

AMERICAN SOKOL - BOI
Minutes of February 8, 2012 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. T. Pajer. The following BOI members were present: Maryann Fiordelis (excused early), Barb Vondra, Bev Domzalski, Allison Gerber, Kathy Barcal, Juanita LoGiudice, Chuck Kalat, Jan Kalat, Kandi Pajer, Jane Wise, Howie Wise, Bob Kucera, Tom Pajer, Mary Cushing and Donna Sbriglia. Guest: Wolfgang Bientzle. Excused: Paul Lebloch and EllenJeanne Schnabl.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy Birthday: Mary Cushing, 2/14; and Christina Wurst, 2/16.
- Sympathy: Ed and EllenJeanne Schnabl on the passing of Ed's 106 year old mother.

MINUTES:

- Minutes of the January 11, 2012, meeting were reviewed.

MOTION made by Bro. T. Pajer to accept the January 11, 2012, ASO-BOI meeting minutes, seconded by Bro. B. Kucera and passed.

BILLS:

- None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- See attached Correspondence Report dated February 8, 2012.
- Reminder: Next uniform order deadline date is April 1, 2012.

OTHER OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Wheels Program Update

- Wolfgang Bientzle attended this meeting to give an update on Sokol Cirque including the wheels program. The program is being used by Sokol Spirit, Sokol USA in Chicago and in North Chicago at the Willye White Park facility. This makes American Sokol an official partner of the Chicago Park District by providing these services at the Willye White facility. Per the contract with the Chicago Park District, this program offers classes for free to the community and neighborhood: two wheel programs and a tots class. The wheels program is closed with 50 kids per class and two coaches. There is a waiting list of 60 kids. This program is currently the largest program for the Chicago Park District. The tots class has 20 kids signed up.
- The goal for Sokol Cirque and wheels programs is to expand these programs to other Sokol facilities across the country. A six month tryout would be offered, with two wheels for free. The Sokol Cirque program Wolfgang is offering to Sokol Units can be for wheels, aerials or other circus skills, like trampoline, teeter-totter or flying trapeze. The insurance is covered by American Sokol and coaches are ready to begin.
- The wheel program includes a lot of international coaches from Japan, Argentina, South Africa and Germany. The coaches come to the U.S. at their own expense. Units would have to provide housing and food.
- The Chicago program performs for the City when requested.
- Bro. Pajer reiterated Wolfgang's offer, which includes the opportunity to get free instructors, free wheels, free insurance and everything being handled if a unit accepts this invitation for a six month period.

- The International Wheel Federation, based in Switzerland, will hold the World Championships in Chicago, July 8-14, 2013.
- Sis. M. Fiordelis' personal goal is to get this program, which is a Sokol BOI program, into Sokol Units this year. Sis. Fiordelis will get together with Sis. Hruby to prepare an article about this program for the Directors' Newsletter.
- A requirement for this program is a flat floor area of 35' x 35'.
- Sis. Sbriglia voiced concerns from Sokol New York about insurance coverage. Wolfgang explained wheels program is part of USA Gymnastics' General Gymnastics Program and the insurance coverage is for circus performances, excluding high wire acts.
- Wolfgang noted that the next wheel demonstration/performance is March 9, 10 and 11 in Chicago.

Goals

- Sis. Fiordelis assigned goals to District Directors. The first goal is to develop methods to entice participation including parents of our youth members at the 2013 Slet. This was assigned to the Central and Eastern Districts; Bob Kucera has agreed to be the lead.
- Goal worksheets were given to each director covering their goal. Sis. Kathy Barcal was the only director who signed off on this goal to be part of this team. Sis. Fiordelis requested other directors to also sign off.
- The second goal is to develop a mechanism to reward people when complying to mandates. This goal was assigned to Northeastern and Southern Districts; so far no team lead.
- Bro. R. Milan sent information on nutrition to Sis. Fiordelis and she will forward it to everyone.
- The National goals were sent out in December; very few comments were received. Sis. Fiordelis will re-send those goals as requested to Bro. Pajer.
- Bro. B. Kucera reported the discussions he and his team had for their goal.

Directors' Newsletter

- There were some new contributors in the February issue. There is a new health and wellness column.
- Bro. Pajer requested Bro. Kalat to write a few sentences of inspiration to submit articles.

2012 COS Slet

- Sis. Fiordelis reviewed surveys and sent all information to Bro. Dostal about the cal numbers.
- Uniform ordering information went out.
- Loyal Guard workshop will be held in February. Sis. Fiordelis will forward any information she receives. The ASO cal contact representatives are Paul Lebloch for men's cal, Maryann Fiordelis and Jerry Kalivoda for Loyal Guard and Jane Wise for women's cal.
- There are 20 people interested in performing the "500 mile" number.

Camp Plans

- Discussed doing a weekend camp. Kevin Fitzpatrick may be taking over the National Camp program. Reunion camp attendees may be contacted to see if anyone is interested in being part of the camp staff.
- Central District will host a traveling camp this summer, June 15-17, 2012.

150 Memories

- Sis. B. Vondra thanked Bro. Kalat for putting this project in the Directors Newsletter. It will also be put in the American Sokol publication.
- The deadline for returns is April 1, 2012.
- Every member will get this information as it is taking the place of the seals fundraiser and will be part of our \$3,000 national goal.

BOI National Program Update

- BOI National Programs Criteria Check report was e-mailed to this board.

- Discussion followed on whether to continue with all programs and to decide who will coordinate these programs.
- National BOI need to look at eliminating programs we do not use. Some programs do not need a coordinator; however, it was felt if there is no coordinator for the programs, the programs will just sit on the list.
- Kaitlin Short has been doing some nutrition and wellness presentations at various units; Bro. Pajer would like to consider her a prospective coordinator for this program, although it was noted that she has products to sell behind her presentations.
- If there is no active coordinator working the program, then resource people will be needed in order to have someone available with information.
- Some items on the list may be considered part of another department rather than BOI, but due to lack of these departments to oversee these programs, the items currently sit on BOI list.
- There are two programs on this list that are fully functional national programs that meet all the criteria that have been developed: National Instructors School and Fitness Challenge. The BOI should pick two more programs and get a coordinator in order to have fully functioning programs. If any programs are lacking certain criteria, then the coordinator should be responsible for meeting the criteria. At the same time, guidelines or job descriptions are needed to be developed for each coordinator.
- Another item should be added to the criteria list as an item #13, which would be personal contact with units to promote the program.
- Sis. A. Gerber will work with Sis. M. Fiordelis to document the job description/guidelines for a coordinator based on the 13 criteria items. We need to keep in mind that a coordinator needs to be able to accomplish all criteria listed, not just have knowledge of the program. Someone with basic knowledge would only be considered a resource person.

National School Board, 2012 School, School Board Meeting outcomes

- Sis. Cushing e-mailed her report to the BOI, along with the School Board Action List. However, some were unable to open the report sent by e-mail.
- Approval of school site for 2012 National School was requested.
- MOTION made by Sis. Cushing to accept Sokol West as host for 2012 National Instructor's School, seconded by Bro. H. Wise and passed.
- The school would be held July 15-29, 2012. Sokol West is in West, TX. The nearest airport is Dallas/Ft. Worth airport, which is 1-1/2 hours from Sokol West.
- The forms were fine-tuned for easier understanding of what is being asked of the host unit.
- There were no objections from the BOI to using these forms. The Board did request that the Host Unit Application be sent to them for review.
- A training workshop is being planned for potential Instructors in Training (ITs) as an incentive. Attendees may receive a higher stipend as an ITs for Course if they attend the workshop. The workshop would only be offered to those seriously considering being an IT at the National Instructors' Course.

Other

- National Senior Health and Fitness Day is on Wednesday, May 30, 2012. It is promoted during the month of May as part of Older Americans Month. Information will be available at the end of February. Each unit participating in the event would have to register. American Sokol would register in order to get the preliminary information and packet in order to distribute information to Sokol units. Units would then individually join this event to promote National Senior Health and Fitness Day. Sis. LoGiudice asked for permission to register American Sokol at a cost of \$29.95 and to talk to the person in charge to get necessary information to distribute to American Sokol units.

MOTION made by Sis. A. Gerber to have Sis. J. LoGiudice pursue this event and register American Sokol to receive information for \$29.95, seconded by Sis. B. Vondra and passed.

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, March 14, 2012, at 7:30 p.m.

There was no further business to discuss. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly R. Domzalski, Secretary