

BRCG Meeting Minutes February 2003

The February meeting of the Beyond Reality Costumer's Guild was called to order by Vicki, the Grand Pooh-Bah, and all around swell person. Reading of the old minutes was skipped for humanitarian reasons.

Kate, the newsletter editor, gave a report to remind members about the deadline for submitting articles to be included in Notions. The next issue will have a "Mardi Gras" theme. Kate requested that anyone wishing to submit a photo can do so, as long as it's a .jpg file, and articles should be sent as either .doc or .txt files. Kate also proposed sending the Notions online instead of in print form. It would save the guild a lot of money in publishing and mailing costs. No decision was made, but the group generally thought that would be a good idea. Kate also reported that she will be attending Costume Con this year, and offered to deliver any requests that guild members might have to the ICG meeting to be held there.

Lisa presented the additions to the bylaws to the guild for review and approval. Voting on the bylaws and articles of incorporation is scheduled for the March meeting. They will also be posted on the brcg website for review before the March meeting.

Membership renewal was discussed, and a list of membership due dates was made available for review. It was determined that the annual due for guild membership would occur on October 31st. Memberships in need of renewal until this October 31st this year will be pro-rated. Members should consult with Audrey, the treasurer, for further information.

Vicki, and others, gave an account of the successful Sari Safari trip. In short, no speeding tickets, no trouble at the border, and lots of great fabric brought back.

Several events are being planned at the moment. The "Wings" movie screening at the Paramount is on March 31st, and tickets are 75 cents (or 6 bits). Lisa is organizing the purchase of tickets for the guild, but she requested no checks please.

Anita reported that the Norwescon Single Pattern Contest rules are now available on the Norwescon website at norwescon.org. Vicki confirmed that the guild will be provided with a table at Norwescon to promote our activities. She will pass around a volunteer sheet to man the table at the next meeting. It's also requested that guild members bring photos of their work to make available for viewing at our table. Vicki also proposed having shoe pin cushions at the table which could be given out in return for a donation to the guild. She passed around the base shoes which members can embellish with all the odd little stuff they find at the bottom of their sewing kits. Vicki is going to determine the quantity of Hall Costume ribbons in the guild's possession to see if another ribbon making party is called for. Vicki is working with Alan Halfhill to get Hall Costume winners images displayed during the Norwescon Masquerade intermission.

A guild party at Norwescon is still under consideration if a room in the “party wing” can be found. The possibility of providing hospitality at the convention was also discussed, but no decisions were made. Katherine agreed to organize party preparations that could be used if the guild party takes place.

Richard informed the group that there will be a “Regency Dance” at Westercon this year. He’s also looking for donations of materials that could be used for the most awful Hangover Costume you could imagine. Contact Richard at the Centers for Diseased Fashion Control for donation information.

Vicki brought up the guilds desire to host a “Beyond Con” sometime in May or June. A committee was formed of Richard, Don, Anita, and Katherine to search for possible venues for this event.

Kelly reminded the group that RingCon was taking place on February 21-23rd. Trixie reported on a Prince and Princess event taking place February 28th through March 1st. Finally, the possibility of a screening of the movie “Pride and Prejudice” at Lisa’s house was discussed. Potential dates for the screening will be listed on the Beyond List and/or at the next meeting.

The small puddle of drool coming out of the secretary’s mouth indicated, yet again, that it was time to bring the meeting to a close. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18th at Olympia Pizza in Wallingford.