



**Minutes
Regular Board Meeting**

MINUTES of Blue Star Mothers of America
National Executive Board
Meeting Date: October 26, 2010

Call to order: The October 26, 2010 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 Ellie Ramsey, 3rd Vice President Judy Dorsey, 4th Vice President Betsy Miller, 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, Pres. Dept. of MI Carol Gates, PNP Karen Stevens, PNP Susan Naill,

Excused: PNP Joyce Fulford

Absent: PNP Jean Burlingame, PNP Dorothy Mendoskin

Opening Ceremonies:

Prayer – Carol Gates

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Julie Roberts

Blue Star Mothers Preamble – Pattie Kelley

Roll Call of Officers - Kathryn Hood

Business:

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 10, 2010 minutes as amended.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.

Motion: To suspend or exclude the Officer and Committee reports until the end of the meeting due to the length of the agenda and the reports have been submitted excluding finance.

Seconded

Discussion

Motion Carries on vote

Officer and Committee Reports

Financial Report – Anne Parker/Robin Countryman-Valk (submitted)

MOTION: To accept the financial report as presented.

Motion is seconded and passes on vote.



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Unfinished Business

Meal Ticket – Convention (Anne Parker)

Anne Parker named those who have already paid for their luncheon from Convention.

Quickbooks/ Audit (Anne Parker)

The reconciliation has been completed and as of September 30th the books are balanced.

EIN /IRS – (Wendy Hoffman)

Many chapters did not get moved to the fiscal year and they have to write letters to IRS to get changed over. Wendy Hoffman is working with Anne Parker to fix the IRS' list of Chapter information. For example the National EIN was listed for several chapters and some of the older Ohio Chapters were not on the list and must be added back on.

New Business:

2009 Membership Revocation

There was discussion on the membership revocation of Kim Piol in 2009.

Motion: In the letter to Kim Piol, to state that under current rules and regulations there is nothing to stop her from rejoining providing she make necessary restitution.

Seconded

Friendly Amendment: Take out the last three (3) words.

Not accepted.

Friendly Amendment: Instead of “provided she make necessary restitution” say “**restitution in the amount of \$100 is greatly appreciated**”.

Accepted

Motion passes on vote

One (1) Abstained

One (1) Nay

OK1

The department of OK has requested receipts for chapter withdrawals but are not getting them.

Motion: That we as a board require OK1 to furnish the required documents.

Seconded

Friendly Amendment: **in accordance with the Affiliation Agreement.**

Accepted

Friendly Amendment: by November 30, 2010.

Accepted

There was further discussion



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Friendly Amendment: Change it to **within 10 days from the receipt of the letter.**

Accepted

CA24 – Ellen Boesner

Motion: **To accept the letter as written by Wendy**

Seconded

Motion passes on vote.

CA7 Suspensions

President Wendy Hoffman ruled that the resignation of Chapter President.... Lori Wolf becoming President stands. The resignation was acted upon.

Motion: **That the suspensions of CA7 be lifted immediately.**

Seconded

Motion passes on vote.

ID3 – Kristie Moe

Motion: **That a letter be written to the Chapter Board and remove her suspension or request revocation and ask them to report the outcome of the review that was conducted.**

Seconded

Motion passes on vote.

MD1 / MD2

When MD1 was suspended most of the members went to MD2. The NEB received a check from the closeout of MD1 and the request has been made to send the funds to MD2.

Motion: **That we issue a check to the new chapter in MD (MD2) and wish them well.**

Seconded

Motion passes on vote.

USA Cares proposal

On the upcoming anniversary of 9/11 USA Cares wants to coordinate a shadow run/walk and recognize Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. Anyone wishing to attend the conference call with Wendy Hoffman, Julie Roberts and Roger Stradley on Wednesday, October 27th at noon is welcome. An update on the conference call will be given.

PA9

Bud Bucha has been asked to speak at the PA9 Chapter. Tickets are \$35 each for dinner. 10 rooms at the Union League have been reserved and Mr. Bucha has asked that as many BSM moms as possible attend. Anyone interested in attending should contact Mirian Moran ASAP.

Motion: **That expenses be covered for President Wendy Hoffman to attend the dinner in PA on January 13th and up to two (2) nights lodging.**

Seconded.



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Motion passes on vote.

An e-mail will go out to the membership announcing the dinner.

Veterans Day

President Wendy Hoffman will be going to Washington DC and taking 1st Vice President Julie Roberts as her guest but sending her ahead the day before to attend meetings which have already been set up. They will be staying at the Capitol Hilton.

Motion (Susan Nail): **that our 1st VP have her airfare paid and her room paid in Washington DC for Veterans Day due to the special meeting that she will be attending for the BSM.**

Seconded.

Motion passes on vote.

Wendy reviewed the different ceremonies in which any NEB members can attend if they wish to go.

Motion: **That rather than give them (WIMSA) a wreath we give them a check.**

Friendly Amendment: - \$300.

Accepted

Discussion

Friendly Amendment: **In the amount of \$150 rather than \$300.**

Accepted

(Pattie Kelley leaves the meeting 7:00pst)

Motion passes on vote.

(Pat Pell leaves the meeting.)

Department Conventions

President Wendy Hoffman reported that she attended all 4 department conventions and learned they were all very different.

OK Department President Cindy Hood reported that they had a campground setting and spent a lot of time relaxing and getting to know each other.

MI Dept. President Carol Gates said that the 1st meeting after the convention they decided to put the Department on Quickbooks Online, planned their meeting dates and the Dept. convention for next year.

First VP - Julie Roberts

She is trying hard to keep people compliant and she is keeping an eye on the annual reports. There are 140 new members online for September and she is working with Anne Parker sorting through the checks that come in. She is also continuing to work on the compliance sheet.

Julie also reported on the work she has done with the Dept. of MI Attorney General's office regarding the Mrock matter and was able to get the Department of Michigan's Traveling President Pin returned in time for this year's Convention.



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Second VP – Ellie Ramsey

Ellie reported that the newsletter is ready to go pending one (1) article from Wendy Hoffman. There is a glitch in the website where members can go to upload pictures for the yearbook. Letters will not go out to the membership until it is fixed.

Third VP – Judy Dorsey (submitted) – Nothing further to add.

Fourth VP – Betsy Miller – New chapters chartered this month. Two (2) from CA, One (1) from IN, and One (1) from NY.

Big Dipper – Laura DeRoo (submitted) – reviewed briefly by Wendy Hoffman

Joint Congressional/Senate Caucus w/BSF Survey – Kerri Kerce (submitted) –reviewed by Wendy. She will put a link on our Facebook page.

Announcements

Wendy Hoffman reported that she has been invited by the American Israel Public Affairs committee for a Veterans mission to Israel. The American /Israel Education Foundation will pay for all expenses. The dates are December 5-11, 2010 and they have already sent her a ticket.

Next meeting – November 23, 2010

Adjournment:

The President adjourned the meeting at 9:37 MST

3rd VP Report for Oct. 2010

Number of fallen for October 41

Army 22

Marines 17

Air Force 1

Navy 1

One loss was in Iraq and the other Afghanistan.

Banners requested 18

Older request 12

Total request 30

I had the honor of attending Gold Star Mothers weekend in DC for our President, Wendy Hoffman. I attended a dinner and programs hosted by the Gold Star Mothers. Including, The Vietnam Wall and Arlington National Cemetery.

On Oct. 16 I attended a program for the Moving Vietnam Wall, presented by KY 5 in Florence. The Wall was there for three days and over 5,000 visitors paid their respects.

In March of 2011, I have been asked to take part in a Gold Star Event in Arkansas.

Respectfully,

Judy Dorsey

National 3rd Vice President

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

We have our EIN sorted out. We are "officially" Blue Star Mothers of America Inc. Big Dipper National Auxiliary. We now have all of the resources available on the website. The handbook being one of the resources, we are encouraging members to download there own copy and see if changes must be made. Submission of Handbook revisions are to be mailed to Big Dipper National 1st Vice President Jessica Jorgensen Obryen at swmpangel10@yahoo.com or U.S. Postal to Jessica Obryen, 1676 Hollyberry Ct NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144, who is heading up our revision committee. I will be sending out a Welcome letter with the membership cards starting this week asking for revisions.

We have ordered the Big Dipper Guard pins and are now taking orders.

We have a theme for Fun Night at convention 2011. It is the "Roaring 20's".

On behalf of the Big Dipper Board I am requesting the opportunity to have a Fun Night at Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.'s National Convention 2011 to be held in Washington, D. C.

Though there is still a lot of work to be done over the next several months, I feel that Big Dipper National Auxiliary Board for 2010/2011 has made much progress.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura De Roo

Big Dipper National Auxiliary President