

The WSF Secretary's Report for WSF Board Meeting, Pittsburgh, June 29, 2007

After the WSF Board meeting of July 7, 2006 and my appointment as a WSF secretary by newly elected WSF President bro. Jaroslav Bernard I took up in several steps all agenda together with the respective documents (and a good deal of practical advice) from previous secretary bro. Frantisek Kovar . The changes in disposition and signature rights of both WSF bank accounts were a part of this taking-over.

In accordance with the Minutes of the above meeting I used, free of charge, the office and the technical equipment of the Czech Sokol Organization for my activities.

With respect to better operating ability and higher rapidity I mostly used e-mails for our mutual correspondence, exceptionally fax, in principal or official cases the surface mail. The correspondence prevailingly concerned the matters I will mention below.

In the course of solving problems and matters within my competency as a secretary I closely cooperated with President Bernard and according to the needs also with other WSF officials.

Regarding the mutual availability the electronic way sometimes failed. Let me therefore appeal to all of you, WSF Board members, with the request to announce immediately all changes of your e-mail addresses as well as non existing addresses or changes of telephone and fax numbers.

The matters concerning the WSF dues make a certain part of our correspondence. This issue is mentioned in my Treasurer's Report in detail.

I find rather curiosity the correspondence with so called Sokol Union of Serbia (not to be confused with Union Soko Srbia headed by its President sis. Gordana Rajnovic) who repeatedly ask for the admission into WSF but they did not send, even after repeated requests, any information about their activities and their membership. I reasonably assume that there does not exist any.

On January 9, 2007 the working meeting of the elected WSF officials (with the understandable apology of bro. Laznovsky) was held in Prague where remarks of mostly Sokol Canada on the amendments of the WSF Bylaws and the Rule of Procedure, the venue of WSF 2007 meeting, websites of WSF and WSF program and activities were discussed. Regarding the venues of the meetings we achieved the agreement that it will be always more purposeful to organize them together with Sokol slets or other big events of some member organization. Therefore we agreed on the organizing of this meeting here in Pittsburgh. But in future I suggest to discuss the venue of the following meeting always in advance during the actual meeting in order to avoid the collision of the terms and so that all present participants could express their opinion. The Minutes of this meeting of January 9 were sent to all member organizations.

Shortly after this meeting we created the websites and judging from the responses received up to now they are accepted, mainly due to their aesthetic respect, very positively. As to their content there are only the basic WSF documents and some actualities. I wish to draw your attention to the chapter Links where all known websites of our member organizations are presented and let me call upon all other organizations to announce me their web addresses, if they have any, and if not to arrange them. This is the way we can inform each other very easily. I also expect the

discussion on this matter during this meeting and suggestions how to extend and improve our websites.

Pursuant to the Minutes of the WSF Board meeting of July 7, 2006 our newly amended Bylaws were registered by the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic. I do hope that these amended Bylaws will make a satisfactory framework for our activities in future. Following the Bylaws I made out the Rule of Procedure draft as our internal norm which we will voluntarily accept and respect. On the basis of the remarks of the member organizations and also after the meeting of the official of January 9 this draft was several times amended and I suppose that its wording will be the subject of today's discussion, too.

Having been invited by Sokol Union of Slovenia sis Jarina Zitna and me attended as the WSF representatives the Slovenian All Sokol Slet 2007 which took place in a small town of Rence on May 19, 2007. The Slet was the representative display of the activities of Slovenian Sokols. It was open by the marching parade through the town headed by equitation. The main Slet program was presented in the local sport hall where the group gymnastic performances prevailed. The Slet was concluded by the social evening party.

In the days from 26 – 28 May bro Bernard, bro. Vrana, sis Mickova – COS Secretary General and me participated, on the invitation of Sokol Abroad, in the traditional, already 34th Sokol Meeting in Austrian Oetz which was organized by sisters and brothers from Sokol Munich. Within this event the meeting of the Advisory Board of Sokol Abroad was held where bro. Bernard decorated Sis. Jordanova and Bro. Bystricky with a Sokol Medal and where bro. Truncik from TV Sokol Munich was elected the President of Sokol Abroad after outgoing President bro. Bystricky.

Allow me, sisters and brothers, to thank you very much for your year-long cooperation and to express my hope that in the period to come it will be even more intensive and more beneficial to our Sokol matters.

June 26, 2007

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