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lidé silní, krásní a dobří — to je cíl sokolské výchovy."*

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VLADISLAV SLAVÍK:

MIROSLAV TYRŠ

Leader - Scholar - Human Being

Tyrš by a real stroke of genius and of art amalgamated in harmonious fashion the ancient ideal of beauty with our national programme which called for a synthesis of the refined Czech spirit with pure humanity.
— T. G. Masaryk



Miroslav Tyrš, born as Friedrich Tirsch, whose almost perfect physique rivalled that of the ancient Hellenic champions, was born on Sept. 18, 1832 into a family all of whose members died early of tuberculosis. His two sisters died in infancy. His father, a physician, succumbed to this dreadful disease at the age of 36. His mother moved from one brother to another, but the family curse followed her and her son and felled all but one brother and a young boy. On September 1843 the merciless tuberculosis claimed Kateřina Tirsch as well. Near death she appealed to her last brother, Antonín Kirschbaum. A widower who lived in Prague with his four small children, he gladly accepted the 11-year-old Friedrich. Young Friedrich thought that all this moving from one relative to another was an escape before frightful affliction. As he grew up he began to understand the profound truth that it takes a strong body to resist a sickness. God had given him a gift of two rare characteristics: a talent to learn

very quickly and a leadership ability. But to strengthen himself through physical exercise was up to him. And exercise he did. His vitality and perseverance knew no bounds.

From the little instructions in Czech Tyrš had in German schools, he learned that he was a Czech and began to call himself Bedřich and later Miroslav. He also wanted to change his name from Tirsch to Tyrš but that had to wait until he was 21. Since there was a small inheritance, Tyrš could afford a gymnasium (high school for excellent students) with a heavy emphasis on history, including Czech history, Greek and Latin. Hellenic culture fascinated him, especially its democratic way of life. The Greek motto: *Mens sana in corpore sano* (A sound mind in a healthy body) was his guiding light. At 13, youngest of the group, Tyrš entered gymnastic classes at Ledeburg Palace. Within a very few years his ingrained desire for excellence made him a top gymnast and a fearless fencer.

In the spring of the revolutionary year 1848, the city of Prague became a center of Panslav efforts to shake off the yoke of oppression. When Prague rebelled and the Czechs took to the barricades, the Habsburg army encircled her. Not quite 16, Tyrš joined the patriots. During a minor skirmish, Tyrš heard a shot as his high hat fell off. An Austrian bullet had pierced his hat. That was his first encounter with the hated government. In the end, the Czech patriots lost the battle, but won the war. Nurtured by brilliant articles of Karel Havlíček, Prague once more restored herself into a Czech city. Now a convinced patriot, Tyrš transferred to the Academic Lyceum, always considered a nest of Czech nationalism.

Tyrš graduated "summa cum laude", with honors, and signed up for law as his uncle wished. Soon, however, he felt drawn to "the art of thinking," philosophy, and changed his field of studies the next semester.

As he matured into a fine gymnast, Tyrš joined first Malypetr Gymnastic Institute and later the Schmidt Institute where he was paid for instructing the first team. He also improved himself in fencing and practiced weight lifting hoping that a strong body would resist inherited disease tendencies. As his university days went by he developed a strong affection for the history of the fine arts. He actually was able to visit and view great works of art, when he treated himself to a trip to Italy. After hichhiking through Austria, he went to Genoa, Verona and

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SOKOL MOMS & DADS

A Family Tradition

Mother's Day and Father's Day are events that bring a special warmth to the heart of parent's remembering their own family life. Most of us remember the special care unselfishly given by our mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, aunts and uncles or a special persons who may have had to replace our own parents at some crucial time. Some parents remained within the confines of the home and workplace tending to the daily routines with different degrees of interest. This issue is dedicated to those mothers and fathers who chose to diversify and spend their "free" time learning, caring and growing with their children in the Sokol gym!



A Sokol Family for Many Years

When I started to attend Sokol classes at 8 years old, I would spend the entire after school hours at Sokol Tabor waiting until my older sisters' class was over. Two days a week for years I would participate in my class and then do homework and play on the side until 8:30 p.m.

As the years passed and I began a family of my own, I taught my own daughter, Teryn, in the Tots class. As she grew and assisted me in Tots (and also in the First class girls) my other children Tysen, Ryan and Justin participated. My sisters and I have drilled together for the past 15 years.

My husband, John, is a member and has participated in the exhibitions slets, and at the administrative level.

Raydeen Naughton, Berwyn, Ill.



Sokol Karel Havlíček-Borovský, Ennis, Texas members: Mike Liska, unit financial secretary, Nanette Liska, 2nd asst. director, children left to right: Sara, Paul and Rusty.



Renata, daughters Erika and Sarah, and Jarmila Zboril of Sokol Detroit Ladies Auxiliary.

My daughter, Renata, her two daughters and myself attend gym classes in Sokol Detroit. I am honorary member of Sokol Detroit Ladies Auxiliary, Past President of my unit after an 18 year tenure, and honorary member of Sokol Detroit and Ladies Auxiliary board of instructors.

Renata Green has taught the little girls class for several years, Erika, 10½, has won several competition awards and Sarah 7½, has won her first award.

Their great-grandfather, Br. Frank Pliska now 95 years, was a přeborník (champion) in his time, attended the C.D.S. Slet of 1912, came to the U.S. in 1913, became active in Sokol Detroit and is now a member of Sokol Greater Cleveland. There were times when my mother, Sis. Anna Pliska who is 94, had to get seven of us ready for a veřejné cvičení — my three brothers, my sister and I, Dad, and herself!

We have all been Sokol gymnasts all our lives and are proud to be Sokol members.

Nazdar!

Jarmila Zbořil



Three generations of gymnasts from one Sokol Greater Cleveland family — back left to right: Elsie Mastny, Jane Wise, Howie Wise. Front left to right: Michael, Angela, Steven Wise.

Besides attending regular Sokol classes, Jane is the instructor of the Tots class and Howie is the calisthenics instructor for the Little Boys class. Brother Jane and Howie are active members of the SGC Czech Folk Dancers. Elsie is an active member of the Women's Class and is very proud of her grandchildren's achievements in the children's classes.

Jane Wise

Sokol Brookfield honored their many families during the mass assembly at the beginning of their March 4 exhibition.

Bro. Roy Zitny announced "Standing before you are all the individuals, children and adults, that attend Sokol Brookfield's classes. Many are families that participate together in our Sokol program." These parents and their children were asked to step forward and be acknowledged. They are: Sis. Millie Sullivan and Beth, Melissa and Millie's sister Denise Conway. Sis. Nancy Michalek and Janice, Sis. Wendy Sanders and Tiffany and Heidi, Sis. Dorothy Ball and Sharon, Sis. Linda DeFore and Angela, Sis. Phyllis Kucera and John, Stephanie

and Desneige, Sis. Sue Kozelka and Chris, Kim, Carrie and Barb Basta (Sue's sister), Sis. Kathy Feeney and Billy and Colleen, Sis. Gerry Umlauf and Shannon & Lesley, Sis. Penny Luce and Scott and Shawn, Sis. Juanita Proper and Kristen. Br. Steve and Sis. Karen Fischer and Kelly and Steve, Br. Dave and Sis. Judy Harlan and Jason.

I felt especially proud of this family participation. Since 1981 I have been the women's director at our unit. Having been an instructor and assistant, I have always welcomed and encouraged parents to volunteer to help with our classes or in any way they can help. It is in this way that we have gotten 6 parents to become Sokol members who have gone on to drill the senior calisthenics and some have become instructors.

Husbands Marty Umlauf and Ken Kozelka are Sokol members who have been our spaghetti dinner "chefs" for the past three years and also serve on the building board of directors.

I have always felt that Sokol is a family affair (at least in our house)!

Nazdar! *Sis. Sue Kozelka, Sokol Brookfield, Ill.*

Sokol Naperville owes its beginnings to my four children who have shared the Sokol experience with me for over 15 years. Sokol Naperville may not exist as it is without their spirit, however, it flourishes because of the many parents who involve themselves consistently to the higher ideals of the founder, Dr. Tyrš.

Karen Mulacek of Naperville shares the teaching/parenting experience with her three children as does Flo Del Carlo and her assistants, daughter Dawn and son Corbin (Angie is an older Tot). Frank Acquaviva was our first gymnastic instructor and now daughter, Abby, is an enthusiastic gymnast because of her Dad's commitment to the Sokol program. And, like Sue Kozelka, we are encouraging several of our parents to assist during class. Our conditioning program and vaulting exercises for beginning gymnasts is worked very ably by Will Bujak. One of our Naper/West team member's Dad, Kit Eckert, has worked with our boys for three years now so that we can maintain our boys program. Our girls special number program is being developed by a mother of three Sokol gymnasts, Judy Wells.

All of our instructors, like yours, come because of their children, and stay because of the total benefit to the family.

Lynda Filipello, Sokol Naperville

(Send those pictures and stories for future publications.)

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This was discussed at the B.O.I. Directors Conference held in Baltimore, Md. where it was agreed a National Identity Program for the A.S.O. is necessary.

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XVIII AMERICAN SOKOL SLET Tentative Schedule of Events

TUESDAY, JUNE 20th

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Registration of all Gymnasts	Holiday Inn Holidome
2:00 PM	Judges Meeting	Holiday Inn Holidome
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	Rehearsal for Special Number Competition.....	Bryan Sr. H.S.
7:00 PM	Opening Ceremonies & Special Number Competition.....	Bryan Sr. H.S.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st

7:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Warm Ups and Competition for Jrs. and Seniors	Holiday Inn Holidome
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THURSDAY, JUNE 22nd

7:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Rhythmic Gymnastic Competition Jr. Girls & Women	Holiday Inn Holidome
7:00 AM to 12 Noon	Volleyball Tournament for Jr. Boys and Men	Bryan Junior & Senior H.S.
12 Noon to 4:00 PM	Volleyball Tournament for Jr. Girls and Women	Bryan Junior & Senior H.S.
6:00 PM	Banquet	Holiday Inn
6:00 PM	Junior Social	Sokol South Omaha

FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd

7:00 AM	Championship Volleyball — Men	Bryan Junior & Sr. H.S.
12 Noon	Championship Volleyball — Women	Bryan Junior & Sr. H.S.
2:00 PM	Sokol Championship Competition	Holiday Inn Holidome
6:00 PM	Opening of Czech Festival	Civic Center
8:00 PM	Awards Social.....	Sokol South Omaha
9:00 PM	Czech Festival.....	Civic Center

SATURDAY, JUNE 24th

9:30 AM	Leaders Meeting & Flag Bearers Rehearsal	Civic Center
10:30 AM	Slet Rehearsal.....	Civic Center
11:00 AM	Czech Festival — Doors Open	Civic Center
6:00 PM	Slet Line Up	Civic Center
7:00 PM	Slet Program	Civic Center
9:00 PM	Slet Social — Czech Festival.....	Civic Center

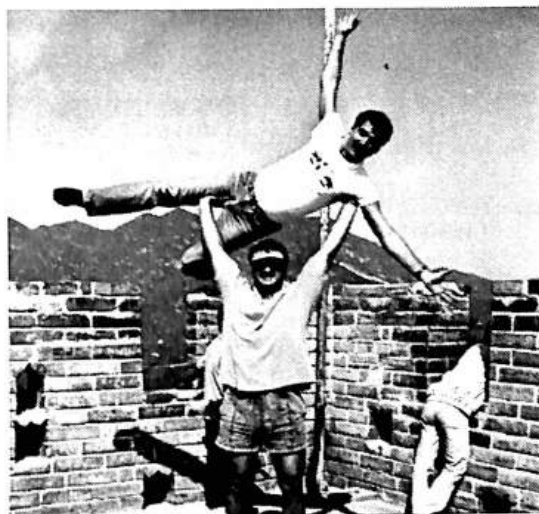
SUNDAY, JUNE 25th

11:00 AM	Round Table Conference.....	Holiday Inn
	Czech Festival — Doors Open	Civic Center

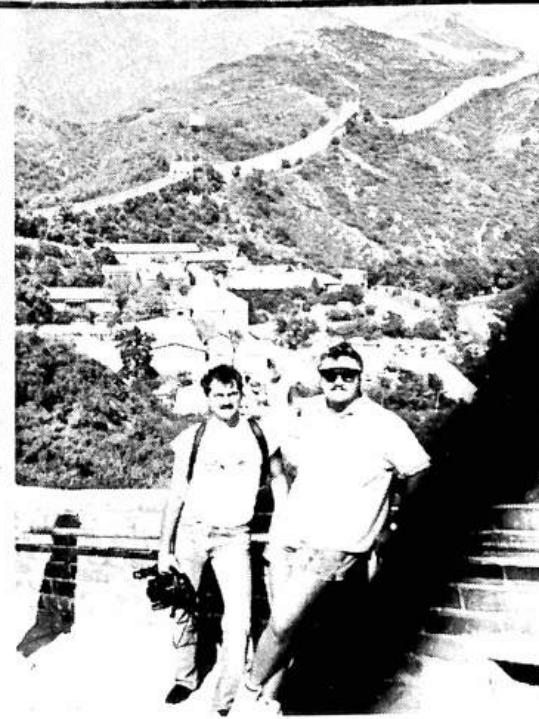
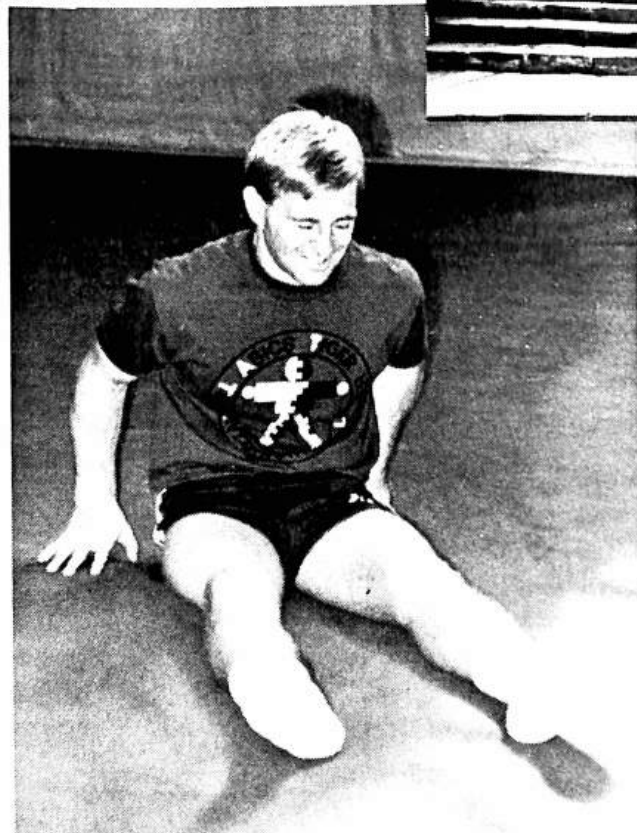


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1989 XVII American Sokol Slet Junior & Senior Volleyball Tournament Rules

RULES PERTAIN TO ALL DIVISIONS

1. USVBA RULES will be followed with modifications to fit Sokol Rules. A copy will be provided to all teams that enter the Tournament.
2. TEAMS must be uniformly dressed with 3" to 6" numbers on the front and 6" number on the back.
3. TEAMS must turn in each player's number the day of the tournament.
4. NO ENTREE will be accepted after May 1, 1989.
3. YOU must begin with 6 players, in the event 1 player should be injured you will be allowed to play with 5 players. No less than 5 players on the court.
6. The games will be TIMED! They will be 8 minutes or 11 points whichever comes first.
7. EACH team must supply 1 UMPIRE, 1 SCOREKEEPER, 1 LINESMEN & 1 TIMEKEEPER.
8. THE game before your scheduled game shall be YOUR TEAMS RESPONSIBILITY.
9. ANYONE not complying with the above rule shall automatically obtain ONE LOSS.
10. IF any team members are not qualified to umpire you must obtain someone who is.
11. EACH TEAM shall have ONE CAPTAIN. The referee shall only recognize this appointed person.
12. SUBSTITUTION will be no more than 6 per game. With one person being able to enter only 3 times.
13. THE Final Matches will not be timed. They will be held Friday morning.
14. YOU must adhere to the starting times. After 5 minutes the first game will be forfeited & after 15 min. the second if 6 players are not standing on the court in position.
15. ON a mixed team of Juniors and Seniors, at least 3 of the players playing at all times must be seniors.
16. IF a person or persons would like to play volleyball & their unit does not have a team, they may play on another team. Any team with other unit members playing with them may have only 2 players from another unit.
17. Everyone before playing their first match will be judged on a part of the calisthenics. The part will be chosen at that time & no one will know this in advance.

A GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE will be formed, consisting of 1 representative from each district participating. One WOMAN for the females and One MAN for the males. This person should not be committed to any other activity.

XVII American Sokol Slet Volleyball Committee

Junior Girls/Boys, Women and Mens calisthenics to be used at the Competitions

Junior Girls/Junior Boys Calisthenics:

1. Page 4-5
Sections VI-V All 32 Counts (1-16, 1-16)
2. Page 14
Sections VI-VII ALL 32 Counts (1-16, 1-16)
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Sections XXX-XXXI ALL 24 Counts (1-16, 1-8)

Womens Calisthenics:

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2. Page 3
Part I Section B Measures 1 thru 8
3. Page 11
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Mens Calisthenics:

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Part I Section B Measures 1 thru 8
2. Page 9
Part II Section B Measures 1 thru 8
3. Page 15
Part III Section B Measures 1 thru 8

Correction — January issue

Women's competition uniform should show —
white slippers and emblem on leotard.

Correction — Senior Men's Calisthenics

Page 15 — PART III SECTION B
Measure IV - (Original text is correct, error in video)
Count 1-2 Shift weight to right, left foretouch —
frontarm, palms down
3 Bend left frontleg — frontarm downslant
4 thrust left downward to closeheelstand —
closearm

Senior Calisthenics Group II — Men & Women

REMINDER: Women must not be on Men's Markers in Part II. Women filling a Man's Position must move into a Woman's Column.

CORRECTION IN FINALE —

Measure II. 1.-2.-3.-4. Slowly uparm outward, palms front, **arms are crossed with neighbors**
Measure XII. 1. Uparm outward thru frontarm, palms front, **arms are crossed with neighbors**
2-3-4. hold
Measure XIII. 1. frontbow - frontarm outward, palms down, **arms are crossed with neighbors as in Measure XII.** 2-3-4. hold
Measure XIV. No change
Measure XV. 1. Uparm through frontarm, **arms are crossed with neighbors as in Measure XII.**
2-3-4. hold
Measure XVI. No change.

MIROSLAV TYRŠ — *cont. from page 179*
 self into his studies. At the age of 23, Tyrš successfully completed all prescribed courses. A dissertation was the only remaining requirement for a doctorate in philosophy.

Released from a strict university discipline, Tyrš had more time to pursue the patriotic work of helping to rejuvenate the Czech nation. He was enthusiastically accepted into the circle around the venerable scholar Jan Evangelista Purkyně. He befriended Neruda, Hálek, Grégr brothers and Joseph Mánes, with whom he forged sincere ties that lasted a lifetime. To complete his dissertation on Seneca and stoics, Purkyně advised to leave Prague to concentrate on nothing but his studies. Tyrš went to the medieval castle Křivoklát.

When a Czech industrialist, Bertelmus, asked Tyrš to become his children's private tutor, he couldn't refuse the generous offer. His teaching gave him the financial security he badly needed and gave him plenty of time to finish his philosophy doctorate.

In June of 1859 Tyrš met the Czech businessman, Jindřich Fuegner. Fuegner was ten years older, had extensively traveled abroad and was known for his taste in foreign styles. But, he also was interested in general education, especially philosophy. He named his only child, Renata, after the great French philosopher, René Descartes. Even in the highest circles of society, both in Prague as well as in Vienna, Fuegner was never ashamed of his Czech origin. He spoke Czech as much as he could, even though his knowledge of the language was limited.

In the fall of 1859, Tyrš received his doctorate. Fuegner and several friends came to his graduation. Afterward, Fuegner invited Tyrš to his home in which he had hung a large portrait of George Washington with the Declaration of Independence. What most impressed Tyrš, however, was Fuegner's up to date library. Little did he know then that he would soon be a daily guest in this house.

But first he had to go back to Bartelmus to finish his teaching assignment. Tyrš returned permanently to Prague right after the Habsburg Government issued the October Proclamation of 1860. This proclamation was a promise to accommodate the aspirations of its nations. Knowing that this relaxation of strict laws would not last too long, the Czech nationalists seized the opportunity to organize various national organizations such as Singing Society Hlahol, Artists Union (Umělecká Beseda), Industrial Union, etc., and to publish daily newspaper such as *Národní Listy*, *Čas a Krása*.

When the German gymnasts formed a German Gymnastic Club, the Czech gymnasts led by Tyrš and Fuegner, organized themselves into a "Gymnastic Association of Prague" (*Tělocvičná jednota pražská*), generally known as Sokol Pražský.

On Sunday, February 16, 1862, the new Czech association held its first meeting with 75 members in attendance; among them only one member of the Czech nobility, the Duke Thurn-Taxis. He was favored by several members for the presidency. As

Thurn-Taxis declined, he spoke of candidates prepared by the organizers: Jindřich Fuegner, president, Bedřich Tyrš (as the name was printed) vice-president and members of the executive committee: T. Černý, F. Fingerhut, E. Grégr, J. Grégr, J. Kryšpín, F. Písařovič, R. Skuherský (a deputy in the Czech Assembly, which was called to session for the first time in 241 years), K. Šteffek, Thurn-Taxis and E. Tonner.

On February 23, 1862, the second half of the charter meeting was held, again in Malypetr Institute in Pánská Street. This time Fuegner presided. Miroslav Tyrš was elected a director of men (*náčelník*) with vast powers to oversee all activities and to lead the Board of Instructors (*cvičitel'ský sbor*). The members approved the rental of the Malypetr Institute for three hours, three times a week for 60 guilders monthly. The classes for boys were also approved. After setting a scale of dues, the members approved the following rules: No smoking in gym classes, use of gymnastic terminology as prepared by Miroslav Tyrš, the securing of an official flag and the establishment of a library, which was to serve to all members and their families.

In April the association moved to a much better gymnasium at Apollo in Ječná St. There was no apparatus, so it had to be purchased. As was usual, an anonymous member lent 1,200 guilders without any interest and any date for repayment. The unnamed member was Jindřich Fuegner.

At the insistence of its president, a social gathering of all members was held on Žofín Island on Sunday, March 21, 1862. It was an unofficial, yet historic meeting which made decisions that not only affected millions of Czech people but indeed, challenged the entire Habsburg Empire. Fuegner and Grégr came in dressed in red shirts, expressing their sympathies with Garibaldi's anti-Austrian revolutionary movement. To break out of the prevailing social patterns, Fuegner suggested that all members call themselves brothers and use the word "Thou." Josef Barák proposed using the greeting Nazdar and Emanuel Tonner followed with a proposition to call the association Sokol. When all these changes were incorporated into the By-Laws, the unique purpose of Sokol indicated quite clearly that it was a national patriotic organization fulfilling the dreams and imagination of the entire nation.

To help with the fast growing classes, Tyrš published his first Sokol study, *The Basics of Gymnastics (Základové tělocviku)*. Only 30 years old, Tyrš was an exemplary Sokol leader. In addition to his gymnastic talent, he was a skilled organizer and an exceptional writer. With his intellectual qualities so responsive to the needs of his nation, Tyrš was recognized as a rising star on the brightening national horizon.

Will be continued in June issue.

ARE YOUR DUES CURRENT?

Executive Board Minutes

February 28, 1989

Called to order by President George C. Basta, 7:30 p.m. Pledge to flag given.

Members present: Sis. Kourim, Ptacek, Pistorius; Bro. Borvansky, Masek, Satek, R. Barcal, Rabas, Lebloch, and Ptacek. Members excused: Sis. Pinc, Ruzicka, Zitny, Filipello; Bro. Milan, Zitny, Jelinek, Kala.

District minutes received and reviewed: Pacific, Nov. 19th, Western, Jan. 15th and 1989 Slet mtg. Jan. 15th. Br. Masek requested we purchase a Czech flag for the city of Omaha. Also T&T Distributors, Coca Cola to be contacted about purchasing trophies for the Slet.

Br. Lebloch suggested that Br. Borvansky, Central District president, write an article welcoming the women of Sokol Fuegner, here in Chicago, as a new unit.

CORRESPONDENCE: T. J. Sokol Newark, Sis. Barbara Kotlan, secretary, about the ending of their Sokol unit. Sokol Caldwell, Br. Joe Netahla, president, about the conditions of their failing unit. Western District will investigate. Central District president, Chuck Borvansky, supports our decision of the April 22nd, 1990 Convention date as made at the president's conference in April, 1988. Fort Worth Hilton thanking us for considering them, Hotel Worthington contract needs to be signed. Long discussion on this date, but cannot be changed as it was established at the president's conference. Discussion on the advantages, disadvantages of week-end travel costs. Further discussions to be held. Motion made that we check to see if the airfare warrants the person coming a day early and ASO would pay the hotel room, approved, 7 yes, 4 no. From Vic Gutman, report and acknowledgment letters sent to members participating in festival. 1989 Slet financial report through Jan. 16th. Yugoslav Sokol in the Free World will attend slet. Thank you note from Ronald and Nancy Reagan.

1989 SLET: All souvenirs ordered, list to be published. No glass products will be shipped, must order and pick up at Slet. Motion defeated to hire an extra person to solicit ads for program book. Omaha-World Herald and Mutual of Omaha have agreed to contribute a total of \$10,000 toward the Roman Hruska Banquet. Banquet chairpersons are in the process of raising another \$20,000-\$25,000 which will guarantee a \$30,000 net profit. Tickets will sell for \$25.00 to Sokol members and \$60.00 to corporations. The participation of the University of Nebraska Gymnastic team for the Championships night of the slet week has been confirmed in writing. Discussion on ad book, souvenir sales, and cost of sock hop.

COMBINED DIRECTORS REPORT — Br. Richard Ptacek and Sis. Sylvia Pistorius: USGF memberships approved for the ASO directors. Petty cash for ASO BOI secretary to be increased to \$50 due to Slet postage expenses. Correspondence: from

Sis. Judy Harlan in answer to request on changes in senior women's calisthenics, after careful consideration she recommends no changes be made. From Br. Walter Slavik, Eastern District, requesting special permission to change age limit on junior competitions. A similar request by Sokol USA was denied, Br. Slavik's request cannot be honored. Approval for Br. and Sis. Harlan to travel to Northeastern district for calisthenics workshop. Also requested copies of Senior II and children's workshops. Survey sheets, corrections to the Senior cal and special number entry forms were mailed to units and quest organizations. Folk dance costume recommendations and senior II uniform information sent to units. Approval not given for free passes for judges, tabulators and meet directors for the awards night. District Directors Conference date Oct. 13th-15th approved, Future Leaders Fund to be used to cover expenses, if needed. Final Report forms: N.E. district Skills Improvement clinic, 2 gymnasts, Jan. 13-15, \$246.00. Pacific district, Instructors clinic, Aug. 5-7, \$756.00, both approved.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN — Br. Fred Kala: Absent, no report.

EDUCATIONAL CHAIRMAN — Br. Paul Lebloch: Received numerous donations for the library/archives. Edited article "Fitness with Sokol", will appear in book from the Penfield Press. "Czechoslovak Cultures, Recipes, History and Folk Arts" will go to press March 1st.

"Presentation of the Olympic Cup to the Czech Sokol organization" article sent to Bros. Jan Waldauf, SPJST also reprinted this article. Sokol South Omaha request pictures of Tyrš and Fuegner. Letter from Sokol Staré Město requesting co-operation along with book "Praha Magická". Bro. Slavik feels the changing situation in Czechoslovakia and how we should deal with it should be put on the convention agenda.

PUBLICITY — CZECH — Br. Jerry Rabas: Writing XVII Slet articles for four Czech publications. Denní Hlasatel will carry two line advertisement every Sunday.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY — Sis. Mildred Pinc: Absent, report read by secretary. January financial report prepared and distributed to executive board members. W-2 forms to office employees, federal and state forms completed. All books in order after internal audit. Annual audit to be made by Selden, Fox. 5 year membership pins to be delivered and 50 year pins to be ordered.

TREASURER — Bro. Robert Barcal: Reconciled banks statements, in good order. Internal audit completed. Computer reports explained by Br. Basta.

EDITOR — Sis. Lynda Filipello: absent, no report. Bro. Masek request publication publish that Holiday Inn is now fully booked for Slet.

SECRETARY — Sis. Jackie Kourim: Three new flags purchased; gold-fringed Czech flag sent to Omaha as requested. Sis. Ruzicka wants to have

Br. Masek make arrangements for a hospitality room adjoining to her room for the Praha Reunion in Omaha, also a small space for memorabilia. She will take care of expense. Bro. and Sis. Basta will be guests at the Roman Hruska banquet. All 30 of the Slet plates have been checked and boxes numbered. 69 sold to date.

II. VICE-PRESIDENT — Bro. Gary Masek: Attended a meeting at Sokol South Omaha to help clear up a voting problem for the chairman of the committee. It has been resolved as of now.

I. VICE-PRESIDENT — Bro. Charles Borvansky: Worked with Sis. Pros on the Identity program. Much of the art work is done.

Also mentioned at this point: the necessity of all participating units purchasing Unit Identification ribbons for the Slet in groups of 25 from the printer.

PRESIDENT — Bro. George Basta: After a stay in hospital, worked on several pieces of correspondence and on the financial computer reports.

Received inquiry as to closest unit for someone living in Alaska.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Jackie M. Kourim, Sec.*

DISTRICT NEWS AND VIEWS

Central District is on the grow! Welcome to the new women's unit of Sokol Fuegner. The district wishes them a Nazdar!

New growth plans are taking full shape for Sokol Chicagoland. Their "Invest in a Square Foot" brochure should give a real "kick" to their building fund. While many Sokol members and friends have purchased footage, many more donations are needed. Sokol Naperville presented a donation for 20 square feet of the new building at their combined exhibition. It's time to build in the great western suburbs of Chicago. The kids need us!

Talk about growth, look at Sokol West of Texas. (Only if you get their newsletter, though.) We are looking forward to receiving a story line from them soon on their rise from renting school facilities to building their facility. Share the good news!

Sokol New York has received a new "facelift", and they like it! Also from their newsletter, Sis. Norma Zabka notes, "Our instructors find that children registered in the Tots program show a definite skills advantage" when they reach the first class levels. New York also offers ballet lessons. In case you are not registered with the United States Gymnastics Federation, the new gymnastic competition rules have undergone a complete revision as far as competition levels. Dancing is a judged event now.

From South Omaha, "For the first time in history the American Sokol National Slet will be held in Omaha, Ne. Every Sokol unit in the United States should be represented. We have received reservations from California, Texas, Florida, Maryland, New York, Chicago, Cleveland, and many more. Also Sokols Abroad from London, England,

Vienna, Austria, Paris, France and many more have indicated they will attend. Also Slovak Sokols, Catholic Sokols, Polish Falcons, WFLA, CSA, Sokol Canada and Sokol Australia."

"It is a great honor to be given the opportunity to host such an important Sokol event."

(I hope all these organizations have sent their rental forms in so that they can have their souvenirs available for everyone to buy.)

Most of the newsletters received by this editor contain an interesting variety of national information, keeping their membership well informed about the Slet in Omaha. You are to be congratulated for a job well done! I hope to meet many of you in Omaha. Bring your cameras, lots of film, avoid flash and remember that black and white photos make best reproductions for publications and newspapers. *Nazdar!*

Calendar of Events

- MAY 19 — Roman Hruska, Banquet, Omaha, Ne.
- MAY 20-21 — Pacific District Gymnastic Competitions and Slet
- MAY 20 — Sokol Women of Little Ferry Giant Flea Market
- MAY 20 — Central District Boys and Girls Gymnastic Competitions at Naperville Central H.S.
- MAY 20 — N.E. District Boys and Girls Competitions, Sokol Greater Cleveland
- MAY 21 — Sokol New York Exhibition
- MAY 21 — St. Louis' Exhibition
- JUNE 4 — Northeast District Slet, Sandy Bottom Lake, Mi.
- JUNE 9-11 — Southern District Slet at West, Tx.
- JUNE 10 — Central District Jr./Sr. Gymnastic Competition
- JUNE 10 — Central District Slet
- JUNE 11 — Central District Annual Awards Picnic
- JUNE 11 — Gr. Cleveland Český Den — DTJ Farm
- JUNE 20-24, 1989 — AMERICAN SOKOL NATIONAL SLET and CZECHOSLOVAK FESTIVAL, Omaha, Nebraska
- JULY 4 — Sokol/Sokolice Detroit Picnic at Sokol Camp
- JULY 7-9 — Sokol/Sokolice Detroit Czechoslovak-American Festival, Yack Arena, Wyanotte, Mi.
- JULY 31-AUG. 7 — Sokol Fresno Family Camp at Dinkey Creek, Sequoia Park



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MARCH, 1989

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 1,354.00
Convention Fund	760.00
Special Assessments	380.00
Advertising "American Sokol"	400.00
Subscription "American Sokol"	4.00
Dividends & Interest	274.29
Jewelry	98.75
Placques	55.00
Educational Booklets	33.00
U.P.S.	49.91
Donation	5.00
Miscellaneous	764.90
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T. G. Masaryk Dues	\$ 4,178.85
A.S.O. Uniform Division - Rent, Salaries, etc.	30.00
	672.23
Total Receipts	\$ 4,881.08

DISBURSEMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

Salaries - Office Employees	\$ 855.67
Salaries - Membership	150.75
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for February, 1989	270.46
Rent, Janitor Services, Phone, Electric	1,052.26
Office Supplies	4.95
Office Equipment	65.32
Service to Fire Extinguisher	27.00
Travel Expense	648.10
Miscellaneous	117.29
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	\$ 3,191.80

BOARD OF INSTRUCTORS

Salaries	\$ 495.09
F.I.C.A. for February, 1989	129.34
Editor "Sokol Gymnast" - March, 1989	30.00
Add'l. copies "Sokol Gymnast"	58.00
Postage & phone	23.97
Petty Cash Increase	25.00
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	\$ 761.40

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Salary	\$ 32.43
F.I.C.A. for February, 1989	10.82
Library Department Supplies	53.78
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	\$ 97.03

SOKOL PUBLICATION

Printing "American Sokol" - March, 1989	\$ 954.04
Postage "American Sokol" - March, 1989	667.97
Editor "American Sokol" - March, 1989	125.00
Salaries - Computer - Mailing Publication	141.75
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	\$ 1,888.76

MISCELLANEOUS

A.S.O. Uniform Division - Salaries, F.I.C.A. Feb., 1989, F.W.T., Feb., 1989 & phone	\$ 430.09
XVII Slet Expense	1,815.10
Special Appropriations - Pacific District	756.00
Northeastern District	660.85
Eastern District	1,700.00
Central District	310.48
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	\$ 5,672.52

Total Disbursements

\$11,611.51

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD:

Affiliated Bank/Western National	\$ 8,311.53
Receipts - March, 1989	4,881.08
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	\$13,192.61
Disbursements - March, 1989	11,611.51
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	\$ 1,581.10

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HOSTS

MAY 1990 — 125th ANNIVERSARY SOKOL
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UNITED STATES

JULY 5, 1990 —

Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad
VII Slet, Paris, France



FALL 1991 — Sokol Tabor's 125th anniversary

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