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Let be it known that the members of the here named Sokol Unit have unanimously proposed at its annual meeting, held on the 29th day of November 1990, in Tyrš Hall, Prague, to authorize the Executive Board of Sokol I. Smíchov to confer upon its heretofore member and outstanding Director of Women of the Czechoslovak Sokol Organization

Sister Marie Prouazníková

the title

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courage and strength.



*"Zdravé a krásné lidské tělo — souladné vypěstění celého člověka,
povahy ucelené, neoblomné, pravdymilovné a spravedlivé —
lidé silní, krásní a dobří — to je cíl sokolské výchovy."*

**SISTER MARIE PROVAZNIK
REMEMBERED BY SOKOLS**

Sister Marie Provaznik, the eminent personality of the Sokol movement was commemorated on March 24, 1991 in New York's Sokol Hall. A number of delegations of the Districts and Units of the American Sokol Organization and individuals gathered here to pay tribute to the legendary Sokol leader, who died on January 11, 1991 in Schenectady, New York, at the age of 100.

This event held in Sokol New York was not a kind of mourning memorial service; but rather a celebration and grateful praise of the immense work and contribution of sister Provaznik to the fulfillment of Sokol ideals in the United States, as well as throughout the decades in her homeland, Czechoslovakia.

Brother Vladislav Slavik, President of the Eastern District of the ASO, in his opening remarks presented a pictorial biography covering the "first half of sister Provaznik's century". Some of the projected slides revealed to the audience sister Provaznik as an innovator and ardent propagator of sportive versatility, including outdoor activities, which besides gymnastics, she introduced in the twenties, thirties and forties, in Czechoslovakia, as an attractive, modern addition to the Sokol program.

Sister Emily Ruzicka, President of Sokol Miami, Florida, completed the biography for the "second half of sister Provaznik's century", by a detailed account of her active involvement in America. Listening to the remarkable biography of sister Provaznik, one realized that she exiled from Communist Czechoslovakia to the U.S. close to the age of 60, when most people begin to think of retirement - however, this obviously, was not Marie Provaznik's style.

Sister Norma Zabka, President of Sokol New York, in her reminiscence of sister Provaznik commented on another dimension: "For Marie, no job was too small or too big. She could conduct lessons for children or talk to most learned people. She could teach chin-ups or train Olympic caliber gymnasts".

Brother Jan Waldauf of Canada, former President of Czechoslovak Sokol Abroad, initiated a long line of speakers, praising the merits of sister Provaznik for the Sokol movement abroad. Representatives of many Sokol Units followed with their warm-hearted tributes to sister Povaznik: Br. Albert Pokorny of Sokol Baltimore, Maryland, Br. Gus Matous, President of D.A. Sokol, Sis. Beatrice Walko for Sokol USA, Br. Jean Stefkovic on behalf of Sokol Paris, France, Sis. Betty Hosticka for Sokol Greater Cleveland, Ohio and Sis. Irene Mergl as Educator of Sokol New York. Her husband, Br. Stanley Mergl videotaped this memorable event.

The author of this article, felt it an honor to have the special privilege to commemorate sister Provaznik on behalf of two inner circles of her past in Czechoslovakia: The Board of Instructors of Women of the Czechoslovak Sokol Organization of the XIth All-Sokol Slet in 1948, and Sokol I. Smichov, Jindra Vanicek Sokol Unit, Prague, Czechoslovakia, of which Marie Provaznik was a long-time member and Honorary Director of Women.

Sis. Alena Polesny-Provaznik thanked all speakers on behalf of the family and acquainted the audience with the last weeks and days of her mother's life and thoughts, which were linked until the very end with Sokol.

The memorial service was concluded by a replay of the recording of Sis. Provaznik's Sokol testament, the essence of which was addressed mainly to the Sokol movement of the present days in free Czechoslovakia. It was taped on December 10, 1990 in Schenectady, New York, by Br. Jan Mladek of Sokol Paris, France:

"...I wish to speak from my heart, not formally as a hundred year old statue, but as a human being to whom you can quote Maugli - We are of the same blood, you and I-. Trust is an obligation and when it is placed in our hands, we have to feel honored and make sure that it does not vanish.

I beg you to remain faithful to Tyrs and Masaryk and live in truth and honesty. The foundation of the real Sokol spirit rests on truth, just as it was during the First Czechoslovak Republic, when we all trusted one another and therefore had success in our work.

We would not have gotten anywhere without love. Only love can lead us toward great deeds and Sokol needs great deeds. Love one another, have trust in one another, lean on one another and work together. The greatest crime of the past 42 years was that people stopped trusting each other.

Where there is no faith, there can be no love and where there is no faith and love, there cannot be hope. You will have my blessing and best wishes in this work..."

Vratislav Zbuzek
Sokol New York

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May 1991**

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PURPOSE

To train and educate young people to assure able administrators, the best of idealistic instructors and educational directors for Sokol units and Districts.

A detail of the decoration surrounding the portrait of sister Provaznik, with the bouquets placed on behalf of the Board of Directors of Women of the COS of the Slet-year 1948, Prague; Canadian Sokol District; Sokol I. Smichov, Prague.



Above -Br. Albert Pokorny presenting his speech on behalf of Sokol Baltimore.



Above - Sis. Alena Polesny-Provaznik thanks all speakers and guests for honoring her mother's life-achievements for the Sokol movement and ideals.

Right -Sister Norma Zabka paying tribute to sister Provaznik on behalf of Sokol New York; on left, Br. Vladislav Slavik of Sokol New York, the organizer of the event.



**American-Czechoslovaks
Support Petition Opposing
Czechoslovakia's "Rehabilitation Law"**

Br. Jaroslav Kaspar-Paty of Sokol Washington has advised us of a petition prepared by the Council of Free Czechoslovakia that is protesting the discriminatory provisions contained in the "Rehabilitation Law" recently enacted in Czechoslovakia.

This law demands that American citizens of Czechoslovak ancestry renounce their U.S. citizenship if they wish to claim property confiscated from them after the communist take-over of Czechoslovakia in 1948. The property was confiscated because they fled Czechoslovakia. Br. Kaspar-Paty points out that if many of these people had not fled, they may not be alive today based on the fate of many of their friends at the hands of the communist.

For further information on this petition please contact Olga Jonas 301-229-8643. The Free Czechoslovakia Fund, P.O.Box 65111, Washington, DC 20035-5111.



Pupils of the Czechoslovak School of Sokol Washington, D.C. perform at the commemoration of the 141st anniversary of the birth of Thomas G. Masaryk, President Liberator. The event took place on Sunday, March 10 at the Mount Vernon College in Washington.

Jaroslav Kaspar-Paty

HOP-SCOTCHING SLOVAKIA

Emerging from the hills and mountains which stand between the fair land of Moravia and the romantic country of Slovakia, one has the impression of entering a different world. The countryside is different, and the people are different. Somehow the Slovak rocks are more rugged, the mountains are more imposing, and the rivers are more turbulent. Even the woods seem more somber. This scenery is probably a suitable setting for the vigorous character of the people and their way of life. The language they speak has a flavor of its own.

The Vah River (the Vltava (Moldau) of Slovakia), flows through a valley of grazing sheep and an ever changing landscape. From its source, under the towering Tatra Mountains, it rushes on its turbulent way downstream toward the mighty Danube River.

As it tumbles and rolls through the bustling town of Zilina, the Vah River passes numerous factories and new modern buildings mostly built within the last 40 years. The quaint Zilina town square is the market place for the surrounding countryside where cheese made from the sheep's milk is traded in canopied stalls on market days. Even today on "special" days one can see the picturesque clothing of the country people. The men wear embroidered shirts of coarse linen, long trousers tight around the akles, short embroidered coats and jackets, close fitting hats and shoes made of sheep's leather. The women are dressed in colorful blouses, kerchiefs and ribbons, with kilted skirts and bulky petticoats underneath.

Such costumes and a great variety of others, representing all parts of Slovakia and various periods of her development, are the pride of a wonderful museum in the small country town of Turciansky St. Martin. It seems to be characteristic of this interesting country that most regions of Slovakia with a small town as their center, used to lead a life of their own and upheld their own native traditions and culture for centuries, in spite of

foreign rule.

The Vah river rushes restlessly southward toward the castle of trencin. In Roman times here was the site of a large military camp, the most northern outpost of the Roman Empire. On a castle rock one can read an inscription giving the date A.D. 179 as the year of a Roman victory over the barbarians. During the Turkish wars, this castle withstood a long siege. From its height Trencin Castle overlooks an old world town and the close by spa of Trencinske Teplice - Pearl of the Carpathians - in a wooded valley. It's springs have curative value which is sought by sufferers of gout, rheumatism and similar complaints.

The capital of Slovakia is Bratislava. It occupies an envied spot on the Danube River. It is a major trade port which is even accessible to trading ships from the Black Sea. Surrounded by highly fertile lowlands, the city does a vigorous trade in wine, cheese, paprika, fruit, tobacco, corn, cattle and poultry. Billions of tons of goods are shipped from this port yearly, mainly grain, flour, timber, metals, machinery, gas and oil.

The fine mansions, palaces, churches and monuments of the city hint at elegant by-gone days when Hungarians and Germans enjoyed the gracious life here.

"There's lightning over Tatra as mighty thunder beats..." storms the defiant Slovak national anthem. It is true that the lightning, thunder and winds over Tatra Mountains often reach tornado proportions. The High Tatra range is not very large. Thirty miles in length and not more than fifteen miles across, the High Tatra is an island of granite rock and enchanting beauty. It is rumored that fabulous treasures are hidden in its secret mountain haunts. But, realistically, the Tatra is herself the crown jewel of Slovakia.

Libbie Krivanek Sokol Slavsky Educational Director



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GYMNAST

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What type of Gymnast are you?

by Caroline Glyman
as published in *International Gymnast* Feb. 1991

Have you ever thought of yourself as a product on a shelf full of the same products? Would you stand out? How? What makes you different from the next product?

Well, advertisers aren't the only ones who face this problem. When you compete in a gymnastics meet, you face the same challenge. You have to set yourself apart from the competition--prove you're better and different from all the rest, even though you're in the same class or level.

The first thing you have to do is develop a style and then sell it. For example, all blue jeans are generally made of the same material and are similarly durable. But they each have a different image that sets them apart from one another. *Guess* jeans are known for their triangular label. Levi's are comfortable, rugged and "cool". Calvin Kleins are more sophisticated. The list goes on and on. The jeans are all the same, but their image is different. And as a gymnast, you have to develop an image too. Are you graceful, energetic, cute, athletic? Whatever your style, just having it isn't enough. You have to accentuate it.

On a piece of paper, evaluate your strengths and weaknesses. List your strengths first. Are you strong, precise, a crowd pleaser, a perfectionist? Do your arms constantly flow through each move, or do you like to strike a pose? These are just a few possibilities. Next, write down your weaknesses. Maybe you're not as strong as you want to be, or maybe you're not flexible. Perhaps you need a few more dance lessons.

After you've completed your list, choose your biggest strength and sell it. Carry it over on all events and in your appearance. If grace is your asset, then your arm signal to the judge should be graceful, your hair more sophisticated, and your beam and floor routines should be elegant and flowing. Your landings should be light. Be consistent and you'll be remembered.

Why is consistency important? Have you ever bought a product and liked it the first time, but the second time, it didn't taste good and looked old? Because the product wasn't consistent in its quality, appearance and image, you lost faith in it--you didn't believe in it as much. Well, it's the same in gymnastics. It's OK if you fall off beam or miss a handstand once in a while--everyone makes mistakes. But when you get back up on the equipment, maintain that image!

Finally, be innovative and develop a trademark. A trademark is a distinguishing trick, a pose or gesture that's specifically associated with you. For instance, everyone remembers Nadia's ending pose in her floor routine at the Montreal Olympics. And everyone remembers the "Phillips" on the beam. Take the time to be innovative. Uniqueness will help set you apart from the competition.

Don't neglect your weaknesses. Work on all of them. As you grow and improve as a gymnast, your style may change. You may have to re-evaluate yourself and change your image. With hard work, your weaknesses may become your strengths.

By defining your image, you'll become more polished and confident, and confidence is what it's all about. It's never too early to start, even if you're not competing yet. So how about it? What kind of gymnast are you?

(Caroline is a former gymnast who resides in Lake Bluff, Il.)

THE SOKOL UPBRINGING

(At 72 years young, Br. Jiri Liska of Sokol Fresno continues to challenge young and old to keep physically fit and morally strong. He was recently featured in the Thousand Oaks, Ca. NEWS CHRONICLE for his achievements as the new gymnastics director of the Park District. Br. Jiri's Sokol training and background were included in this article. He came to America at the age of 53 with his wife, Kay. A lawyer in Czechoslovakia, he was unable to continue that profession here. However, because he was a team instructor for the COS, he became involved with the American Sokol Organization. He carries the same philosophy in his new position. The Conejo Recreation and Park District director reports an upswing in participant interest due to Br. Jiri's dedication. Br. Jiri addresses each of us in the following article.)

How does Sokol bring up such a character (described in the motto of the VIIth Convention of the Czechoslovak Sokol in Prague?)

Sokol strives to bring up balanced personalities, entire personalities, not just bodies or only brains; not only excellence in one specific skill, but constant endeavor for all-round improvement.

Sokol strives to develop thousands of good performers.

But the involvement of large masses does not exclude those talented individuals who are capable of top achievement, event at the Olympic Games or any other international event.

There are two main goals in the Sokol upbringing:

1. bringing up honest, positive personalities and,
2. bringing up men and women as members of the human society.

Both evolve successfully from the gymnasium which offers many learning opportunities from experience. The gymnasium is the best location for teaching the Sokol idea. Not necessarily with formal speeches, but with short and frequent anecdotes.

Why Gymnastics?

Tyrs saw the best medium for the stimulation to attain the Sokol goal - gymnastics.

Gymnastics creates a good environment for developing the basic qualities needed by good Sokols: Togetherness from which later brotherhood develops. Whatever we do in Sokol must continue from the first encounter with Sokol through the end of one's life.

Most of the moral qualities and mental abilities are developed through gymnastics, such as courage, quick reaction, decisiveness, perseverance. They are improved by repetition and gradually increased demands.

Character

Skills performed in gymnastics alone do not influence the character of the gymnast. It is the method of teaching which turns the skills into a medium of upbringing that develops a good character.

The basic assumption of a good character is:

1. WILLPOWER

Most people sin not because they want to, but because their willpower is not strong enough to prevent them from doing so.

Example: There was a heavy student who had difficulty completing a forward roll to a stand. To hide her problem, she pretended not to care and refused to try. The teacher held a relay that included a forward roll. What chance of winning could this girl's team have if she would not even try? Now it was the team that demanded she do her part and after some assistance - she did it". The girls (and her whole team) learned two lessons;

- 1) cooperation for the benefit of the group.
- 2) one can learn anything if he/she has the will to do it.

II. TRUTH AND HONESTY

Truth, the backbone of morality, should penetrate the Sokol life. We should not tolerate lies, but expose them. Only strict enforcement of the truth in all Sokol life (reports as well as decisions and elections) can create mutual trust. Only consistent truth, full truth, and nothing but the truth!

Honest people do not lie, they keep their word, are responsible - so that we can trust them.

The Gymnasium is a Workshop of Brotherhood and Voluntary Discipline

In the gymnasiums, the teachers and students develop mutual trust (confidence) which results in brotherhood. This fraternalism grows from numerous opportunities to help, protect, cooperate, plan and look for solutions to common problems. It develops from socializing, togetherness, unity in games and team competitions to a sense of belonging and being involved.

In the gymnasium where gymnastics is the main activity, there are special reasons for strict discipline. Since there are normally several teams practicing at the same time at different stations, any deviation of the program could obstruct the activities and cause an accident.

There, the basic requirements of discipline must be met:

1. respect of the other person's rights and values.
2. the benefit of an individual is secondary to the benefit of society.

THE MAIN MEANS OF SOKOL UPBRINGING

In the gymnastic classes

The first group which a new Sokol child, junior or adult joins, is the team. It provides many opportunities for socializing activities such as singing, games and mock competitions, as well as mutual help and spotting.

The teams have to be consistent with steady instructors.

The instructor should remain with the team for at least one year. He/she should see to it that all team members become acquainted (introduces a new member, involves him/her in conversation, shows interest in his/her studies, occupation etc.).

Recording of attendance helps develop closer ties with the team and develops an important habit - consistency.


The best way is to have the instructor take the roll so he/she has the opportunity to be aware of any prolonged absence. At the end of every month an attendance list should be posted on the bulletin board. The teams and individuals with the best attendance should be designated so that the gymnasts will realize that perseverance in attendance is a necessary condition of any success.

Technical knowledge of the instructor.


Instructors are encouraged to enlarge their practical knowledge by attending Sokol instructor clinics, course and schools. Every instructor should share his knowledge with the assistant team leader and strive to know more by studying books dealing with gymnastics and sports.


SOKOL PROMOTION/EDUCATION MATERIAL

as suggested by Br. Liska - available from the ASO office (see back inside cover for more)

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Sokol emblems. Should be worn outside of Sokol functions and events to advertise. 

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Unit Presidents: Please set goals for your officers. The above materials will help them. - Jiri Liska

THE AMERICAN SOKOL FOUNDATION FUND

FIRST YEAR

The XV American Sokol National Convention initiated several *new* directives to the membership. The creation of the Board of Governors, Executive Director and the Foundation are just three of these programs.

The search for an Executive Director continues with the members of the Board of Governors. The Foundation is off and running. A brightly colored brochure was mailed to all members this past month through the efforts of Br. Gary Masek, a member of the Board of Governors and Chairman of the Foundation. Sokol South Omaha offered the use of their not-for-profit postal permit which greatly reduced the cost of mailing close to 6,000 brochures.

The brochure addresses our organizations need to " get in step with the other non-profit organizations in this country by having such a fund and utilizing it to perpetuate the Sokol ideals, the Czech, Slovak and Moravian cultures and continue our work into the next century".

Opportunities for special projects for units such as more scholarship programs, gym equipment, cultural events and special ethnic programs are just a few of the ideas that this fund can support after its establishment.

"We anticipate several years of hard work to develop the fund and we will work with many organizations, private individuals, as well as corporations, especially those with matching funds programs, to assist us in obtaining our goals."

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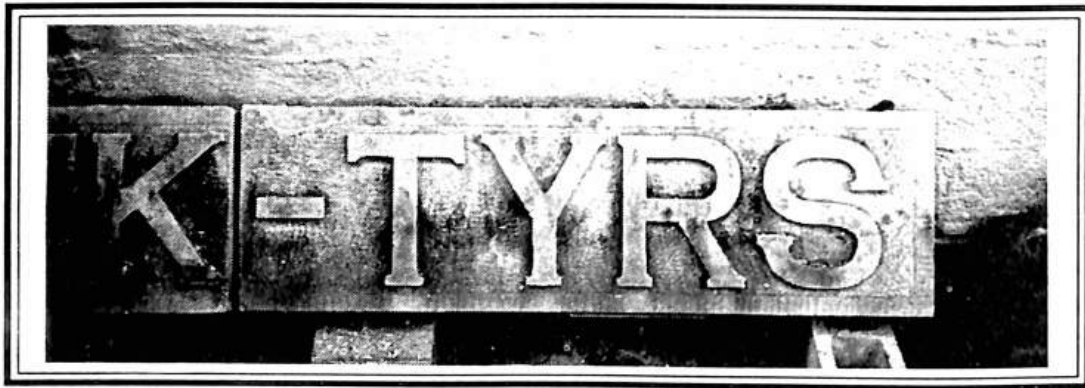
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MOVING HISTORY

Some time ago, there stood a proud building - a gym - known fondly as Sokol Havlicek Tyrs. This gym was located at 2619 Lawndale Ave. in Chicago, Il. Dedicated on Dec. 24, 1911, it became the center of Sokol activities for hundreds of its members and their families. After serving its membership for over 50 years, the building was sold in 1974 and shortly after that, June of the same year, an electrical storm badly damaged the gym wherein it had to be demolished. However, a remnant of this gym still existed - with Br. Joseph Janecka, a member of Sokol Brookfield. The Sokol unit's identity - it's name - were salvaged by him for posterity (or perhaps - a new gym!)

Last November a chance encounter with Br. Janecka at the CSA and a opening remark by Sis. Annette Schabowski, our American Sokol archives and library organizer, brought about this momentous find. Br. Jerry Milan and Sis. Henrietta Milan of Sokol Ft. Worth, Tx. had accompanied Sis. Annette to the CSA for a function. Sis. Annette remarked to Br. Janecka, "Aren't you the brother who has some interesting Sokol memorabilia?" " Always ready to discuss Sokol history, Br. Janecka invited the trio to he and his wife, Erma Prostednik Janecka, home proudly showing his treasure. The signs, which include the Sokol emblem above, the Unit name and two laurel wreaths lay there between the garage and house. The Milans and Joe were quick to grasp the meaning of their chance meeting - Sokol Havlicek-Borovsky would be the new home of these Sokol treasures. Plans began immediately (this almost sounds reminiscent of the Sokol Flags from Jerry's mother's unit in Czechoslovakia , Jan 1991 publication) to arrange for shipping the signs to Sokol Karel Havlicek-Borovsky in Ennis, Tex. to be installed in the new building. After the Ennis gym was destroyed by fire last winter, a whole-hearted effort was exerted by members to rebuild a new gym as quickly as possible.

Br. Janecka was planning on attending the grand opening this past April, but he passed away suddenly Feb. 25, 1991. On April 11, 1991 Bro. Jerry and Emil Milan arrived at Sis. Erma Janecka's home to begin the moving of history. Thanks to a dedicated membership, Sokol Havlicek-Borovsky has something new - their gym, and to a Sokol friend's effort of saving the signs, something old to continue the Sokol Spirit. Where there is a will, there are many ways.





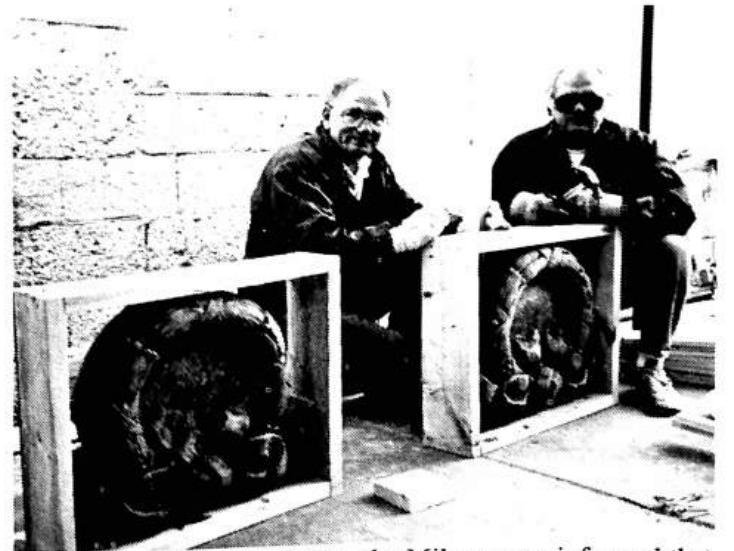
on left, Sis. Annette (Banfi) Schabowski and Sis. Henrietta (Banfi) Milan admiring the memorabilia with Br. Joseph Janecka.



Sis. Milan, Br. Janecka and Br. Jerry Milan making arrangements for the future shipment to Ennis, Texas.



Bro. Emil and Jerry purchasing crating materials.



Crated laurel wreaths. Later, the Milans were informed that the "concrete" was Indiana limestone and all handcarved.



Loading the finished crates.



Thanking Sis. Erma for her efforts!

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 23, 1991

The meeting was called to order by President Borvansky at 7:23 and the pledge to the flag was recited.

Members present were Bros. Borvansky, Lebloch, Babka and Michalek and Sis. Kourim, Pajeau, Wojcik, Pros and Filipello. Members on teleconference were Bro. Masek, Dalton, Milan and Kalat and Sis. Dalton and Kalat. Members excused were Bro. Satek and Sis. Somolik.

Correction to the March finance report that the expenses for the USGF Congress of Coaches booth be out of the public relations account and not the BOI account. Sis. Pros moved to make the correction, seconded and passed.

Received the Pacific District minutes from the editor and will notify the district that they should be sent to the office. Central District minutes should have been mailed to all board members.

Western District sent an invitation to the board for a representative to attend their Slet on June 1-2, 1991 in Crete, NE. Bro. and Sis. Kalat will represent the executive board. Bro. Lebloch moved that it is the responsibility of the requesting district or unit to handle the financial arrangements for their guest if the event is a regular yearly exhibition; the ASO would be responsible for a significant Slet, anniversary or grand opening or to mediate a problem in the district, or unit, seconded and passed. A letter will be sent to all unit and districts about this decision.

COMBINED B.O.I.: Bro. Michalek and Sis. Kalat reported that the Slet site committee will meet on Tuesday, April 23 at 9 p.m. They attended the grand opening in Ennis, Texas; and received correspondence from Bro. Banjak about the current status of the manual. Upon request, Bro. Lebloch moved that the directors have permission to attend the USGF Congress of Coaches in Indianapolis Sept. 12-15, seconded and passed.

MEMBERSHIP: Sis. Sedlacek was excused.

EDUCATION: Bro. Lebloch reported that the committee held their regular meeting. The T.G. Masaryk statue in Chicago will be repaired. The library purchased the following books by Nobel prize winner Jaroslav Seifert: *The Casting of Bells*, *Mozart in Prague* and *Eight Days: An Elegy for Thomas Masaryk*. Recommended to obtain the Paris/Prague video tape and have it available in the office. Bro. Babka so moved, seconded and passed. Bro. Milan moved to approve the purchase of books, seconded and passed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Bro. Milan reported that he attended the grand opening in Ennis, Texas and worked in their new museum. At that event and a volleyball tournament, he sold all the Sokol studs and some charms. He will be in New York on April 27-28 and will meet with Sis. Zabka about the school board.

EDITOR: Sis. Filipello will update additions to the Tyrsuv Dum Fund each month as necessary. After a discussion about the Sister Cities program which will have a convention in Chicago in July, Bro. Masek moved that we should participate in this program, seconded and passed.

The editor is still working with the post office to get the best rates for the mailing.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Sis. Pros moved to purchase 300 studs and 100 charms, seconded; following discussion, passed. A question about local members getting reimbursed for expenses at District Directors Conference; the B.O.I. will discuss and return with recommendations for the May meeting. Recommend we cancel safety deposit box which is empty, approved.

TREASURER: Sis. Wojcik has updated all CD accounts, received a statement from the Foundation Fund account and will work with Sis. Pros and Vondra to come up with a financial statement for the districts and units.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: Bro. Masek attended the grand opening in Ennis. The Foundation Fund mailing was completed on April 23. He is also looking into government grants through his state senator and representative.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: Sis. Kourim attended grand opening in Ennis. She requested that information about how we spend the donation that Western Fraternal Life Assn. so generously gives us each year be sent to their office. The secretary will handle this request. Sokol South Omaha will order a bust of Tyrs.

PRESIDENT: Bro. Borvansky attended the grand opening in Ennis and toured Sokol West. He thanked the ASO for sending him as their representative.

BY-LAWS: Bro. Podhrasky sent the by-laws books to the office. A letter will be sent to all the districts and units that they are available and should write to the office for copies. It was recommended that local units pick up their copies at the office. Br. Podhrasky thanked Br. Milan, Schnabl, Dalton, Vrzalik and Spinka, and Sis. Hosticka and Faraizl for all their help in proof reading, comments and suggestions.

OTHER BUSINESS: Bro. Lebloch will be in Prague in late May and will check on the Czechoslovak Exhibition.

Letter from Sokol Washington about a petition to help Czechoslovaks living in the United States retain their property given to the editor.

Received information from Morton High school district about speakers that can be contacted to speak at meetings and other social events. Also received information from Roosevelt university in Chicago about their foreign exchange program.

Bro. Borvansky will discuss concerns with Sokol Little Ferry with Eastern District President Bro. Slavik.

The Bohemian National Cemetary Assn. in Chicago sent an invitation to their annual Memorial Day celebration Monday, May 27. A letter confirming our participation will be sent.

Sis. Filipello is looking into a TShirt design that would display our Sokol logo with the spray of wild flowers. Bro. Lebloch moved that she should investigate this and include the laurel leaf design for men.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Sis. Nancy Pajeau Secretary

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