

Beyond Reality Costumer's Guild Meeting Minutes March 16, 2010

The March meeting of the Beyond Reality Costumer's Guild was called to order at 7:35 PM by Guild Chair Marie Cooley. Members in attendance included: Betty and David Bigelow, Tina Comroe, Katt Daida, Holly Forbis, Vicki Glover, Erik Prill, Kier Salmon, Greg Sardo, Lisa Satterlund, Victoria Shaffer, Joanne Spink, Thom Walls, Damon Wasson, Jonnalyhn Wolfcat, Carol Zebold, and Julie Zetterberg.

Julie requested a minor correction to the February minutes regarding t-shirt reimbursement, and the minutes were subsequently approved.

The Chair reported she received a call from Rita Harris of Somewhere in Time Unlimited who will give the BRCG a blurb in their newsletter to help promote cross pollination of members. Chair then presented information about a steampunk themed fundraiser for the MOHAI clock. Some discussion about possible guild participation followed, but no motions were made. Further information on the fundraiser can be found at www.seattlesteamfilms.com

Guild treasurer, Katt, unveiled the newly printed BRCG vinyl banner for use at our guild table at Norwescon this year, to many rounds of ooh's and ah's and general delight. She also purchased 5 BRCG ceramic coffee mugs with the BRCG logo on them. Katt also reported that the BeyondCon hotel for this year required a new check to be drawn for payment of hotel usage, which required a stop check fee on the prior missing check, but we are now square with the hotel. Katt delivered a financial report to the secretary for the archive.

Joanne gave us a "Bitch Report" on the status of Trixie's dogs. They recently had a checkup and their current vaccinations and are reportedly still cute. Auntie Julia (Clayton) made Sherlock Holmes outfits for them, and Joanne hopes to have a photo of them in their outfits to accompany a "Bitch Fund" donation jar at Norwescon.

Jonnalyhn and Erik were at Emerald City ComicCon this month, and reported on seeing many fine costumes there. Jonnalyhn was requested to help judge at their masquerade when the regular judges were a no show. The masquerade had 5 children, 9 rising star and 58 adult entries. The BRCG got specific mention at the show when Jonnalyhn listed it among her credentials as a judge. Marie, Payne and Kier were reportedly all at the Mountain Man Event in Monroe. No specific report was given on that event. Many members reported to have seen the new "Alice in Wonderland" film and discussed the fine costumes there.

Next, BeyondCon 2011 was discussed. Victoria is willing to co-chair the convention next year and is looking for a counterpart. The need for a theme was discussed, and ideas are encouraged. Erik requested we investigate what other meeting space availabilities and prices are at the hotel we are planning to book with again.

In old business, Julie has found 5 pre-orders for BRCG logo t-shirts from the 2008 CostumeCon. Julie hopes to have some t-shirts available for sale at Norwescon once the pre-orders have been satisfied. A motion was made to set the price for the remaining t-shirts at \$15 a piece and it was carried.

Marie presented ICG proxy forms to those who were interested in filling one out. Julie will be attending CostumeCon this year, and is willing to act as proxy for any ICG business requiring a vote from the membership. It was not anticipated that there was much ICG business to discuss this year.

Norwescon was discussed next, and Thom requested that a post-masquerade photographer's sign up sheet be made available at the BRCG guild table. The guild table will also carry blank applications for the masquerade to be turned in at the masquerade meeting, not at the BRCG guild table. Our many hall costume awards created at the ribbon parties earlier this year will be on display at the guild table. Vicki reportedly will try to bring the display stands that she has brought in year's past to display hall costume ribbons. It was generally agreed without a motion that guild table volunteers, and those who hosted ribbon parties, would be eligible to hand out hall costume ribbons this year.

Happily, Katt reported she IS coming to Norwescon this year after all, and is willing to coordinate the guild raffle. Lisa selected three items from the guild stash for the raffle, a fur coat, a leather coat and a "Costumer's Trunk" which Vicki had discovered and is filling with costume goodies. Marie brought a few items to be sold at the fan swap meet at Norwescon to benefit the "Bitch Fund". Lisa will be hosting a post-masquerade room party in her hotel room at Norwescon, and Marie will bring guild plates to that. Lisa will bring the remaining guild raffle chocolate from last year to the post-masquerade party for sharing. The idea of another chocolate raffle at the guild table was discussed for this year, and it was agreed that we would skip this year and consider it again in the future.

Since Jonnalyhn is one of the workmanship judges at the masquerade this year, she has agreed to also select a winner for this year's "Trixie" award, including a free BRCG membership. The actual award is in our stash of ribbons, and will be given to the winner at the masquerade.

Katt agreed to produce generic flyers for next year's BeyondCon to distribute at Norwescon this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next meeting April 20 at Spiro's in Shoreline.