



**Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting**

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MINUTES of Blue Star Mothers of America  
National Executive Board  
Meeting Date: April 26, 2011

**Call to order:** The April 26, 2011 regular board meeting of the BSMA was held by electronic means (Go-to-Meeting) telephone and computer. The meeting convened at 6:37pm MST, President Wendy Hoffman presiding, and Kathryn Hood, Secretary. A quorum was present.

**Attendees:**

**Members in attendance:** National President Wendy Hoffman, 1st Vice President Julie Roberts, 2nd Vice President Joretta Pickard, 3rd Vice President Judy Dorsey, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, Lori Danby , Financial Secretary Anne Parker, Treasurer Robin Countryman-Valk, Recording Secretary Kathryn Hood, Pres. Dept. of MN Pattie Kelley, Pres. Dept. of OK Cindy Hood, Pres. Dept. of OH Pat Pell, PNP Susan Naill, PNP Karen Stevens

**Excused:** Pres., Dept. of MI Carol Gates , PNP Joyce Fulford

**Absent:** PNP Joyce Sanford, PNP Dorothy Mendoskin,

**Opening Ceremonies:**

Roll Call of Officers - Kathryn Hood

Prayer – Karen Stevens

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Robin Countryman Valk

Blue Star Mothers Preamble – Wendy Hoffman

**Business:**

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 22, 2011 minutes.**

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

Financial Report – Anne Parker/Robin Countryman-Valk (Submitted

**MOTION: To approve the financial report for audit.**

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

First VP – Julie Roberts – (Submitted).

Second VP – Joretta Pickard – Over 400 pictures have been submitted for the Yearbook. The cover is ready to go.

Third VP – Judy Dorsey – (Submitted) – Since submission there have been 3 more fallen. 2 Army, 1 Marine and one more banner has been ordered.

Forth VP - Lori Danby – 7 Charters have been issued; 1 in February, 5 in March and 1 in April. 3 are ready to get their Charters and there have been 17 requests for Charters. She listed the location of each.



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Department of Ohio – Pat Pell – The North/South Conference was held on April 9<sup>th</sup> and the Columbus Chapter provided wonderful food. They will soon be submitting a Grant proposal through Care Source on behalf of the Department of Ohio.

Department of OK – Cindy Hood – 1 Chapter will disband but she's received a call that another Chapter has it's 5 mothers and is ready to go. She also reported that they are the recipients of the 2010 Partnership Award with the OK State Family program.

**Unfinished Business**

**OK1 Status** – Cindy Hood reported that she has left numerous messages with authorities and is currently waiting for a return call.

**Letter Review Committee** – Wendy Hoffman reported that Solveiga Uger has retired as a Parliamentarian.  
**MOTION: In the following order we contact the following ladies to serve on the Committee. Linda Bayer, Judy Korda, and Christine Boyd. (In that order)**  
Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

**Resolution Update:** - Julie Roberts reported that there is no update at this time.

**CFC** – Wendy Hoffman read a letter from CFC stating that BSMA has been found eligible for inclusion in the National/International Charity list. We can now participate in CFC activities. We must reapply each year.

**New Business**

**GTBA PIN AND PATCH** – Anne Parker reported that there are only a few left and we can reorder more.

**MOTION: That we reorder and restock the pins and raise the price to \$5.00 each.**

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Anne then gave the prices of the current patch. A copyright verification is needed if we were to make the patches with the same design as the pins. This is tabled until the next meeting when we have more information.

**MN5** – Wendy Hoffman reported that this Chapter has disbanded. The CEB 1<sup>st</sup> VP sent out a notice and Chapter financial documents were given to Julie Roberts. There still needs to be a review of the books and a full financial accounting. There is nothing else to do at this point.

**Piece of America** - BSMA has been contacted to become a sponsor.

**MOTION: That we respectfully decline.**

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

**Wreaths Across America** – There will be a large fundraiser in Maine on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Wendy Hoffman has received 4 free tickets to attend. Two for GSM's and 2 for BSM's.

**MOTION: That we ask the ME2 Chapter to represent BSMA at this event and gather the information and report back to the NEB.**

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

**Memorial Day Invitations** – Wendy Hoffman reported reviewed the many Memorial Day event invitations she is receiving starting as early as May 12<sup>th</sup>. Some of them 1<sup>st</sup> VP Julie Roberts will attend in her stead. She will send Kerry Kerce, our DC Rep. to the one in Washington D.C.



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**Financial Policy and Budget for Convention** – Cindy Hood reported that the budget has been sent to Anne Parker and Robin Countryman-Valk for review and then it will go to the rest of the committee.

**Parliamentarian** – In light of the retirement of Solveiga Uger, Wendy reported that she has emailed Pat Sutton asking for recommendations.

**MOTION: That our National President include in the letter to the Membership regarding various items addressed that we are looking for a professional Parliamentarian to apply to the NEB.**

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

**Announcements**

Wendy Hoffman listed many of the events to which she is being invited and to whom she is giving these tickets to attend. Such invitations included Tea at the White House with Michelle Obama on Thursday, May 5th.

There was some discussion on the NEB meeting venue and Webinar as an alternative to Go-To-Meeting which is currently used. It is more expensive and Wendy Hoffman will pass on the exact price at a later time.

There was discussion regarding a Gold Star Wife of 2 months whose husband, a Farmington Police Detective in the National Guard Reserves was killed in Afghanistan. Donations from the local area are being received to assist the wife. A Farmington resident contacted the local BSM Chapter questioning the logistics of running private and business donations through the Chapter. It was suggested that the IRS be contacted for details on how a Chapter could make out a check to an individual.

There was discussion on Executive Session comments being seen outside of the NEB. Wendy Hoffman reiterated the importance of keeping all Executive Session information private.

**Next meeting** – May 24, 2011, 6:30pm MST

**Remarks** – Joretta Pickard asked for NEB pictures from anyone who has not yet sent one in yet.

**Adjournment:** Closing prayer - Karen Stevens, 9:03pm MST

## 1<sup>ST</sup> REPORT FOR APRIL 2011

Number of **online** new members from March 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011: **147** new members and new associates.

Online Active Profiles:       **11,015**

Online Member Profiles:       **5,951**

Online Associates Profiles:   **2,566**

Input all applications received from our Financial Secretary into the database as received.

Attended NOILD on behalf of our national president.

Have successfully moved all members/associates out \_\_\_\_\_ into other chapters and/or archived their profiles per their request.

Moving of members/associates from the following chapters that have either been disbanded or revoked: TX10, TX8, WA2, MI183, OH16, SC6, TN2, UT2, NC5, CA6, MI7, NM5, and CA19.

Continue to work with chapters that have not elected all 5 needed positions to keep in compliance with the governing documents (i.e., giving them deadlines to elect, etc.)

Continue to work with chapters on issues relating to their annual reports.

Continue to update Master Compliance Spreadsheet.

Continue to update Chapter Officers Roster Spreadsheet.

THIRD VP REPORT FOR APRIL 2011  
April1-April 26 2011

Fallen 39

Army 32

Marines 5

Navy 2

Afg. 28

Iraq 9

Germany 1

At Sea 1

Stateside fallen 10

Banners requested 29

Current fallen 13

Older 6

Stateside 10

Respectfully,

Judy Dorsey

National 3rd Vice President

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.