



**Minutes
Regular Board Meeting**

MINUTES of Blue Star Mothers of America
National Executive Board
Meeting Date: September 10, 2010

Call to order: The September 10, 2010 regular board meeting of the BSMA was held by electronic means (Go-to-Meeting) telephone and computer. The meeting convened at 6:42pm 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 Ellie Ramsey, 3rd Vice President Judy Dorsey, 4th Vice President Betsy Miller, Financial Secretary Anne Parker, Recording Secretary Kathryn Hood, Pres. Dept. of MN Pattie Kelley, Pres. Dept. of OK Cindy Hood, Pres. Dept. of OH Robin McCarthy (arrived at 9:00pm), Pres. Dept. of MI Carla Brodacki, PNP Karen Stevens, PNP Susan Naill, PNP Joyce Fulford

Excused: PNP Jean Burlingame, PNP Dorothy Mendoskin

Absent: Treasurer Robin Countryman-Valk

Opening Ceremonies:

Prayer – Pattie Kelley

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - Carla Brodacki

Blue Star Mothers Preamble – Carla Brodacki

Roll Call of Officers - Kathryn Hood

Business:

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the Post Convention Aug 15, 2010 minutes as corrected.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Officer and Committee Reports

Financial Report – Anne Parker

Anne Parker reported that the bank state have not been balanced properly for the last 3 months.

MOTION: That we budget \$1000.00 to the CPA firm to go over the Quick Books procedure and bring our records in order.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

MOTION: To accept the Financial Report as is pending review by the auditing firm.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote

First VP – Julie Roberts

Julie Roberts reports that there are 202 new profiles. She is busy updating forms and taking care of members' issues. Membership cards will go out to those who have requested them. She's taking many calls about the Bylaws; more EINS are coming in as well as chapter rosters and membership renewals.



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Julie also reported that she spoke to Dale Hawkins regarding the BSMOA pins. The trademark right is now on file with the company which took over casting about a year ago.

Second VP – Ellie Ramsey

Newsletter: Deadline for each edition is the 15th of each month. Everyone is encouraged to submit an article monthly.

Yearbook: Ellie reported that she received the prices from Entourage and reviewed those prices with the NEB.

MOTION: That we do 200 books full color at a cost of \$20.73 per book for a total of \$4,146 and pre-pay to get the discount. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

Friendly Amendment: 250 books at \$19.77 or less for a total of \$4942.50.

Accepted and motion passes on vote.

Third VP - Judy Dorsey

Judy Dorsey previously sent out her report for review. She had nothing more to add.

Fourth VP – Betsy Miller

Betsy Miller reported that 3 chapters have chartered since convention and 25 packets have been sent out by request.

Dept. of MI – Carla Brodacki

Carla gave an update on a legal issue they have been dealing with. MI Chapter has been closed and the members need to be moved to Kalamazoo until another chapter is formed.

Dept. of OK - Cindy Hood

She is working to get their convention going. She has finished going over chapter websites reviewing them for correct information.

Dept. of MN – Pattie Kelley

5 moms from MN did attend convention. There is a lot of excitement. The MN convention is coming up at the end of the months and the Chapters are starting to do more events together

Wendy uploaded a report from her trip to Washing D.C. and reported that it was a very productive trip.

Unfinished Business

NEB invitation to the Convention luncheon with Mr. Bucha and Mr. Talabani

MOTION: That all parties in attendance at the luncheon with Mr. Bucha and Mr. Talabani are hereby required to reimburse the Organization for their individual meals by October 15th.

Motion is seconded and discussion followed.

Motion passes on vote.

Chapter Compliance – Wendy Hoffman

Wendy sent out a list of all chapters whose charters were revoked. This year all required documents will be completely done online.

Flag to VA for VSO Collection – Wendy Hoffman

MOTION: That we go ahead and order 12 flags to have on hand at the store.



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Motion is seconded and discussion followed. One would go to the VA which would leave 11 for sale.
Motion passes on vote.

New Business:

Use of Contact Center

There was discussion on creating guidelines on the use of the Contact Center and the appropriateness of sending out Chapter fundraisers. Nothing can be sent out to the entire membership without prior NEB approval.

Documentation – Digital vs Hardcopy

This discussion was tabled until the October meeting.

Dept. of OH – Robin McCarthy

Robin McCarthy reported on the DEB meeting in August regarding the Chapters being revoked. Their decision was if another chapter is chartered within 12 months in that county they would be given the hard items. If no other chapter is chartered the hard items would be given to a VA Hospital or home near that Chapter. OH41 would be Grandmothered in. There was discussion on what the Grandfather clause entails.

Grant and Reimbursement for DC Trip

Wendy Hoffman reported that this trip was originally declined because there was only 2 days notice but was accepted when she was told the trip would be paid for. A donor gave \$1000 and Mutual America paid the other \$1000.

MOTION: To reimburse our National President the cost for the DC trip that was covered by donated funds.
Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

VA Meetings/Briefings on September 15th & 16th

MOTION: That Wendy's expenses and hotel room be paid to attend the meetings on September 15th & 16th and to include travel the day before and after the meeting date. Seconded and discussion followed.
Motion passes on vote.

Gold Star Mothers Day

Wendy reported that she cannot attend Gold Star Mothers Day as she will be at the MN Convention. Judy Dorsey will go in her place this year.

MOTION: To approve expenses for Judy Dorsey to attend Gold Star Mothers Day on behalf of our National President on September 24th & 25th. Seconded.

Friendly Amendment – 25th & 26th
Accepted and motion passes on vote.

Department Conventions

Wendy said she can attend all the Department Conventions.

EA Game

There was discussion on the position of BSMOA regarding the EA Game.

MOTION: That we remain silent on the EA Game.

Seconded

Motion passes on a voice vote.



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Announcements

Monthly NEB meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Next meeting – October 26th 2010

Adjournment:

The President adjourned the meeting at 9:37 MST

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