



**Minutes
Regular Board Meeting**

MINUTES of Blue Star Mothers of America
National Executive Board
Meeting Date: March 22, 2011

Call to order: The March 22, 2011 regular board meeting of the BSMA was held by electronic means (Go-to-Meeting) telephone and computer. The meeting convened at 6:34pm 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, 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 MI Carol Gates, PNP Susan Naill, PNP Joyce Fulford,

Absent: 4th Vice President, Lori Danby, Pres. Dept. of OH Pat Pell, PNP Karen Stevens , PNP Joyce Sanford, PNP, Dorothy Mendoskin

Opening Ceremonies:

Roll Call of Officers - Kathryn Hood

Prayer – Anne Parker

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Cindy Hood

Blue Star Mothers Preamble – Robin Countryman Valk

Business:

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 22, 2011 minutes.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

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.

Patriotic Instructor – Wendy – Cindy Wiley has resigned as Patriotic Instructor. Our Washington D.C. Representative, Kerry Kerce will carry flag for Memorial Day Pro-Tem.

First VP – Julie Roberts – (Submitted).

Enter Executive Session – 6:45 MST

Unfinished Business

OK1 Status – Cindy Hood reported on the current status of the OK1 situation.



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NV2/ Sally Wiley – In regards to a Gold Star Mother complaint from 2010. The situation is now resolved and the matter has been closed. Her membership has been reinstated.

BSM Tea Party – Discussion included the following: 1. Suspensions regarding Tea Party Facebook page. A motion was made and passed on vote. 2. A Question and Answer page on the website. A motion was made and passed on vote. 3. A website disclaimer; Two motions were made and passed on vote.

Letter Review Committee – Wendy Hoffman reported that two committee members are currently reviewing the letters but the third member is unable to be reached..

Resolution (Update) – Julie Roberts reported on the March 14th meeting. Senator Bennett indicated he wants to have a public rollout with the press acknowledging that both mothers and grandmothers who were not previously qualified as Blue Star Mothers are now qualified.

New Business:

AZ3 – Wendy Hoffman stated that for the record the NEB has received and read the letter from AZ3.

Member request – Wendy Hoffman addressed a request from a BSMA member to inspect the Organizations' check detail. Wendy instructed the NEB on the definition and details of "inspect". A motion was made and passed on vote.

Member Demands - There was discussion regarding the demands the member is putting on her suspension. The MN Dept. President has been in contact with the Chapter CEB.

OH15 – There was discussion regarding the reasons for the Chapter suspension due to a letter received from a Chapter member. A motion was made and passed on vote.

Suspension Appeal – First VP reviewed the letter of suspension sent to a BSMA member citing the violation in the Code of Conduct. A motion was made and passed.

Exit Executive Session – 8:15pm MST

Online Statement (Patsy Varnell) - BSMA member Patsy Varnell suggested that a disclaimer be added to our website describing the meaning of blue star mother.

MOTION: To accept the wording that Patsy Varnell has presented and posting on the national website making it a part of the log-in process and added onto the membership application.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Database Misuse – Wendy Hoffman reported that member email addresses were being misused for personal reasons.

MOTION: To create a confidentiality form to be included when an officer roster is updated that has permission to enter or update information into the national database, to submit the stated confidential form to the National 1st VP before the changes can be made to their profiles. Violation will be automatic revocation of database privileges.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.



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Blue Daisy Project – There was discussion on the Blue Daisy Project and clarification on who received the funds that were raised by it. The Blue Daisy is the National BSMA flower. Robin Countryman-Valk volunteered to investigate on what the Blue Daisy Project entails. It was decided that this should be a year-round project.

Online Ads – There was discussion regarding putting a page on the website with links to other sites for the purpose of advertising.

MOTION: That we reserve a page on the National website for chapters to advertise items they have for sale with a description and a link to the items. This service would be free of charge.

Motion is seconded

Friendly Amendment – **add “and departments”**

Motion passes on vote.

Convention – Susan Naill gave an update on the progress on the Convention and explained the necessity of sponsors due to the cost of Washing D.C. Susan will send out letters with various levels of sponsorship. Wendy Hoffman reminded us that Chapters can have fundraisers to pay for delegates to attend convention.

Upcoming events for National President Attendance. - Wendy Hoffman informed the NEB of two upcoming events in which she will be attending. April 28th to Eglin Air Force Base and then to Washington D. C. on March 31st for Congressional meetings, VA Briefings and a meeting with BSMA Attorney.

MOTION: That we pay for Wendy’s trips.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Announcements

Next meeting – April 26, 2011, 6:30pm MST

Remarks – Wendy reminded the NEB of mileage reimbursement for those driving to convention.

Joyce Fulford informed the NEB that our 50th PNP Dorothy Mendoskin will be visiting Oceanside, CA in April. It might be nice if the local Chapter could meet her. Kathryn Hood said she would see if that could be arranged.

Adjournment: Closing prayer was by Cindy Hood, 9:47pm MST

1ST REPORT FOR MARCH 2011

Number of **online** new members from February 1, 2011 to February 28, 2011: **123** new members and new associates.

Online Active Profiles: **10,686**

Online Member Profiles: **5,686**

Online Associates Profiles: **2,516**

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

Have successfully moved all members/associates out of CA3, CA, IN7, KS133, IL3, NJ2, IN4, IN2, TX9 and OK15 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, 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 MARCH 2011

Fallen: 31

Afgh. 23

Asia: 2

Germany 1

Stateside loss: 5

Banner request: 32

Current: 10

Older: 17

Stateside: 5

Respectfully,

Judy Dorsey

National 3rd Vice President