



**Minutes
Post-Convention Board Meeting**

MINUTES of Blue Star Mothers of America
National Executive Board
Meeting Date: August 14, 2011

Call to order: The August 14, 2011 regular board meeting of the BSMA was held in Washington, DC at the Washington Court Hotel. The meeting convened at 8:54am EST, Robin Barnes McCarthy presiding, and Pattie Kelley, Secretary Pro Tem. A quorum was present.

Attendees:

Members in attendance: President Robin Barnes McCarthy, 1stVP Janet Broussard, 2nd VP Lin McGee, 3rd VP Teresa Bullock, 4th VP Pattie Kelley, Treasurer Julie Roberts, Financial Secretary Anne Parker, PNP Wendy Hoffman, PNP Karen Stevens, PNP Susan Naill, Past 2nd VP Joretta Pickard, Past 3rdVP Judy Dorsey, Past Treasurer Robin Countryman Volk

Excused: Recording Secretary Charilyn Roberts, 4th VP Lori Danby, Dept of MI President Carol Gates, , Dept of OK President Cindy Hood, Pres, Past Recording Secretary Kathryn Hood

Absent: Dept of OH President Pat Pell, PNP Joyce Fulford, PNP Joyce Sanford, PNP Dorothy Mendoskin

President Robin Barnes McCarthy instructed the new NEB to check their calendars so regular NEB meetings could be scheduled. The first meeting is set for Tuesday, August 23, 2011, 8:30pm EST.

PNP Pin for Mary Hufford: Instead of mailing the PNP Pin Robin McCarthy requested that she present it. After discussion, there was agreement that the PNP Pin would be mailed to Mr. Hufford which was agreed upon by the past NEB members.

Bylaws – Julie Roberts stated she will amend the Bylaws approved at Convention and post them to the website, unless NP McCarthy would be appointing someone else to do so. NP McCarthy said those working on specific projects should continue to complete them while making the transition of the newly-elected NEB.

Legal Counsel: A vote was taken to keep the same legal counsel as before.

Shadow Run: It was decided that the same committee would continue working on the Shadow Run.

Executive Committee: Debbie Lorie, Robin Barnes McCarthy, Wendy Hoffman, Dean McGrath, and Robin Countryman-Valk were appointed to the Executive Committee.

Governing Documents: They need to be posted to the website by September 15th

Minutes Review Committee: When the convention minutes are completed they will be sent to PNP Wendy Hoffman who will in turn send them to the Minutes Review Committee.

NYC Parade – The NYC Parade will be held November 11, 2011. Robin McCarthy said Patsy Varnell requested to remain in contact with Patrick Gautier from United Veterans. Robin will be in contact with him and will report to all Chapters in order for everyone to have same information. She said clarification is needed regarding what he will pay for, and she will make a report to the NEB at the August 23rd Meeting



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Webmaster: Jenny Knockert will remain as the webmaster for the time being. Robin will appoint someone else at a later date.

VAVS: After some discussion, NP McCarthy said she spoke with Patsy regarding her desire to continue as VAVS Rep, and she will take the under consideration.

Bank Account: A letter needs to be sent to Bank of America from the Recording Secretary stating the new officers and President.

NY Parade: It was noted that according to our GDs, the NP is to attend the Veteran's Day Event held annually in Washington DC. Robin stated she will take that under advisement.

PNP interests – Robin will talk with the PNP's to see where their interests and passions are.

CPA: Per the 2010-2011 NEB Recommendation, it was decided to keep the current CPA, Joseph Castellano for another year.

Silent Auction: Approximately \$2,900 was raised from the silent auction. Over \$3,000 was sold and some people left without paying for or picking up their items.

Convention Costs: PNP Hoffman said she has paid Convention Costs and will submit her receipt for reimbursement. She stated she will meet with the Convention Committee to review any further costs that will need to be paid.

Board Meetings: GoToMeeting will be used for the August 23rd NEB meeting. It expires at the end of August. It is less than \$500/year to use. Robin will explore other options.

(Teresa Bullock leaves at 9:26am EST)

Chapters to Charter: Lori Danby has been working with BSMs to charter their Chapters, and will finish them up. She said there are also approximately 3 dozen more in the works. Robin asked if Lori had Charters available she could sign, and Lori explained there is an electronic signature that they have used for signing of the Charters.

NM5: Wendy reported that the assets have not yet been returned and the Chapter is now disbanded and members have transferred to other chapters. Julie sent the items left on her doorstep to Anne Parker. There was about \$23,000 in additional monies. Since there has been no response a letter needs to be sent to the Chapter membership from the Board. Julie has the list with the addresses and a letter can now be sent.

Travel Expenses: Judy Dorsey requested her reimbursement for travel to Convention.

TX: Anne Parker reported that the funds have been distributed to the new Texas chapter from the old one that was disbanded.

Email Transition: Robin will talk with Jenny Knockert and notify everyone when it is moving forward.

(Judy Dorsey leaves at 9:43am EST)



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Stiller Run – Anne mentioned that Connie Murhea is the contact for family Foundation for Fire Fighters who died in line of duty after 9/11.

NEW BUSINESS

Robin McCarthy said she will send out an e-mail to the full membership in order to find out where different mother's interests lay and their desire to be involved at various levels in the Organization. This will include the Veterans Days Parade which, if it is a real opportunity, will be enormous. She will be looking into this as far as what our return will be and what they are looking to the BSMs involvement.

PNP Hoffman made reference to the Stiller Run and the problems that have arisen, and even though there were guidelines and agreements with them, there are problems. Sponsors are removing their names from the shirts because of the problems, and the question remains the due to Stiller not following through with their commitments, are we still obligated. Instead of working with the NEB, the Stiller Run are going directly to Chapters.

Misc.

There was review on what Convention boxes Robin needs to take home.

Pattie Kelley will ask Kathryn Hood where the Recording Cap is. It was not in the computer bag where she said she put it.

Wendy has the 1st VP computer.

(Pattie Kelley left the meeting in order to get to the airport.)