

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Sokol Melbourne Inc.
held on Sunday 12th November 2017 from 1pm**

Opening. The President, Věra Zlatá welcomed the members present and thanked them for attending. She thanked the committee for the achievements of the past year but stated that she was concerned that the rules of the organization had not always been followed. She was also concerned that the committee meetings had not been harmonious, particularly in regard to date deadlines for nominations and proxies for this meeting. She was interrupted several times by other committee members.

Attendance. 21 members were present, as per sign in list, including 7 of the committee of 10 elected for 2016-17.

Apology from committee member Alena Špírochová.

Proxies : approximately 35 were presented.

A minute of silence was held for members who had passed away.

Minutes of the 2016 AGM were read by the Treasurer, Vlasta Šustková.

Acceptance of the minutes was moved by Věra Zlatá and seconded by Marcela Taylor. They were accepted by show of hands of those who had been present at that meeting.

Reports of the committee officers on significant transactions and activities.

President

The President thanked the Committee for the work they had done in continuing and developing the activities of Sokol. Věra particularly mentioned the success of a recent beer festival. She expressed concern regarding the future especially in providing events which attracted younger and future members, while continuing to be a meeting place for the generation which had established Sokol in Melbourne. She was concerned that promotional material needed to be in English as well as Czech and Slovak, in order to inform and attract a wider audience. Other organizations, like Vodafest have been effective in promoting their event in English.

Věra applauded the work on improvement of the downstairs bar and the ambience of the area and thanked those who had been involved. A great deal of volunteer hours had been contributed. She herself has attended and worked at Sokol at least 5 times per month and spent many hours working behind the bar as well as presenting the building for prospective hire and purchasing of materials. She has also organized and many hall hire events over the last five years.

Funding continues to be of concern, as it costs \$25,000 pa to run the building or \$80 per day. It is desirable that Sokol applies for and receives state government funding as it did in 2014-15. A healthy bank balance needs to be maintained, as grants are limited to the same amount held in reserve in the bank. Income is dependent on bar sales, hall hire, member fees and donations. It has been possible to keep Sokol going as a result of the work of many volunteers

Věra stated that she had decided not to accept the nomination to continue as President.

To receive and consider the statement submitted by the Association in accordance with section 30(3) of the Associations Incorporations Act.

Treasurer

Vlasta Šustková tabled and distributed the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2017. BAS statements had been produced 4 x annually by an accountant, Mr Lester and an audit had been carried out by Kathleen Jenkins in February 2017.

There was a profit of \$3000 for the year after Vlasta had been repaid for a non-interest loan to improve the bar area.

There was a question from the floor regarding loan documentation and repayment. In future members should be made aware of any loans and they should be to be minuted and clearly documented in the Financial Statement. There was also concern raised re informing members of any future major expenditure.

Future financial issues: Vlasta obtained an estimate that \$16000 was needed for roof repairs, floor resurfacing, cupboards and tablecloths for future proposed opening of Sokol every Tuesday for lunch end every Saturday for dinner. Purchase of a coffee machine was desirable to replace the current capsule Aldi machine. This might cost \$2000.

The major asset continues to be the building, valued at over \$1.5 million.

Vlasta did not wish to continue as Treasurer but wished to continue on the committee.

Eva Ronge **moved that the Audit be conducted annually.** Seconded Vera Bebr.
Motion carried . 18 for.

Thanks

The committee thanked Věra Zlatá for her work and presented flowers and a gift. Flowers were also presented to Věra Zlatá Senior for her work in preparing lunches for over 20 years until March 2017 and contributing to Sokol over many years together with her husband Eda Zlaty who passed away last year.

Vera thanked members for their trust in her. After five years in the position, and concerns stated in opening remarks, Vera has decided not to stand for the position or the committee for 2017-18. She has been happy with all the celebrations held at Sokol, including hall hire by people from the local community. It has been an honor to have held the position and serve the Czech and Slovak community.

Introduction of candidates for 2017-18 Sokol Management Incorporated (SMI) Nominations

Výbor Sokola Melbourne Inc. na rok 2017-18 Sokol Melbourne Inc. Committee for 2017-18

Starosta - President	Jan Sedlák
Vicestarosta - Vice president	Michal Krejčí
Sekretář - Secretary	Vlasta Šustková
Pokladník - Treasurer	Boris Kubeš
Člen - Committee member	Marcela Taylor
Člen - Committee member	Pavel Šindelář
Člen - Committee member	Alena Špírochová

There being no other nominations they were declared elected.

Jan Sedlák is planning to produce Saturday dinners. Some improvements to the dining area may be needed so that the Saturday restaurant can run from March 2018.

Open Forum – general business

- What were the takings at the beer festival? Response \$5000
- Concern was expressed that loans for improvements must be taken with caution as income is needed to repay them.
- What is the rent to be paid for the restaurant?
- Tony Cavanagh who is an Arts and Music promoter commended Sokol as a venue and organization. He suggested that a coffee machine be obtained via payment for the hall.
- A committee member stated that a second hand industrial machine could be purchased for \$1500 together with a grinder for \$675. Some members questioned whether this was necessary considering how much coffee is sold and there already was a coffee capsule machine operating in the bar.

Forthcoming events

18 November Kuličky
2 December dinner dance
3 December Mikuláš festival for children
17 December Christmas celebration

Membership rates were retained at \$30 for a regular member \$20 for a pensioner and \$50 for a family.

Auditor Kathleen Jenkins to be reappointed

Meeting closed at 2.50 pm.

Minutes taken by Hani Vodstrčil