

Here's the minutes:

BRCG Meeting Minutes May 2010

The May meeting of the Beyond Reality Costumer's Guild was called to order at Goldie's at 7:45 PM. Members in attendance included: Kate McClure, Tina Comroe, Carol Zebold, Vicki Glover, Kier Salmon, Marie Cooley, Thom Walls, Greg Sardo, Julie Zetterberg, Betty and David Bigelow, Jonnalyhn Wolfcat, Erik Prill and Joanne Spink. The April meeting minutes were approved.

Guild president, Marie, began the meeting by congratulating members Greg and Julie for their recent awards at Costume Con 28: **Documentation Award: Special Award for Originality, Presentation Award: Most Nostalgic**

Marie informed the guild about an upcoming play at the Taproot Theater (www.taproottheater.org) called "Charlie's Aunt". The costumer group Somewhere in Time is organizing a group outing May 22, and has more information on their website (www.situseattle.com)

Marie also shared that guild member Agnes Gawne will be volunteering at the Experience Music Project during their exhibit of costumes from the "Supremes", and encouraged us to go check that out.

Vicki made a suggestion that we work on finally organizing the long desired Membership Directory list for BRCG, and volunteered to spearhead that effort. Vicki will contact each current member to obtain their full contact information and permission to be included in the membership directory. Kate mentioned that the S.I.T.U. group has such a directory, and has found it very useful. Erik's suggestion of "Costumer Trading Cards" was met with equal amounts of laughter and serious consideration.

Joanne arrived just in time to deliver a "Bitch Report" for Trixie's dogs. Apparently, the girls have a new boyfriend, in the form of a big white husky in the neighborhood. Domino is reportedly very smitten. However, Domino also recently had to undergo a trip to the vet for a urinary tract infection treatment. Pip has been shaved in anticipation of the warmer weather, and photos were passed around the meeting.

In old business, Julie and Greg reported on their experiences at this year's Costume Con in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Julie reported that she attended the ICG meeting at the event, and found that several BRCG members are not current in their ICG membership. The ICG is also about to start sending their newsletter electronically for the first time as a trial to see what response they get. Other ICG meeting business included an organization related to "furry" costumes that wanted to have an affiliation with the ICG, however that was rejected by the organization. The ICG decided to form a committee to respond to such requests in the future. Julie and Greg had luggage issues with their airline, which resulted in some last minute sewing at the event. They reported that there were only 6 entrants in this year's "Future Fashion Folio". The event will be held next year in New York, and they are expecting a large turnout. Julie did obtain some crash kit ideas at the event, and will pass those along to the BRCG crash kit committee that are working on re-organizing our crash kit for conventions.

Marie reported on attending the Steampunk University event that happened here in Seattle. The event was very successful, and they raised enough money to restore the clock at the Museum of History and Industry that had been vandalized recently.

Kate went to the "Threads of History" event in Port Angeles, hosted by friend of the guild, Richard Stephens. Several great outfits and accessories were available for up close inspection, including several SCA type outfits. Plans are underway to have the event again next year.

Vicki attended the University District street fair and found an interesting leather belt pouch, similar to a leather fanny pack, that she displayed to the guild. The manufacturer is a local artist in Fremont, and their website is www.mishuboutique.com

In new business, Marie, working with suggestions from guild member Ed, proposed two amendments to the guild by-laws. The first involved changing Article III Section 9 Line 2 related to the Newsletter Editor. The proposed change would replace the title "Newsletter Editor" with "Publications and Media Editor". A second change would delete the words "the bi-monthly newsletter" from the by-laws, so that future publications would no longer be tied to that schedule. Jonnalyhn suggested that any reference to "Notions" be followed by "newsletter" for clarification. These proposed changes will be voted on at the June BRCG meeting. (pres. Note: I will have the exact wording available at the June meeting and if a quorum is available, we will vote then, or if not, at the July meeting, in order to follow our by-law rules on by-law changes.)

The Fall Event was discussed next, and Marie reported that she has secured the date of Saturday, September 25th from 5 PM – 11 PM with the Queen Anne Christian Church. Vicki volunteered to help organize a party planning committee to plan and decorate for the event. Kier volunteered to be a "Potluck Monitor" to help organize the food for the event. Erik volunteered to help with music and activities. Kate also volunteered to help with decorations, and Jonnalyhn will post the event information on the BRCG Facebook page.

Jonnalyhn and Erik would like to get panel suggestions for next year's BeyondCon, where the theme is "Costumer's Chop Shop" involving anything related to costume alteration. Kate proposed a panel on mix and matching pattern pieces in your costuming.

Kier announced that there will be a bathing beauty pool party happening in the Marriott hotel at this year's SteamCon convention. Kier is looking for a BRCG member who would be willing to act as a costume judge for this event, working with a co-judge who will be a member of the Steamrats. Kier also inquired whether the guild would be interested in handing out hall costume awards at SteamCon, and Marie suggested we check with the organizers of SteamCon first to see what they think of that idea.

Marie is getting together with Tamara Fidler of Nancy's Sewing Basket to do a costume presentation at the SteamCon Tea and Fashion Show this year.

Vicki indicated she would still like to see if the guild can organize a day this summer for a Sari Safari to Little India's fabric district in Vancouver. Vicki will send out a few suggested dates for this event to the mailing list.

Vicki also suggested we consider events and outfits related to the 2012 King Tut exhibition coming to Seattle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. The next meeting will be June 15 at Spiro's in Shoreline.

Future events of interest:

Victoria Steam Exposition – Empress Hotel Victoria, BC May 22-23

www.victoriasteamexpo.blogspot.com

Paul Bunyan Rifle & Sportsman's Club Women's Primitive Skills camp event May 21-23

<http://www.womensprimitiveskills.com/>

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

Sound of the Baskervilles – volunteers for pledge drive for KBTC June 4, 6:30

Contact BRCG member Judy Lyen at 206-919-1161 jklyen@thewiredcity.net

"Taking Patterns from Historic Garments" workshop. Rosalie Whyel Museum of Doll Art. July 24 in Bellevue. Contact Shelly Foote at satalexandria@aol.com Exhibition at the museum: "The World Embellished-Lace!"

Costume College August 6-9 Woodland Hills, CA <http://www.costumecollege.org/>

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

Lisa's 50's Birthday/Apron Event (August 7)

Fall BRCG Event – September 25, 5-11 PM Queen Anne Christian Church, Seattle. Theme TBA

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

Steam Con Seattle November 19-21, 2010 Seattle www.steam-con.com