

## **BRCG Meeting Minutes June 2003**

The June meeting of the Beyond Reality Costumers guild took place June 17<sup>th</sup> at Olympia Pizza and Spaghetti house in Wallingford. The temperature was 72 degrees. Vicki, the Grand Pooh Bah, opened the meeting at 7:35 PM and started with the Treasurer's Report.

Audrey, the Treasurer, led off her campaign of shock and awe by telling us that the group actually has money, even after our annual dues were paid to the International Costumers Guild. Currently, our savings are in a private bank account, but a guild bank account will be created once the Articles of Incorporation go through.

Kate, the newsletter editor, delivered the latest issue of Notions to the group, and the rest will be mailed out. Special recognition and thanks were given to Richard and Trixie for the articles. Kate also told us about her recent trip to CostumeCon, and brought some photos of the great costumes they had there. One of the more interesting panels she described was "How to Move in a Petticoat." Although she was not able to attend the official ICG meeting at CostumeCon, a surrogate was there to represent us and deliver our proxy votes. Kate did pick up extra copies of the Year 2000 ICG annual, which lists contact information and photos for many of the individual guilds that make up the ICG. If you'd like a copy, contact Kate. Next year's CostumeCon is scheduled for Atlanta, and it probably won't be on the same weekend as Norwescon.

Vicki then discussed Westercon planning. As of the meeting, no club table and no BRCG room party had been organized. (Note: as of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, a BRCG table was reportedly made available to us, but not in the main lobby) However, a room party to support CostumeCon in Iowa has invited us to join in their festivities on Saturday night, so an unofficial gathering of BRCG costumers might take place there. Their party theme is "Evil Genius' Hall of Fame" so those of us who attended last year's Fall Event will already have our outfits. Katherine said there was some soda from our Norwescon party still available, which could be brought to Westercon.

Vicki also proposed a gathering of Julian May costumes at Westercon. If no official room/programming space could be made available, a more informal event might occur. Check

the Topica message list online for further details. Erik offered to set up a camera to take photos of this showing, which then could be made available on the BRCG webpage at a later date.

The fabric panel project that was originally scheduled for this meeting was postponed to the following Sunday at Vicki's house. We'll be preparing samples for a lighting panel to be held at Westercon, as well as preparing more Hall Costume Award ribbons, and watching Regency themed movies to get us in the mood for the Westercon Regency dance on Friday night.

Next, we discussed the progress on developing a BRCG "Beyond Con". Katherine reported that hotels are still being solicited...um...propositioned...no...pimped for bids. Several bids have been received from Renton to Issaquah to Puyallup, but no contracts have been signed yet. The committee is still deciding on the best candidate. More details to come.

We also discussed the Fall Event, and we are still trying to confirm with the venue that we used last year for the space. Tentatively, it's scheduled for the last weekend in September, the 27<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Carpe Nocturne", and while primarily intended to be a Vampire gathering, I suppose the BRCG is an accepting enough organization to not discriminate against other underdwelling creatures. Vicki mentioned that we might try a "Fang Casting Party" in the future, not unlike the "Ear Casting Party" we did for The Two Towers event last year.

Also of interest, JoAnne will be conducting a Corset Workshop in September, on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$75 for members and \$100 for non-members. It was reported that registrations were still available, so if you're interested contact JoAnne, or Vicki, soon.

Here endeth the lesson, at 8:20 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> at Olympia Pizza in Wallingford. Bring your Westercon photos to share.