



MEETING MINUTES

BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC.

JULY 11, 2023

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by National President Stacy Anders at 5:32PM PT

Opening:

PNP/Chaplain opened in prayer
Pledge of Allegiance was led by PNP Anne Parker
Roll call was conducted by Recording Secretary Marisol Gonzalez

The following were present:

National President-Stacy Anders
1VP-Rebecca Stafford
2VP-Karen Stillwell
3VP-Cheree Barrett joined at 5:39PM PT
4VP-Brenda Ternullo
Recording Secretary-Marisol Gonzalez
Financial Secretary-Sonya Kay
Treasurer-Alethea Tennill
Dept. of Ohio-Lynn Feldman
Dept. of Michigan-Jackie Ransom
Dept. of Minnesota-Karla Keller
PNP/Chaplain-Carla Brodacki
PNP/VAVS-Anne Parker

Minutes Approval:

Minutes from June 13, 2023 meeting were sent to the NEB prior to this meeting from the National Recording Secretary

MOTION to approve meeting minutes from June 13, 2023 as submitted

Seconded

Call for vote

No opposed, two abstentions

PASSED

Finance Committee Report:

Report given by Fin Sec Sonya Kay in absence of Chair Julie Straw

Meeting was held on Sunday, July 9, 2023

1. Annual Tax Return Form 990 filing is now complete
2. June financial statements were presented and forwarded to the NEB for review

MOTION from committee to approve June financials pending audit

Call for vote

No opposed, no abstentions

PASSED

3. 2023 Convention Update- 229 members registered
4. Smoky Mountain service dogs will receive a large check at convention and will reflect total donations from all sources
5. Am Vets/Riders actively fundraising for BSMA
6. National Financial Secretary will communicate with Webmaster regarding the donate button on website
7. Memberclicks annual invoice has been received and is due Sept.1, 2023, this payment will be reflected in the 2023-2024 fiscal financial records
8. Update on online store-has 37 remaining red respect shirts, decided to not restock

MOTION from committee to not restock the red respect shirts for online store inventory at this time

Call for vote

No opposed, no abstentions

PASSED

9. Chapter grant applications-approved one remaining slot; application received from NC15
10. BSMA has been approved for the 23-24 CFC campaign and fees have been paid
11. Charity navigator website was discussed; more information to follow

This was the last Finance Committee meeting of the fiscal year.

Discussion occurred

2VP discussed Blue Daisy remembrance table; requested by NP to have a table at National Convention with support of National Chaplain
Question to finance committee if there is any room in budget for the expenses to make such a table possible, possibly \$100.00

MOTION to make a memorial table for Blue Daisies a permanent part of national convention memorial service

Seconded

Call for vote

No opposed, no abstentions

PASSED

Officer Reports:

Financial Secretary Report-added bank signer change will be done at branch in Tennessee

VAVS added will have table at convention for members to sign cards

Old Business:

- Quick reference guide was sent to NEB for review. Ok to move forward and post
- Convention Update:229 currently registered, hotel is ready and bags to be made on Sunday

New Business:

- Tonya Moore family would like to start a "foundation" donating \$2500 every year to BSMA, Inc. Up to the Board to determine how funds are to be used. Discussion occurred regarding the donation in memory of Tonya. To be determined by the NEB each year how funds would be used.
- Department Standing Rules: Standing Rules were sent to the NEB for review

MOTION to accept all three departments standing rules

Seconded

Discussion occurred regarding having a committee for approving chapter standing rules

Call for vote

No opposed, no abstentions

PASSED

Closed Executive Session:

NP took the NEB into Closed Executive Session at 6:18PM PT and out at 7:08PM PT

NP discussed relooking at closing procedures

PNP Anne discussed adding a step, perhaps a ZOOM call with all members, NP,1VP, mentor and have an open forum to discuss

MOTION made to add step #1 of having NP,1VP and mentor of the chapter to reach out to chapter and have conversation before sending closing procedure documents

Seconded

Call for vote

No opposed, no abstentions

PASSED

Having no additional business, the meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer led by our National Chaplain Carla Brodacki.

Respectfully submitted,

Marisol Gonzalez

National Recording Secretary