

Minutes of the Beyond Reality Costume Guild, April 21, 2009

Attendees: Marie Cooley, Katherine Daida, Kathy Evans, Agnes Gawne, Vicki Glover, Susan Locsin, Judy Lyon, Kate McClure, Ed Mignon, Kelly Nary, Troy Nary, Kier Salmon, Lisa Satterlund, Audrey Schmidt, Victoria Shaffer, Joanne Spink, Thom Walls, Damon Wasson.

The April meeting was held at Goldie's on Airport Way. Bigwig Julie was absent due to illness. Meeting was called to order promptly at 7:30 by Wiglet Kate. Minutes of the March meeting were amended and subsequently approved.

For the record, this is the amendment that was approved..

Carol displayed her two attempts at a "Trixie". M/2 that we use them both, the red one this year and
the blue one in 2010. M/C

Officers' reports: Lisa submitted her resignation at Editor of Notions. Kier volunteered to take over. M/2 that Kier be appointed as Notions editor pro tem to fill out Lisa's term. M/C. Joanne volunteered to assist Kier. Treasurer's report not yet ready at this time. Joanne reports that there is about \$50 in the Bitch Fund, and is still accepting donations.

Past events:

Excellent exhibit of photos of the Venice Carnival at University Way Tully's Coffee, even though no pictures of spectacularly clad BRCG members at that event.

Emerald City Comicon, April 4-5. Erik and Kier reported it was good fun, crowded and bigger than ever, with many excellent costumes to be seen. Next year this event will be in March. Kate thinks we should consider doing "something more organized" for this event next year.

SakuraCon, April 10-12 included a Lillian fashion show. Lisa and Julie know one of the participants who says she is anxious to join BRCG. They will ask her to write a report about the Con for Notions.

NorwesCon 32, April 9-12. We arrived with about 125-150 ribbons, but Lisa is not sure how many are left over. We need to make sure that the ribbons have enough glue on them. We still have more than one box of chocolate, which will be used as smores for our Summer Event. Audrey and Lisa enjoyed judging the masquerade. Big winner Recyclus Maximus is actually a sculptor rather than a costumer. He was invited to come to one of our meetings. It is believed that you can't enter the Masquerade if you wore your costume in the hall, but evidently this was not clear in the 2009 edition of the rules.

We will contact Trent to call his attention to this uncertainty. Troy pointed out that the confusion is likely due to the fact that the rule has been suspended from time to time in the past when there were a small number of entrants. Audrey says that in any case the rule can be waived at the masquerade director's discretion. In response to Ed's question, it was affirmed that only Masquerade entrants are eligible for the Trixie award. Extensive discussion of

materials for the Hall Costume Award followed. Kate, Lisa and Vicki all have boxes of ribbons stuff. Kate will coordinate and organize. Kier and Audrey will each take one box. Audrey will continue to host the ribbon parties. Further arrangements and assignments to be worked out online.

Blue for Nels project "very successful". Julie and Lisa called Nels and told him the news. Lisa will post pictures to the list.

Lisa excused at 8:00.

Kate's Garden Party, April 19. Good weather, lots of great hats and fabulous food. Susan won the Hat award. Pippin won the Treat award. The Find the Fairy contest was also a big success. Carol took pictures.

Future events:

Costume College, July 31-Aug, 2. Erik, Julie and Pippin will attend.

Renaissance Fair, first three weekends in August at Morris Farms in Buckley. A big open field with no trees, so bring parasols and sunscreen. Victoria will be vending there. Details at www.washingtonrenfair.com (<http://www.washingtonrenfair.com/>) .

SteamCon, Oct. 25-28. This is expected to be a grand affair, with lots of BRCGers involved. Victoria will check to see if we could hand out awards, in an effort to encourage over-the-top outfits. But we may need another ribbon party for this. Kate and Kier discussed construction of tables. Marie can cut stuff out and Randall has access to a machine shop. We don't have a table yet. This needs to be looked into. Prizes have also not been decided yet, with various metal and plastic bits suggested as appropriate materials.

BRCG Summer Event and Apron Challenge, "50s with a Twist", August 1 at Lisa's house.

BRCG Fall Event. Ed will ask Carol to post a list of themes. Location and date to be discussed at our next meeting.

BeyondCon, Feb. 12-14, 2010. Katt will show Audrey how to make the reservations with the hotel, and will supervise food arrangements. Johnnalhynn and Erik will handle programming. We need someone to be in charge of signage.

Erik will supervise the dance, but Kier would like better speakers for the sound system. Troy might be able to provide speakers, but we need to clear that with the hotel. Do we want to have a theme? Yes if that's what members want. We will wait to see the response after Carol posts the list of themes. We need to get announcements out early and wide, especially to other groups, (will someone take charge of that?) but we have to decide on the details, such as theme, confirmation of dates and location first.

We also need to estimate how many registrations we need to have to break even. Joanne would like an expression of interest in a panel on makeup. Other presentation topics might be lighting, scripting or music.

Other matters.

Julie working on T-shirts.

Wicked opens at the Paramount on September 2. Tickets "tentatively" go on sale May 15, but they are expensive. Cheapest is \$30.50. Ed will check with the Paramount to see if we can get a deal if we show up for opening night in our witch outfits and create some commotion.

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Vancouver S-F, Fantasy and Gaming con (VCon), October 2-4. Details at www.vcon.ca/ .

Adjourned, 8:25.

Next meeting at Spiro's Pizza and Pasta, May 19.