

*Minutes of the Beyond Reality Costumers' Guild, **November 17**, ** 2009**

*Attendees: *Betty Bigelow, David Bigelow, Marie Cooley, Susan Courney, Katt Daida, Agnes Gawne, Don Glover, Vicki Glover, Judy Lyen, Kate McClure, Jazz Menton, Ed Mignon, Erik Prill, Kier Salmon, Greg Sardo, Lisa Satterlund, Audrey Schmidt, Victoria Shaffer, Joanne Spink, Damon Wasson, Jonnalyhn Wolfcat, Carol Zebold, Julie Zetterberg.

The November meeting was held at Goldie's on Airport Way, and was called to order by Bigwig Julie at 7:56. After making a minor correction, the minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Officers' reports:

Treasurer Katt reminded members that they can use PayPal to pay their dues.

Events: Past:

Thrill the World 2009, (Oct. 24, 5:30 PM) Zombies out in force and dancing lustily. Next year's TtW will be Oct. 23 or 24 at 9:30 pm Pacific Time, probably conflicting with Steamcon.

Steamcon, Oct. 25-28. Huge success. A whopping 90+% came in costume--that's even more than what you see at Costume-Con. Hotel staff praised us for being so remarkably likeable and polite. Audrey thinks this is because people behave better when they're in costume. Only seriously negative detail was that it was too crowded. You even had to wait to get into the vendors' room. Almost everything was excellent, but the venue was too crowded, and the selection of panelists should have more variety. The tea party was also very crowded, but BRCG costume judges handed out 4 awards to only 3 winners, because one entry got two awards! Recipients were reported to be rendered ecstatic by this recognition. Next year's con already has 150 preregistrations, supposedly at the same hotel, but Steamcon really needs a bigger space, so the date and venue may be changed. Victoria will not be vendor room coordinator, and would welcome volunteers to take over this task and otherwise assist with the event planning.

Upcoming:

*SITU Holiday Event, "A Dickens Holiday Tea & Afternoon Gathering,"*December 6.<http://www.situseattle/UpcomingEventsPage.htm>

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Steampunk Exhibition Ball, MOHAI, December 5, 8pm. Details (including the announcement that absinthe will be available at the bar) at <http://www.steampunkexhibitionball.com>.

*Phinney** Neighborhood Center** Christmas Bazaar*, December 5-6. Betty's troupe will be dancing there on Sunday.

*Oregon** Regency Winter Ball*, December. 5. Details at<http://www.oregonregency.blogspot.com>

Seattle Steamrats Boxing day traveling tea party event, December 26.
Location TBA.* *

Ongoing/future BRCG activities:

Sari Safari 2010. Currently scheduled for February 7, but this is just a week before the winter Olympics. We considered moving it up a week to January 31, but then this conflicts with SCA's Ursulmas event. It's not clear how many members would want to do both. No action was taken.

BeyondCon 2010, Feb. 12-14, Inn at Gig Harbor. The Planning Committee will meet at Audrey's place in early December. Members are urged to pay their dues and make their hotel reservations right away. Copies of the announcement flyer were distributed.

Norwescon 33, April 1-4, 2010. Julie distributed rules and pattern for the Single Pattern Contest. Vicki will get us a table. Audrey will host ribbon making parties, and will post a list of prospective dates.**

* **Old Business:*

Election of Officers. There being considerably more than enough for a quorum present, the election was held on the spot. Voting for non-contested offices proceeded with the following results

Vice President: Kate McClure

Treasurer: Katherine Daida

Secretary: Erik Prill

Newsletter Editor: Vicki Glover

Following an extensive discussion of the duties of the President, Marie Cooley and Kier Salmon were both nominated for that office. Voting followed with Marie duly elected.* *

Other Business:

We will once again have a gift exchange at our December meeting. Lisa will post the rules to the List.

Katt announced that Lake City Romio's has moved to a new location. Ed will check it out to see if it would be suitable for our North end meetings.

Audrey is working on an updated membership list, especially timely right now since (1) dues are due, and (2) a new administration is coming to power.

Kier suggests we take a photo of Joanne's bitches in a miniature car, and use it as a poster at Norwescon for donations to the bitch fund drive.

Announcements:

Rustycon is planning a costumers' garage sale. Susan will provide details.

Kate suggests we visit the Bellevue Doll museum in late February or early March.
<http://www.dollart.com>.

Vicki alerts us that in 2010 the MOHAI will have an exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Suffragettes; this offers another opportunity for us to make a costumed appearance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Next meeting, Tuesday December 15 at Spiro's Pizza and Pasta.