

## Minutes of the Beyond Reality Costumers' Guild – January 2008

*Attendees:* Julie Zetterberg, Lisa Satterlund, Carol Zebold, Katherine Daida, Erik Prill, Betty Bigelow, David Bigelow, Marie Cooley, Vicki Glover, Judy Lyen, Dianne McCracken, Kier Salmon, Audrey Schmidt, Joanne Spink, Thom Walls.

The January 15 meeting of the BRCG was held at Spiro's Pizza and brought to order by Bigwig Julie at 7:20 after Lisa began tapping her REAL wooden gavel when the sound of the blowup-squeaky one was not being taken seriously. After bemoaning the loss of her high hopes for the meeting, Julie asked for officer's reports.

### **Officers' reports:**

Katt read a report that showed a promising increase in the bank balance for the moment. She is still rectifying the Pay Pal setup.

Erik brought up the subject of putting the newsletter on-line which would allow us to use color as well as reducing the expense of printing and mailing. He says that the Southwest Costumers Guild in Phoenix, for example, has just done this ([www.southwestcostumersguild.org/](http://www.southwestcostumersguild.org/)). Julie suggested we discuss this closer to the deadline for our next issue.

### **Events:**

Julie and Betty both had good and frequently humorous things to say about *Rustycon* and their "mostly non-costume" masked ball. The folks that went had a good time.

Mark your calendars: Julie passed out handouts for SITU's Bobby Burns event, on January 26. See [www.situseattle.com](http://www.situseattle.com) for details.

Marie has planned the next 'Project Runway' evening for January 29th and says that there is still room on the chart for people to vote on their favorites. The people that attended the viewing on January 6th had quite a lot of fun as well as hot, buttered popcorn. Methods of viewing the CDs at *BeyondCon* were discussed so those that have missed out can see what we've all been chortling over.

BWJ distributed informational flyers for the upcoming *Sari Safari* on February 3, while football fans beat their heads on the table at the thought of giving up the Superbowl and fabric fans (the obvious majority) asked why we couldn't also go to Dressew (337 Hastings Street, West Vancouver, BC) just because it's inconveniently closed on Sunday. Lisa suggested expanding this event to a full weekend in the future so that we could do more things and also bring back more stuff! Marie recommended visiting the Vancouver Museum (<http://www.vanmuseum.bc.ca/>) which is currently showing La Belle Époque Sept 13, 07 - Mar 23, 08 "*Splendid garments with strong silhouettes, richly decorated with embroidery, fringes, beadwork, and fur. Ladies and gentlemen, this is clothing to covet.*" If anyone is not planning to car pool or caravan, the advice is to "get in a car and head north." Information and maps can be had at the border crossing if one asks for the Punjabi District.

*BeyondCon:* February 9-10.

- Julie feels that we may need a supplementary meeting to work out *BeyondCon* details. Wiglet Lisa volunteered her house for this pre-con meeting and will check her calendar for available dates. She also reminded us that the full schedule is now on the web site, <http://www.beyondcon.org>.

- Marie passed around a sign up sheet for her fan covering workshop. She mentioned that BeyondCon members who just want to come for the introductory talk can attend for free.
- Julie had MORE fliers. This time they were beautiful BeyondCon fliers for members to pass out and share. She also has a squeaky gavel and isn't afraid to use it!
- Betty suggested that we could "ad-wig" after the wig workshop on Sunday afternoon and share our mutual wig knowledge.

*Norwescon 31*, March 20-23 – <http://www.norwescon.org>

- We are on the list to have a club table at the con.
- We have also been invited to help pass out Hall Costume Award ribbons. Many people had questions concerning this offer, such as: Will all the ribbons be the same and be eligible to be turned in for a fancy Guild ribbon? Will the ribbons have BRCG on them or just the name of the Con? Julie will investigate. How many "special" ribbons do we still have, who has them, and when will we get together to make more? Erik has some ribbons in storage but doesn't know how many. Audrey volunteered her house for a ribbon-making party and Lisa will post a call for preferred dates.
- Peggy Stewart is this year's masquerade director. Masquerade information is at <http://www.norwescon.org/events/masquerade.htm>
- Our Poo Bah emeritus Vicki has extended a challenge to each of us to make an entry for the Norwescon Single Pattern Contest. Details are available on the Norwescon web site at <http://www.norwescon.org/events/singlepattern.htm> Kier had finished hers before the contest was even announced!

*Costume-Con 26*: It's happening. (April 25-28) GO! - <http://www.cc26.info/> Erik announced that the plans for a Video Masquerade entry have been shelved, probably due to too many potential participants actually going to Costume-Con. Julie says that it's time to nominate for the ICG Lifetime Achievement award (which is handed out at Costume-Con), and passed around a printout of the web site page with the pictures of previous winners. If you have a worthy candidate, remember that it is an honor just to be nominated! <http://www.costume.org/> or email the ICG President at [icg-president@costume.org](mailto:icg-president@costume.org)

#### ***Other Old Business:***

We are still hunting for the exact date of our anniversary, which nobody seems to recall. We need to find out and mark it on our calendars each year!

*Fundraisers*: We could look into getting BRCG chocolate bars from Sees Candy (or elsewhere) to sell at Norwescon. Katt agreed to check on this.

*T-Shirts*: Inquiries sent to snopes about their t-shirts got a response with the name of the printer they used, but gave a much higher cost than their sale price would indicate. Although many people in the room have machines capable of embroidering patches, the time involved in producing them seemed prohibitive. However ... *New Toy Alert!* Julie has acquired the starter kit for screening your own prints from <http://www.ezscreenprint.com/> As soon as she is through testing it for her own project, we may be able to use it to print our BRCG shirts. Now all we need is a source for 'dem shirts. Audrey suggested trying the Haines outlet on-line and it was mentioned that Jo-Ann Fabrics frequently has coupons that could be used to economically purchase Ts. Betty volunteered to research a source.

*Website:* Don says that our contract with our current web provider doesn't expire until June so that we have some time left to design a new look for our site. Everyone is encouraged to see what we like on other sites and report back with good ideas.

*ICG Relationship & Membership:* Not that anybody was avoiiiiiding this, but the ICG/BRCG membership date conflict issue somehow got eliminated from the printed agenda; fortunately, Julie remembered so we had to gather the stamina to consider the issue.

After much headache-inducing deliberation, Julie proposed that henceforth we switch to calculating memberships from the date each individual joined, instead of our current method of calculating all memberships from the end of October. She proposed to send letters to those whose membership dates are out of synch with the ICG calendar, requesting them to pay an extension amount to adjust for the difference. Kier moved and Marie seconded that we accept this proposal. The motion passed.

***New Business:***

*Bylaws Amendments:* As a result of this membership date change, we will need to amend the bylaws. This also gives us a chance to make a few improvements and correct some typos in the existing bylaws. Lisa passed a handout of our bylaws showing which parts she proposed to delete or change and how she proposed to word those changes.

Marie attempted to move that we accept the new bylaw wording NOW; but we are required by our bylaws and articles of incorporation to give the 2 days notification and get a quorum, so this will have to wait until our next monthly meeting. Lisa will put the proposition up on our Yahoo site and arrange for non attending members to be able to vote there, either before or at our February meeting.

As this new method will require more work for Katt (looking glum), she requested that we hunt for a membership secretary to do just that part of the job. Audrey volunteered to fill this unofficial position and Katt had an instantaneous attitude adjustment. (Happy Dance!)

Vicki announced that her brother's video store will be closing its doors on January 20th. So if you want those DVDs at 50% off, go to Videophile at 1028 N.E. 65th, Seattle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Next meeting: February 19, 7 pm, Goldie's Airport Way.

Minutes approved:

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