

Minutes of the Beyond Reality Costumer's Guild, December 15, 2009

Attendees: Betty Bigelow, David Bigelow, Marie Cooley, Susan Courney, Katherine Daida, Agnes Gawne, Vicki Glover, Ed Mignon, Erik Prill, Kier Salmon, Lisa Satterlund, Victoria Shaffer, Joanne Spink, Damon Wasson, Jonnalyhn Wolfcat, Carol Zebold, Tina Comroe

"Just when I thought I was out... they pull me back in." - Returning Secretary Erik Prill.

The December meeting of the BRCG was held at Spiro's, and was squeaked to order with the squeaky gavel by the new guild president, Marie Cooley, at 7:48 pm. Marie announced that Julie's exclamation at giving up the leadership of BRCG after two years was, "I'm going to Disneyworld!", and that's what she did. Marie also made a special note of member Ed, who will be departing the area for Arizona, but back on occasion to visit. This leaves a significant glitz deficiency in our membership, and we'll all just have to work that much harder to make up for his absence.

The November guild minutes were approved without any corrections.

Officers Reports: Katt reported that the guild treasury is healthy, with 4 membership renewals and two BeyondCon memberships purchased. The guild was encouraged to purchase both BeyondCon memberships and BeyondCon hotel reservations soon to help make it a successful event in 2010. Joanne gave us a "bitch report" that the two dogs in her care are doing well, and they all recently enjoyed an outing to Victoria B.C. Joanne has a Singer Imperial 7000, and a Singer Ultralock 14 U34 4 thread surger available for sale at best offer to raise money for the "bitch fund". Contact Joanne if interested. Marie would like to have a BeyondCon/Officers meeting at her house on January 7th.

Events Past: Susan went to the Somewhere in Time December event and had a nice time. Marie asked if there was much crossover in attendees between SITU and BRCG events, and Susan indicated she hadn't seen much crossover. Agnes was at the Dicken's Fair in San Francisco recently, and posted photos of that event online. A large contingent of steampunk outfits apparently were there. Agnes made particular note of the nice quality of the merchants, especially in men's clothing. The group was reminded that we can request a discount when attending Greater Bay Area Costumer's Guild events, as we have an affiliation with that group and offer discounts in return.

Upcoming Events: Sari Safari. January 31st has been selected as the date for this event. Details to follow at the January meeting, and through the Yahoo message group.

BeyondCon: Lisa will take the hospitality suite. Carol is willing to help with the hospitality food preparations. Kier would like to know what type of food members would like to have in the hospitality suite, as most of the breakfast food from last year was not touched. Please submit your suggestions to either Kier or Carol. The suggestion was made to have better signage this year for people attending for the first time.

Norwescon: Vicki submitted our bid for a club table. Vicki let us know that as a recognized club we can get a \$10 discount on memberships to Norwescon if we purchase a group of 10 or more memberships. If interested in participating in this group purchase contact Vicki. Lisa offered to host a post masquerade party in her room at the hotel. Prior to Norwescon, both Audrey and Jonnalyhn have offered to host hall costume ribbon making parties. Lisa is storing raffle items and ribbon making supplies to be used at our club table. Victoria let us know she is part of the costume programming track for Norwescon next year, and they are looking for original ideas and suggestions for panels.

Events of Interest:

- Ravenrook 12th Night Concert - January 6th 6:30 to 10 PM - Rat Raven Pub (5260 University Way NE, Seattle WA 98105) [www. Ravenrook.com](http://www.Ravenrook.com) \$5 cover. Featuring our very own Marie Cooley!
- Rustycon (Jan 15-17, 2010) Sea-Tac Marriott
- SCA 12th Night Jan 8-10th Ocean Shores, WA
www.glymm-mere.org/12thnight/
- SCA Ursulmas Jan 29-31st Monroe, WA
- SITU Winter Event (Feb 6, 2010) Queen Ann Christian Church
- Norwescon (April 1-4, 2010) <http://www.norwescon.org>
- Costume-Con 28 (May 7-10) Milwaukee, WI (<http://www.cc28.org/>)
- Victoria Stream Exposition - Empress Hotel Victoria B.C. - May 22-23, 2010 <http://victoriasteamexpo.blogspot.com/>
- reConStruction (NASFiC) (Aug 5-8, 2010) Raleigh, NC
- Thrill the World 2010 (Oct. 23, 2010, 9:30 PM)

New Business:

Susan won at the Orycon costume contest this year a free membership to the Greater Portland Area Costumer's Guild. She inquired if there was any affiliation between our guilds and no one seemed to think there was.

Lisa wished to promote an upcoming Betsy Casey Convention. If interested, contact Lisa for more information.

Katt is going to try to get together with Audrey to produce membership cards for our guild.

Next meeting will be January 19, 2010 at the Goldie's on Airport Way in Seattle.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.