

Minutes of the Beyond Reality Costumers' Guild – December 2007

Attendees: Julie Zetterberg, Lisa Satterlund, Carol Zebold, Ed Mignon, Katherine Daida, Erik Prill, Betty Bigelow, David Bigelow, Marie Cooley, Kathy Evans, Vicki Glover, Pricilla Machia, Kelly Nary, Kier Salmon, Greg Sardo, Audrey Schmidt, Joanne Spink, Thom Walls.

The December meeting of the BRCG convened at Goldie's and was bought to order at 7:29 by Bigwig Julie, wielding her brand-new, inflatable gavel! She passed around the sign-in sheet and distributed copies of the evening's agenda and two visual aids to help us understand the decisions we might be voting on regarding our ICG membership. The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

Officers' reports:

Erik had a few notions, a whole BOX of *Notions*... which he distributed during the evening.

Katt read the treasurer's report and also distributed a preliminary budget which indicated that our projected expenses for the year may be greater than our projected income without some money management. She also says that "PayPal is coming!"

Events:

Marie Cooley reported on the *Oregon Regency Society Ball* in Astoria last month, which she described as "stellar!" She says that this is a group of relatively new faces that "really know how to throw a party." Find out more about them at www.oregonregencysociety.com

The next 'Project Runway' showing will be at Marie's house on Tuesday, January 8th. It is not too late to get in on the voting, so call or e-mail Marie.

Other events in January include:

- *Rustycon* on Jan. 11-13 at the SeaTac Holiday Inn - www.rustycon.com - where Kathy informs us the dealer's room will be opened to the general public
- *Ursulmas*, Jan. 25-27. A large SCA event opened to the public at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe. www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=1404
- The SITU *Robert Burns Birthday Evening* is coming up on January 26. See www.situseattle.com for details.
- *Sari Safari* heads to Canada on February 3, 2008. Although you still don't need a passport to cross the border, getting one is recommended. Some details are in the *Notions*.

And then it's time for...

BeyondCon: February 9-10, www.beyondcon.org. Katt says we have 14 paid members so far, so should begin a big push to advertise. Wiglet Lisa read her preliminary schedule and asked if Marie had a cost estimate for her fan workshop. Marie said \$10-15 should cover the cost unless we could bring our own fans to recover. She wouldn't recommend using anything vintage. Vintage is defined as "anything that if you break it, you're upset!"

Lisa also wants us to bring to *BeyondCon* something that we think would be a good addition to the crash kit as well as a show and tell item of a notion that we either found far more or far less useful than we ever thought it would be.

Norwescon 31 will be March 20-23 - www.norwescon.org - and we are on the list to get a table. The person assigning tables is looking for someone he can commission to make *Battlestar Galactica* costumes (presumably from the new version). Anybody?

Costume-Con 26: It's happening. (April 25-28) GO! - www.cc26.info

New Business:

Fundraisers: It was determined that it would be too late to print a calendar for this year as they ought to be available as holiday gifts. However, we could look into getting BRCG chocolate bars from Sees Candy to sell at Norwescon. Katt agreed to check on this. Betty has acquired two leather coats and a tux to auction at the con and we could use more as long as they are in larger sizes.

Website: It is time to redesign our web site. Don will be switching to a new provider (probably Dreamhost) when our current contract expires very soon. We should be checking other web sites for ideas we might like to have for our own.

ICG Relationship & Membership: The issues surrounding our ICG membership were discussed. (Due to a number of circumstances the BRCG was 'disenfranchised' from the ICG for several months in early 2007, which threw our respective member renewal dates out of whack. We need to reconcile, ASAP.) Julie explained the pros and cons of five possible responses to this matter and Betty added a sixth alternative. Extensive discussion followed, in which it was pointed out that (a) almost any alternative will require an amendment to our Bylaws, which would be a routine parliamentary action, and (b) we should avoid having to make changes in our Articles of Incorporation, which would be difficult, expensive, and probably not necessary.

It was moved by Marie and seconded that we give the officers the power to make a decision based on the 6 possible options and that we will vote on their decision at the next meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 so that we could get right on with the holiday gift exchange game. Good things do sometimes come in really BIG packages.

Next meeting: January 15, 7 pm, Spiro's.

Minutes approved:
