



WORLD SOKOL FEDERATION

Minutes – WSF Board Meeting, Prague 9th October, 2019

The meeting was held in the Marble room of Michnův Palace in the Týrs House, on the occasion of the Memorial day of Sokols, which is celebrated every year on 8th October 2019. It has started at 10:10 AM and finished at 3:00 PM.

The meeting was started by Sis. Hana Mouckova, WSF 1st Vice-President and then held by Sis. Jean Hruby, WSF President.

The following persons were in attendance:

1. WSF Officials:

Sis. Jean Hruby – President
Sis. Hana Mouckova – 1st Vice-President
Br. Thomas Frey-Materna – 2nd Vice-President
Sis. Lubica Drzkova – Auditing Committee
Sis. Lenka Kocmichova – Director of Women
Br. Petr Svoboda – Director of Men
Ses. Radka Stecova – Secretary, Treasurer

2. Delegates:

American Sokol Organization:	Sis. Jean Hruby - President
Czech Sokol Organization:	Sis. Hana Mouckova – 1 st Vice President Br. Petr Svoboda – Director of Men 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 – General Secretary
Sokolski Savez Srbije:	Br. Ivan Zivanovic – General Secretary
ZTG „Sokol“ in Poland:	Br. Damian Malecki – President Ses. Halina Cichocka-Nowak – General Secretary
Sokol Union Slovakia:	Br. Katarina Trokanova – President Sis. Lubica Drzkova – Auditing Committee
Sokol Abroad:	Br. Petr Chour – Delegate Ses. Helena Kopecka – Delegate Br. Jan Truncik - Delegate
Sokol Canada:	Br. Robert Tmej – President

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

3. Guests:

Sis. Alena Truncikova - Sokol Munich
Sis. Ludmila Chourova- Sokol Switzerland
Br. Marek Tesar – General Secretary
p. Helena Bergmanova - Interpreter

Agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting and welcome of the guests
2. Introduction of the delegates, guests, new secretary of WSF
3. Appointment of the recorders in Czech and English languages
4. Approval of the agenda
5. Approval of the Minutes of the WSF Board meeting held on 7th July 2018
6. Report of the Secretary
7. Report of the Treasurer
8. Report of the Auditing Committee
9. WSF activity, report of the Director of Men and Director of Women
10. The brief reports about the activity of the member organizations
11. Organization of the following meetings, Slets and other major events
12. Discussion and conclusion

Proceeding:

Point 1. Opening of the meeting and welcome of the guests

WSF President Sis. Jean Hruby welcomed all participants and thanked delegates to 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.

Point 2. Introduction of the delegates, guests, new sekretary of WSF

After the presentation of the delegates and guests, it was stated that there were 9 authorized Board members out of 13, so the Board had a quorum.

Point 3. Appointment of the recorders in Czech and English languages and interpreters

Reporter of the meeting in Czech language: Sis. Radka Stecova (CSO)

Reporter of the meeting in English language: Sis. Jean Hruby (ASO)

Czech – English interpreter: professional interpreter engaged by hosting organization

Point 4. Approval of the agenda

The draft agenda was unanimously approved

Point 5. Approval of the Minutes of the WSF Board Meeting from July 7th 2018

Voting on the approval of the Minutes of the WSF Board Meeting from July 7th 2018: Approved.

The Minutes of the WSF Board meeting from July 7th 2018 were unanimously approved without any comments.

Point 6. Report of the Secretary

Sis. Stecova/Svobodova:

Information about the change of Secretary of the WSF. Sis. Svobodová has changed the employer, Sis. Štécová was introduced. The recapitulation of the WSF secretariat in the reported period. The report of the Secretary was presented by the interpreter in English. Delegations received a report in their written files in both Czech and English language. The Secretary's report was approved without any comments.

Point 7. Report of the Treasurer

Sis. Stecova/Svobodova

Sis. Svobodova prepared a report of the financial performance for the period since the last Board meeting (June 1st 2018 – September 5th 2019). The opening and closing balances of both accounts, main revenue and expenditure are given. There were no extraordinary expenses; income was also composed of regular membership fees and interest on deposits. Recommendations for drawing the account balance for current expenses, for example for translation services or refreshments during the meetings of the WSF Board, etc. The treasurer's report was presented by an interpreter in English. Delegations received a report in their written files in both Czech and English.

Comments:

Br. Krisanda:

- Proposed to deal more with the members who doesn't pay the membership fees

Sis. Mouckova:

- She proposed a ten-year deadline for non-payers, then she would exclude non-payers

Sis. Hruby:

- Proposes to determine who will contact the member organizations about payment. Maybe Jean herself of Secretary

Br. Frey-Materna:

- Proposes non-payers should be contacted by Secretary and it should be the WSF President in the second instance

Sis. Mouckova:

- Sis. Svobodova also contacted the member organizations who were not paying member fees in the past. For example Sokol Gran Canaria, who are not communicating at the moment, paused, but were present at Gymnaestrada

Br. Krisanda:

- All members should pay the fees, it is in the By-laws

Sis. Hruby:

- It is possible to change the By-laws every 10 years

Br. Krisanda:

- It is necessary to modify the By-laws so that a member can be excluded in the case he is not paying the membership fees

Br. Gerlovic:

- The By-laws are a legal issue, its wording should be dealt with lawyers

Br. Tmej:

- Proposes to devide the role of Secretary and Treasurer

Sis. Mouckova:

- We do not have any cash payments, WSF works without using money, the Secretary / Treasurer is paid from CSO money, she is an employee of the CSO foreign department, space rental, energy, media - everything is covered by CSO. The funds will be used, as decided by the WSF Council

Br. Bercic:

- Is concerned whether the WSF has a Treasurer in whom it has confidence

Br. Frey-Materna:

- Treasurer is audited by Auditing Committee, Lubica Drzkova. Br. Materna asked whether the Board had a specific proposals for the use of the money

Sis. Hruby:

- Funds are controlled, if you want to use them, come with a specific proposal

Br. Tmej:

- The function of Treasurer is not mentioned in the By-laws. The Treasurer should not be a CSO member, we organize events where money could be earned. We would like to invest and use the money

Br. Gerlovic:

- Proposes to set up a working group to make a proposal on what to do with the funds in the future

Br. Tmej:

- The By-laws do not determine the function of the Treasurer, I want to use the money. The mission of the WSF is to further develop the movement, I would like to invest in the future

Br. Frey-Materna:

- Added that WSF is a representative organization and asked whether these proposals are needed now, given that the WSF account balance is about CZK 550,000. Br. Tmej will then set up a committee, whose proposals will then be submitted to the Board

Br. Svoboda:

- Suggests to set up a program of topics at the first for further action and then funding. Proposes to set up a working group that would hold meetings together and work on the agenda and events

Sis. Mouckova:

- Let's be careful and do not to let a couple of money be able to split us, rivalry arises, and this idea-based grouping may fall apart

Sis. Hruby:

- Let us set up a committee to deal with these ideas

Br. Zivanovic:

- Notes that the available financial amount is too small to finance something more expensive, such as an information portal for all member organizations, in order to streamline communication and cooperation

Sis. Hruby:

- The communication platform is already working, it is necessary to send membership fees to the Secretary

Point 8. Report of the Auditing Committee

Sis. Lubica Drzkova:

- The interpreter presented a report on the management audit and all WSF accounting documents, thus confirming the Treasurer's report - the correctness of the amount of revenues and expenditures in the given period

The financial audit was performed on September 30th 2019 for the period from June 1st 2018 - December 31st 2018 and for the period from January 1st 2019 - August 31st 2019 for the current account and term deposit. It was noted that the audit did not reveal any deficiencies. Delegations received a report in their written files in the Czech language and was translated into English by interpreter.

The Report of the Auditing Committee was approved.

A 15 – minute brake is announced by Sis. Mouckova – based on suggestions from the delegates

Point 9. WSF activity, report of the Director of Man and Director of Women

Br. Svoboda:

- Submitted the complete text material, he did not read the report, but added substantial comments. He is in close cooperation with the Sokol County of Austria, and also mentioned a exercising program for children aged from 3 to 7 years

Br. Zivanovic:

- They are interested in the project for young children, the Gymnaestrada was successful, they did not know that Sokol would be there, and that is why they would like to deepen communication between individual member countries

Sis. Kopecka:

- Is thankful to the Director of Man for specific suggestions, they would also be interested in the exercising program for young children

Br. Gerlovic:

- Would also like to join the program for young children. They have almost 10,000 children aged between 2 and 6 years, so they have experiences and would like to extend them
-

Sis. Hruby:

- Would like to see more information about the program on the WSF website and Google Drives

Br. Svoboda:

- Suggests to discuss the program, telling what is possible and what WSF members will do in the future

Br. Zivanovic:

- Wants to propose a date to discuss the program right away

Br. Svoboda:

- Agrees, he would like to prepare necessary materials for the meeting, agrees with the direction of the meeting on February 2020

Br. Frey-Materna:

- Suggests to confirm the deadline so that Br. Svoboda would have a new task

Sis. Mouckova:

- Proposes to go ahead with a clear vision in February, to set up a functional and good organizational committee of the WSF

Br. Frey-Materna:

- The main competencies of physical education are inserted in the Director of Man

The report of the Director of Man was approved.

Point 10. The brief reports about the activities of the member organizations

Sis. Hruby:

- There is going to be a Sokol Slet in Chicago, USA in 2021, also the Sokol guards have been trained in USA

Sis. Mouckova:

- Commemorated the memorial day of Sokols, an important day of the Czech Republic. Due to the weather the ceremony was in the auditorium, at 8:00 the Sokol flag was displayed on the building of the Prague City Hall

Br. Tesar:

- in a 30-minute presentation he introduced Strategy 2030, a new Sokol visual style

Br. Živanović:

- in a 20-minute presentation he introduced the activities of the Serbian Sokol for the last year

Point 11. Organization of the following meetings, Slets and other major events

Delivered written reports to the WSF Secretaries were received in their written files. There was no discussion.

Point 12. Discussion and conclusion

Br. Gerlovic and Br. Gercic invited all delegations to Ljubljana, Slovenia, in mid-June 2020, where the next World Sokol Federation Board meeting be held.

Vote on the Board about the next World Sokol Federation Board held in Ljubljana: Approved.

WSF President Sis. Jean Hruby thanked everyone for the active participation. Hana Moučková ended the meeting with a Sokol greeting.

Recorded by: Jean Hruby/AJ, Radka Stecova/CZ

Date: Prague October 10th 2019