

Beyond Reality Costumer's Guild Meeting Minutes January 19, 2010

The first BRCG meeting of the new decade took place at Goldie's on January 19th, and began at 7:40pm. Many of us arrived in flying cars. Attendees included: Betty Bigelow, David Bigelow, Tina Comroe (with special guest star Ardenna), Marie Cooley, Susan Courtney, Katt Daida, Paula Dolinko, Kathy Evans, Vicki Glover, Susan Locsin, Judy Lyen, Kate McClure, Erik Prill, Kier Salmon, Greg Sardo, Lisa Satterlund, Audrey Schmidt, Victoria Shaffer, John Sheppard, Jonnalyhn Wolfcat, Carol Zebold and Julie Zetterberg.

The December minutes will receive minor corrections and be approved later. It was determined that close enough only works in horseshoes and hand grenades.

Thanks to Jonnalyhn, we now have a Facebook presence for BRCG, with 48 fans as of the meeting date. Jonnalyhn requested photos to add to the page, and those can be sent to her directly by e-mail.

Katt reminded the guild that many memberships have not been paid for this year, and will send out membership renewal cards as reminders to those who are not current. Katt is working on having membership cards printed as well. Katt further reported that the guild has approximately 23 BeyondCon memberships as of the meeting, but some of those are comp badges for panelists.

Vice President Kate conceded that she did indeed have many vices, which makes her fit in quite well in our group.

Publications director Vicki welcomes submissions for a semi-annual publication of BRCG activities, to be distributed twice a year to the members. Marie has offered to look into making the appropriate changes to our guild by-laws, which currently call for an alternate monthly newsletter. Vicki is aiming to have the first publication done before Norwescon this year.

Kate reported attending SCA 12th Night, and enjoyed seeing many fine costumes. Greg and Julie went to Orlando and also saw many wonderful costumes there, some photos of which Julie has posted on her Facebook page. Vicki won a "Best Weapon" award at this year's Rustycon in their virtual masquerade for her "Steampunk Sonic Rifle", including a free membership to next year's convention. Marie enjoyed her trip to New Orleans, and saw many fine Mardi Gras costumes while there.

Vicki requested a membership directory for the guild be worked on, and Audrey said she would work on that. Vicki requested that a membership directory permission box be added to the BRCG membership renewal form for those who do not wish to be included in the directory.

Marie commented on the high level of talent in the new season of Project Runway, which just began airing again on Lifetime Television.

Marie requested contact information for other groups who guild members might think would be interested in receiving information about our guild, in an effort to improve our self-promotion efforts.

Marie queried the guild to see if anyone knew our current status with the ICG, but nobody seemed to. Katt offered to look into it.

Katt reported that we have made our obligation of room nights for the hotel at BeyondCon, which means the guild is off the hook to pay for extra rooms. Katt has not signed the contract for next years convention with the hotel, and will attempt to renegotiate the terms to reduce the obligated room nights, and possibly change the date of the convention, depending on the hotel availability.

Lisa has reserved the hotel “Business Suite” for hospitality at BeyondCon this year. Audrey motioned that Lisa be reimbursed for the difference in price of that suite versus a regular room by the BRCG. The motion was carried unanimously.

Erik and Jonnalyhn distributed the preliminary programming schedule for BeyondCon this year. Carol discussed the hospitality suite offerings she will be helping to provide.

Jonnalyhn and Audrey will be hosting Norwescon Hall Costume Ribbon Making Parties on the following dates: Jonnalyhn’s house (4105 S Yakima Ave, Tacoma) January 24-4PM, February 28 – 4 PM, March 21 – 4 PM. Audrey’s house (contact Audrey for directions and times) January 31st, February 7th, and possibly one in March.

Lisa promoted “Piecework Magazine”, which had an article on knitting chainmail.

It was confirmed that we do have a fan table reserved at this year’s Norwescon. Marie requested a large BRCG guild banner be ordered for our table presence at Norwescon. She suggested members consider ideas for how to design such a banner for discussion at the February BRCG meeting. Marie will bring info on previous banners she has had printed.

Victoria mentioned the theme for this year’s SteamCon is “Weird, Weird West”.

Kate requested we “save the date” of April 23rd for a soon to be announced event she is hosting to celebrate her upcoming birthday.

Future events of interest:

SITU Winter Event Feb 6 Mardi Gras Ball circa 1803 www.costuminginseattle.com

BeyondCon February 12-14 The Inn at Gig Harbor www.beyondcon.org

Radcon Feb 12-14 Pasco WA www.radcon.org

Sewing Expo Feb 26-28 Puyallup Fairgrounds www.sewexpo.com

Cascade Gun Show March 13-14, Monroe Fairgrounds www.cascademountainmen.com

Nova Albion Steam Punk Exhibition March 12-14 Berkeley, CA
www.steampunkexhibition.com

Civil War Reenactment, Battle at fort Steilacoom, May 1-2 www.wcwa.net

Baycon, May 28-31, Santa Clara, CA www.baycon.org/2010/

CostumeCon 28 May 7-10 Milwaukee, WI www.cc28.org

Victoria Steam Exposition May 22-23 www.victoriasteamexo.blogspot.com/

Reconstruction (NASFIC) Aug 5-8 Raleigh, NC www.reconstructionsf.org

Thrill the World 2010 Oct 23, 2010 9:30 PM www.thrilltheworld.com

Steamcon Seattle Nov. 19-21 www.steam-con.com

Meeting adjourned around 8:55 PM 'ish.

Next meeting will be February 16th at Spiro's in Shoreline. Just two days after what will no doubt be our smashing success at BeyondCon.