in the Director's newsletter and the ASO publication asking for input on what areas should be included in the list and for names of people willing to be part of the resource list.

Miscellaneous

- Sokolfest deadlines for forms and money is May 15, 2011. Special number t-shirts need to be ordered by June 1, 2011.

- ASO should promote next American Sokol Slet and Reunion Camp at Sokolfest. Otherwise, American Sokol is not responsible for doing anything else at Sokolfest except jumping in to help wherever needed. In the past, the youth program offered some activities.

- Sis. Fiordelis encouraged everyone to support Sokolfest.

- There is a pre-school workshop in Chicago area (Elgin, IL) if anyone is interested. It will be held on June 12, 2011, for \$100; there will be a lot of activities for instructors to learn.

- Need to keep programs going that were overseen by our Executive Director. It was suggested that a reminder be sent out to BOI listing Sokol's national programs.

Walking Challenge

- Materials will go out before the end of the Sokol season so units can start walking while the weather is good. Also, BOI is looking for ideas to get more participation in units, such as starting a walking club for parents and members. It was suggested to offer walkers a t-shirt or a medal as incentives to complete the walking challenge.

Directors' Development Conference

- The conference will be October 21-23 at Sokol Ft. Worth. Friday will be the directors' meeting all day. Saturday and part of Sunday will be the development conference portion. Please submit ideas for the conference.

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, June 8, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.

There was no further business to discuss. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly R. Domzalski, Secretary