

5/19/2017 Called to order at 5:40 PM

Pre-convention roll call done by Danielle MARTEL, President

Quorum met

Voted on Feb 22, Mar 15, and April 19 teleconference board meeting minutes. Motion made by Shelly Malone to accept and seconded by Michelle Thibault. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report to be handed out to business meeting on Saturday.

Alice Kitchell, St. Johnsbury BPW, proposed next year's convention to be located at the Burke Mountain Resort during the May 18th weekend 2018. Jackie Hawkins made motion to accept and Marilyn Grunewald seconded. Motion passed.

Slate of Officers to be nominated from the floor.

Bylaws to be passed – hoping to allow Members at Large to be on the Exec Board.

Discussion was had on a proposed slate to be:

President – Danielle Martel

President Elect – Alice Kitchell

Vice President – Jackie Hawkins

Treasurer – Michelle Thibault

Secretary – Diane Brockway

No gift to be given to Danielle this year for President as she will be President again next year.

Danielle went over convention schedule with assignments:

Registration – Barb Swinton, Burlington BPW, Diane Brockway, Champlain Valley BPW & Michelle Thibault, Franklin County BPW

Flag – Donna Rae Heath & Alice Kitchell (St. Johnsbury)

Memorial – Jacqui Hood Franklin County BPW

Need volunteers for pages & runners

Jacqui Hood & Pearl Gilbert, Franklin County BPW to do Memorial

Jackie Hawkins, Franklin County BPW – Auction

Pearl Gilbert – Installation

Discussion had about fundraising being statewide for convention to be added as a line item for budget as opposed to being completely separate.

Valerie Pollotta is keynote for Saturday and Shelly Malone, Member at Large, doing IDP

Need to vote on pre-convention minutes on Saturday.

Maggie Quinn (Past State President) deceased.

VT Commission On Women – Danielle Martell is on the VT Commission for Women and after discussion said anyone may attend advisory meetings, but not everyone can vote.

Danielle received reviewed requirements for Saturday Business Meeting

Need volunteers for pages

Discussion on bylaws for voting – Parliamentarian Pearl Gilbert answered.

Auction funds (Live Auction and Silent Auction) and how they are distributed was discussed. Policy and Procedures written differently than what we thought we had voted on last year. Needs to be addressed and changed at business meeting Saturday.

No unfinished business from last year.

New Business –

Marilyn Grunewald wanted to have BPW/VT be a fiscal agent for The Women's Expo that was started by BPW members but as a completely separate program. After discussion, we do not have proper insurance for that. Michelle Thibault as Treasurer suggested other organizations to be the fiscal agent.

Laurie Beth Putnam, Westshire BPW, announced that the Westshire BPW would be disbanding and they will need to give up their 501c3.

Pearl Gilbert, Franklin County BPW and Acting Convention Chair, suggested maybe holding a shorten convention going forward (less than 3 days). Bylaw change would need to be made. Marilyn Grunewald suggested if that be the case to still hold the pre-convention board meeting Friday night before.

Marilyn Grunewald, Franklin County BPW, questioned price of Directors and Officers insurance. She would like to talk about it again at the business meeting Saturday. Donna Rae Heath, St Johnsbury BPW, had recently checked into prices. She recently paid our general liability insurance. D&O Ins. Is quoted at over \$1000.

Motion made by Shelley Malone, Member at Large, to adjourn. Seconded by Laurie Beth Putnam, Westshire BPW.

Adjourned at 6:35 PM

Submitted by Diane M. Brockway, Acting Secretary