



**Minutes
Regular Board Meeting**

MINUTES of Blue Star Mothers of America
National Executive Board
Meeting Date: December 28, 2010

Call to order: The December 28, 2010 regular board meeting of the BSMA was held by electronic means (Go-to-Meeting) telephone and computer. The meeting convened at 6:35pm 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 (late arrival), 2nd Vice President Pro-Tem Joretta Weaver, 3rd Vice President Judy Dorsey, 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 Nail,

Excused: PNP Karen Stevens, PNP Joyce Fulford, PNP Joyce Sanford,

Absent: Pres. Dept. of MI Carol Gates, PNP Dorothy Mendoskin, PNP Jean Burlingame,

Opening Ceremonies:

Roll Call of Officers - Kathryn Hood
Prayer – Robin Countryman-Valk
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Pat Pell
Blue Star Mothers Preamble – Pattie Kelley

Business:

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of November 23, 2010 minutes.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

1 Abstained

1st Vice President Julie Roberts enters the meeting.

Officer and Committee Reports

Financial Report – Anne Parker/Robin Countryman-Valk (Submitted). Books have been reconciled except for a minor adjustment for 2 checks totaling \$30. One for \$10 and one for \$20.

MOTION: To approve the financial report for audit.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

First VP – Julie Roberts – (Submitted). Julie reported that she attended a meeting in New York (financed by USA Cares) for the Siller Foundation/USA Cares Shadow Walk/Run. A small announcement will be made on February 15th and a larger one through CBS with the Siller Family in March. NBC and PBS are also supportive. Wendy Hoffman mentioned one change to the proposal having to do with the lack of clarity on how the funds would be divided. She explained the financial split between the Siller



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Foundation, USA Cares and BSMA. USA Cares will be in charge of training the chapters and will start setting up appointments soon.

Julie also gave an overview of her report as 4th VP Pro Tem which was previously submitted.

Second VP – Joretta Weaver Pro-tem – Joretta reported that the November newsletter went out a little late and the December issue will go out sometime the first week in January.

Wendy Hoffman reviewed Article X of the Bylaws regarding empty seats on the NEB in relationship to the temporary vacancy of the 2nd VP position.

MOTION: To nominate Joretta Weaver as 2nd Vice President Pro-tem

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Third VP – Judy Dorsey – (Submitted). Since her report submission 2 additional banners have been ordered and 1 more has fallen for a total of 39.

Judy will work on an addition to the Blue to Gold guidelines to remind the Liaisons that for the National Guard and Reserves, they must be on active duty at the time of loss, or under orders. If they are home and not reporting and there is a loss, then by DOD guidelines, they are not eligible for the Gold Star Banner

Fourth VP – Julie Roberts Pro Tem – (Submitted) - Covered earlier in the meeting.

Dept. of OK – Cindy Hood - She is receiving e-mails from chapters deciding to work on getting their documentation submitted. She will be attending some chapters meetings for a couple of chapters having some disagreements.

Dept. of OH – Pat Pell – Pat reviewed the implosion of a chapter in which the entire CEB resigned. She conducted the meeting and discussed the circumstances which led to the resignations. A new board has been elected. She is concerned about chapters who have not properly completed their EIN report and she will be in contact with each chapter to find out why.

Dept. of MN – Pattie Kelley – Pattie reported that MN has had a good month. She has been contacted by 2 individuals who are interested in starting a chapter. She also met with the new General of the National Guard and discussed how they can work together.

Tunnels to Towers/Americas Run/Walk – discussed earlier in the meeting.

Unfinished Business

BSMA Pins – Wendy reported that this issue is still pending. There has been no response received from OK. Official letter will be sent requesting information.

Quickbooks / Audit – Wendy reported that between the membership numbers and the membership dues numbers there is a positive \$7000 discrepancy. This could be due to some chapters not providing EIN numbers. There is concern that adjustments have had to be made every month. An adjusted entry will be made after the audit is complete to balance it out.



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Oklahoma 1 – Wendy reported that the Bank has declined to provide the requested information from the NEB due to OK privacy law.

MOTION: To send an email to all chapter members of OK 1 to provide the necessary release and/or approval to the IBC to release the necessary documents requested in letter outlined by the National President of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. within 10 days otherwise your chapter will be suspended in 15 days from the date of this letter.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Letter re PNP Pin for Mary Huffer PNP 2004-2005– In regards to a request for a PNP Pin for Mary Huffer. Wendy reported that after researching the matter there was never a court order regarding this issue as previously thought. After speaking to our Lawyer she learned that no letter was ever written indicating that Mary could or could not have a pin. Mr. Rumer also indicated Mary Huffer's membership had never been removed. Susan Naill spoke deeply about mistakes that were made and the need to move forward and gave her heartfelt support of giving Mary Huffer a PNP Pin and to restore her lifetime membership.

MOTION: To give a PNP Pin and restore lifetime membership to Mary Huffer.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Anne Parker was requested to order the pin with appropriate bars engraving citing Mary Huffer, National President 2004-2005.

Enter Executive Session – 7:43pm MST

During executive session the status of a suspended member was discussed. Violations of the suspension as well as Article XV, Section 1 (B)2 of the Code of Conduct were considered and a vote to revoke her membership was approved with one nay vote.

Exit Executive Session – 8:11pm MST

Fourth VP Appointment

MOTION: To accept Lori Danby as Fourth Vice President

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Pro-tem status of Joretta Weaver is removed.

1st Vice President Julie Roberts leaves the meeting at 8:15pm MST

Wendy Hoffman reviewed the new chartering procedures. Chapters will not be chartered until the online form is first completed. If there is interest in chartering a chapter contact should be made with the Fourth VP who will then send out a letter with the new instruction.

New Business:



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Suspension and Compliant – AZ3 – Wendy Hoffman reviewed the plethora of emails stating various intentions regarding this suspension. There was discussion as to whether the NEB should step in and research the situation or return it back to the Chapter to resolve.

MOTION: That after discussion at the NEB meeting it is the NEB's decision to turn this back to the AZ3 CEB for further action.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Announcements

A very busy time is coming up as we near the deadline for compliance. There have been questions regarding examples for financial reconciliation. Wendy noted that there are examples on the National website to view.

Whoever is planning to stay at Marian Moran's for the Jan 13th dinner in PA please let her know.

Next meeting – January 25, 2011

Remarks – Happy New Year

Adjournment:

The President adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm MST

1ST & 4th VP REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2010

Number of online new members from November 1, 2010 to November 30, 2010: 50 members and 85 Associates

Online Active Profiles: 9,675

Online Member Profiles: 6568

Online Associates Profiles: 2423

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

Have successfully moved all members/associates out of IN2, AR1 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: KS133, IN2, PA22, IN7, IN4, TX10, CA3, MD1, and NJ2

Successfully opened up the following NEW Chapters: Northern New Mexico Chapter 4 and OH Chapter 22.

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.

3rd VP Report for December 2010

Number of Fallen: 39

ARMY: 22

MARINES 16

AIR FORCE 1

All but 1 was in Afghanistan

Banners for this month's fallen: 17

I am sending out emails to Chapters that are closest to the hometown listed asking for help to request banners for those that have not gotten one. It is taking time but am getting it done. Some of the request take a bit longer so I am giving a reasonable time frame before I contact a chapter.

Service Flags also sends request.

Respectfully,

Judy Dorsey

National 3rd Vice President

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.