



WORLD SOKOL FEDERATION

Minutes – WSF Board meeting, Prague, 7 July, 2018

The meeting was held in the Marble room of Michnův Palace in the Týrs House, on the occasion of the XVIth All-Sokol Slet in Prague.

It was opened at 10:10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Sis. Hana Mouckova, WSF President conducted the meeting.

The following persons were in attendance:

1. WSF Officials:

Sis. Hana Mouckova - President
Sis. Jean Hruby - 1st Vice-President
Br. Thomas Frey-Materna - Auditing Committee
Br. Joseph Bielecki – Auditing Committee
Sis. Lenka Kocmichova – Director of Women
Br. Miroslav Vrana – Director of Men
Sis. Renata Svobodova - Secretary, Treasurer

2. Delegates:

American Sokol Organization (ASO):	Sis. Jean Hruby - President Sis. Paul Lebloch - Delegate
Czech Sokol Organization (COS):	Sis. Hana Mouckova – President Sis. Lenka Kocmichova – Director of Women
Sokol in Slovakia:	Br. Andrej Krisanda - President Br. Mikulas Svoren – 1 st Vice-President
Sokolska Zveza Slovenije:	Br. Herman Bercic – President Br. Dusan Gerlovic – Secretary General
Sokolski Savez Srbije:	Br. Ivan Zivanovic – Secretary General
ZTG „Sokol“ in Poland:	Br. Damian Malecki – President Br. Grzegorz Bielec – 1 st Vice-President
Sokol Abroad:	Br. Zdenek Hanzl - President Br. Jiri Bystricky - Delegate
Sokol Union Slovakia:	Br. Vladimir Holcik - President Sis. L'ubica Drzkova – Auditing Committee
Sokol Canada:	Br. Robert Tmej – President Sis. Svatava Hermanek – Treasurer
Sokol USA:	Br. Joseph Bielecki - President

10 eligible member organizations were present (of the 13 eligible member organizations), **the meeting had a quorum.**

3. Guests:

Sis. Daniela Frey-Materna, Sokol District Austria
Br. Jan Truncik, Sokol Munich
Sis. Jaroslava Celkova, Sokol Union Slovakia
Sis. Jirina Bystricka, Sokol Paris
Br. Petr Svoboda, Czech Sokol Organization - Director of Men
p. Helena Bergman - interpreter

Agenda:

1. Fanfare of the XVIth All-Sokol Slet
2. Opening of the meeting and welcome of the guests
3. Introduction of the delegates and the guests
4. Appointment of the recorders in Czech and English languages and interpreters
5. Approval of the agenda
6. Approval of the Minutes of the WSF Board meeting held on 22 October 2017
7. Report of the Secretary
8. Report of the Treasurer
9. Report of the Auditing Committee
10. WSF activities, reports of the Director of Men and Director of Women
11. Assessment of the XVIth All-Sokol Slet
12. Discussion on the Reports of the member organizations
13. Elections of the WSF officials for the term 2018 – 2021
14. Address of the newly elected WSF President
15. Organization of the following meetings, Slets and other major events
16. Discussion and conclusion

Proceeding:

1. Fanfare of the XVIth All-Sokol Slet 2018

Sound of opening fanfare „V nový život“ by Josef Suk.

2. Opening of the meeting and welcome of the guests

WSF President sis. Mouckova welcomed all participants and thanked to delegates of the respective organizations for attendance in the meeting.

Sis. Mouckova remembered deceased Sokol members and asked the present delegates to pay tribute to their memory by pausing for a moment of silence.

3. Introduction of the delegates and the guests

The delegates were introduced. The 10 of the 13 eligible organizations were present, it was stated the meeting had the quorum.

4. Appointment of the recorders in Czech and English languages and interpreters

Recorder of the meeting in Czech: sis. Renata Svobodová (ČOS)

Recorder of the meeting in English: sis. Jean Hruby (ASO)

Czech - English interpreter: professional interpreter engaged by hosting organization

5. Approval of the agenda

The draft agenda was unanimously approved.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the WSF Board Meeting of 22 November 2017

Voting on the approval of the Minutes of the WSF Board Meeting of 22. October 2017:

For: 10 votes

The Minutes of the WSF Board meeting of 22 October, 2017 were unanimously approved without any comments.

7. Report of the Secretary

Sis. Svobodova:

Information about the change of secretary of the WSF, Brother Dostal retired and Sis. Svobodova was introduced. The recapitulation of the activities of the WSF secretariat in the reported period, information about communication with the respective member organizations, payment attitude of membership fees and about newly established communication with ZTG Sokol in Poland. Information about the prepared updating of the WSF web sites. The report of the secretary was presented by the interpreter in English.

The delegations received the reports in their files both in Czech and English.

Comments:

Br. Gerlovic:

- suggested using of social media (Facebook, Instagram) for attract the young population to Sokol Organization
- support to more languages – not only Czech and English

Sis. Mouckova:

- social media are the matter of the respective organizations
- secretary of WSF is as well as the officer of the Foreign Department of COS in one and only person

Br. Zivanovic:

- communication through social media e.g. Facebook is faster than by email

Sis. Mouckova:

- check is necessary for social media working and prevention against of being associated with radical groups which is banned and undesirable

Br. Gerlovic:

- no reason to worry
- preference of modern ways to communicate

Sis. Mouckova:

- claims are supported by own experiences

Br. Frey-Materna:

- because of data abuse in Austria the local government is actually monitoring the development of Facebook
- Sokol District Austria is not a supporter of Facebook, its service is using only to invite the guests by an unofficial way

Sis. Hruby:

- preference of the applications to communicate
- agrees with br. Gerlovic – provide to faster ways to communicate

Br. Bercic a Sis. Mouckova:

- agreement on the metod selection of appropriated communication methods step by step

Br. Krisanda:

- agrees with sis. Mouckova – social media (Facebook) is in responsibility of respective organizations

Sis. Mouckova:

- way of communication of the WSF will improve due to arrival of the new secretary

Sis. Hruby:

- engages to cooperate with the secretary on the other ways of communication

8. Report of the Treasurer

Sis. Svobodova:

The report of the Treasurer shows the economy of the WSF in the period since the last WSF meeting (1 October 2017 – 5 June 2018) and includes the starting and final balances of both of the WSF accounts as well as the main income and expense items.

Information about the WSF membership fee payments - the only organization in arrears is A.D. Blume Gran Canaria.

No extraordinary expenses were made; also income was generated by regular membership fees and interest from bank accounts.

Recommendation to use the balance for regular payments e.g. translator services, catering at the WSF Board meetings and so on.

The report of the secretary was presented by the interpreter in English.

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Comments:

Sis. Mouckova:

- catering will be paid by COS

Sis. Hermanek:

- suggested to use the balance for the service of websites of the WSF

Sis. Mouckova:

- COS has own service who is in charge of maintenance of websites of the COS as well as the WSF

9. Report of the Auditing Committee

Br. Frey-Materna a Br. Bielecki:

Presented the report of the audit, covering the accounting documents and financial status of the WSF, which was carried out by Auditing Committee member Br. Jurena and confirmed the report of the treasurer and accuracy of income and expenditures.

The audit of the accounts (both on time deposit account and current account) was made on 11th September 2017 for the year 2017 and on 31 May 2018 for the year 2018.

It was stated no imperfections were found during the control.

The delegations received the reports in their files both in Czech and English.

Comments:

Br. Tmej:

- interest about the budget of the WSF for 2018 include planned incomes and expenditures and other plans to the future

Sis. Mouckova:

- make plan in the WSF is problematical – see difficult arrangement to define the adequate amount rate of regular membership fee
- no increase in the value of deposit in Czech
- incomes of current account are represented by regular membership fees only
- an agreement approved by the WSF members is necessary for any and all expenditures

On request of some delegates sis. Mouckova announced a 15 minutes long break.

10. WSF activities, reports of the Director of Men and Director of Women

Sis. Kocmichova:

She announced that the report of Directors was presented during the Slet week of XVth All-Sokol Slet from 1st till 6th July 2018 through its performances.

No written document was presented.

11. Assessment of the XVIth All-Sokol Slet 2018

Sis. Mouckova expressed thanks to all delegations for attendance at the XVIth All-Sokol Slet 2018 and ask for assessment of this event.

Br. Bercic:

- assessed the Slet Days as spent perfectly
- performances on the world-class
- appreciated a motivation of all gymnasts and organizers, involvement of all age bracket to active participation of Slet too, heart and soul put to the programme of the Slet Week

Sis. Hruby:

- congratulated COS on a great success and thanked COS for involving ASO in the programme
- ASO involved 250 gymnasts, participation in the 3 Large Group Performances

Br. Krisanda:

- appreciated and thanked for the celebrations of the establishment of 1st Republic in the Czech Republic, in Slovakia no celebrations be held

Sis. Hermanek:

- thanked for emphasis on meaning of Sokol during opening of the Slet
- appreciated involving of people with specific needs to the Large Group Performances – specifically children with the Down syndrom to the performance „Děti, to je věc!“

Sis. Drzkova:

- informed about number of active and pasive participants of Sokol Unia Slovakia
- thanked for great organization, for spare night traffic after generals of LGP from Eden and for emphasis the figure of Stefanik during the LGP too

Sis. Celkova:

- emphasized on the cooperation with COS during their own Slet in Slovakia
- appreciated the great XVIth All-Sokol Slet in Prague

Br. Holcik:

- expressed the respect to COS for organization of the XVIth All-Sokol Slet
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Br. Bielecki:

- thanked behalf of Sokol USA to sis. Mouckova and her organizers for a beautiful experience, for warm welcome of American guests who have never been in Czech before
- thanked for emphasis of important year 1918 and for emphasis on Tyrs' ideas, which are still valid today

Br. Zivanovic:

- thanked for 6 amazing days full of pleasure and for great experience for the whole delegation
- event of the Slet feels like inspiration for Serbian Sokol and their own planned Slet in 2021

Br. Malecki:

- thanked for all and appreciated the programme of the Slet Week

Br. Gerlovic:

- thanked to all personally
- appreciated the stage performances in the centre of Prague especially and assessed them for the great promotion of Sokol and its ideas to public

Sis. Hruby:

- question 1: information about numbers of all participants
- question 2: availability of souvenirs

Sis. Mouckova

- answer to a question 1: it will be a memorial book made from the Slet including photographs, informations, economical and statistical datas etc.
- answer to a question 2: availability of no sold out souvenirs on the e-shop of COS
- electronical books, records of Ceska televize, 2 documentary from the preparations of the Slet include its programme (czecho-slovakia programme, programme of COS) are in preparation too
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Sis. Drzkova:

- asked the delegates os the WSF to write their positive feedbacks due to insert them to the memorial book

Br. Materna:

- thanked for all and appreciated the programme of the Slet Week

Br. Hanzl:

- thanked for the invitation to the Slet
- invited on behalf of Sokol Muenchen all presented to the 46th Sokol meeting on 9 June 2019 in Tyrs Oetz

Br. Holcik:

- thanked to the interpreter

Sis. Mouckova:

- assessed the XVIth All-Sokol Slet include its previous regional Slets and local presentations for team work which was the only way to create the event of Slet in the form we have seen

12. Discussion on the Reports of the member organizations

The delegations received the delivered written reports to the Secretary in their files. The discussion was not held.

13. Elections of the WSF officials for the term 2018 – 2021

Br. Frey-Materna was appointed Chairman of the Election Committee by Sis. Mouckova.

Br. Frey-Materna established the Election Committee consisting of the representatives of COS (br. Vrana), ASO (br. Lebloch), SUS (br. Holcik), Sokol in Slovakia (br. Svoren), Sokol Abroad (br. Hanzl), Sokol Canada (br. Tmej), Sokolski Savez Srbije (br. Zivanovic), Sokolska Zveza Slovenije (br. Bercic), ZTG Sokol in Poland (br. Malecki).

Voting method

1. Board members except Auditing Commitee:

- public voting method: in case of 1 candidate for 1 post
- secret voting method: in case of more than 1 candidate for 1 post

- if the candidate fails to obtain the targeted post, the candidate automatically stands as a candidate for the inferior post (e.g. vice president)

2. Auditing Committee:

- up to 3 candidates for the Auditing Committee are elected by public voting
- more than 3 candidates for the Auditing Committee are elected by secret voting in one pass in a way, that each eligible delegate elects 3 persons out of the presented candidates. The candidate's votes will be summed up and the 3 candidates, who obtained most of the votes are finally elected.

After proceedings of the Election Committee were put forward to the WSF Board the list of candidates was presented:

For the President:	Sis. Hana Mouckova Sis. Jean Hruby
For the 1 st Vice-President:	Br. Thomas Frey-Materna
For the 2 nd Vice-President:	Br. Herman Bercic
For Director of Men:	Br. Petr Svoboda
For Director of Women:	Sis. Lenka Kocmichova
For Auditing Committee:	Br. Jiri Jurena Br. Joseph Bielecki Br. Dusan Gerlovic Sis. L'ubica Drzkova Br. Peter Stakic

The Federation officials elected by the subsequent election:

President

- 10 delegates (= 10 votes), Private ballot election
- candidates: sis. Jean Hruby (6 votes), sis. Hana Mouckova (4 votes)
- elected: **sis. Jean Hruby**

1st Vice-President

- Br. Thomas Frey-Materna resigned from the candidacy of the 1st Vice-President
- 10 delegates (= 10 votes), public election
- unanimously elected: **sis. Hana Mouckova**

2nd Vice-President

- 10 delegates (= 10 votes), private ballot election
- candidates: br. Herman Bercic (4 votes), br. Thomas Frey-Materna (6 votes)
- elected: **br. Thomas Frey-Materna**

Director of Men

- Br. Thomas Frey-Materna thanked on behalf of WSF Br. Miroslav Vrana for many years of successful work as the Director of men within WSF
- 10 delegates (= 10 votes), public election
- unanimously elected: **br. Petr Svoboda**

Director of Women

- 10 delegates (= 10 votes), public election
- unanimously elected: **sis. Lenka Kocmichova**

Auditing Committee

- 10 delegates (= 10 votes), private ballot election
- candidates: br. Bielecki (8 votes), br. Stakic (6 votes), sis. Drzkova (5 votes), br. Jurena (4 votes), br. Gerlovic (4 votes)
- elected: **br. Bielecki** (8 votes), **br. Stakic** (6 votes), **sis. Drzkova** (5 votes)

President: Sis. Jean Hruby (ASO)
1st Vice-President: Sis. Hana Mouckova (COS),
2nd Vice-President: Br. Thomas Frey-Materna (Sokol District Austria)
Director of Men: Br. Petr Svoboda (COS)
Director of Women: Sis. Lenka Kocmichova (COS).

Auditing Committee: Br. Joseph Bielecki (Sokol USA)
Br. Peter Stakic (Sokolski Savez Srbije)
Sis. L'ubica Drzkova (SUS)

After the election the meeting was conducted by sis. Jean Hruby, WSF President.

14. Address of the newly elected WSF President

Sis. Jean Hruby thanked for the trust for having been elected President of WSF.

15. Organization of the following meetings, Slets and other major events

Br. Zivanovic on behalf of Sokolski Savez Srbije invited all delegations to the 21st International Sokol Slet 2021 in Novo Sad. Further informations about the event the delegations will receive in December 2018. He mentioned about a grant in next months from the WSF which is necessary to arrange this event.

Br. Bielecki on behalf of the Sokol USA invited all delegations to the Sokol Slet 2019 in Buffalo in New York which will be held in the first week in July 2019.

At the same time he thanked to sis. Mouckova for XVIth All-Sokol Slet 2018 and on behalf of the Sokol USA awarded the memorial plaque to COS.

Comments.

Sis. Hruby:

- turned br. Zivanovic's attention to the same date of holding the Slet in Serbia and in the USA in 2021- arranged the cooperation between them

The delegation from Sokol in Slovakia apologized for premature leaving and said goodbye.

16. Discussion and conclusion

Br. Svoboda:

- informed about holding of the World Gymnaestrade in Austrian Dornbirn in 2019, announced the performance of the Czecho-Slovak Large Group Performance „Spolu“ in its programme and ask other delegations to involvement too

Br. Hanzl:

- asked sis. Jean Hruby, newly elected President WSF, how she imagines be in place in this WSF Board position

Sis. Hruby:

- stated that this is not the first time American delegate held the seat of WSF President. (Br. Slavik)
- translation will be secured
- no another problem

Sis. Mouckova:

- secretary of WSF is employee of COS which means very close cooperation

WSF President sis. Jean Hruby thanked to all for their active participation and sis. Hana Mouckova concluded the meeting with Sokol greeting.

Written: Jean Hruby/EN, Renata Svobodova/CZ

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