

BRCG Meeting Minutes March 2003

Welcome to the March Beyond Reality Meeting Minutes, starring Vicki as Grand Pooh Bah, Richard as lesser Pooh Bah, Erik as Secretary, Audrey as Treasurer and special guest star Kate as the Newsletter Editor. The show begins as Vicki calls the meeting to order at 7:32 PM on March 18th at Olympia Pizza in Wallingford...

Vicki began the meeting by passing around a sign up sheet to volunteer for this year's Norwescon masquerade. Vicki also passed around a sign up sheet for volunteering at the BRCG membership table that will be at Norwescon. If anyone missed out, but would still like to volunteer, contact Vicki through the BRCG website e-mail.

Kate brought copies of the latest, and greatest BRCG newsletter. She is still exploring the e-zine / .pdf online newsletter options as an alternative to a paper version. Vicki brought copies of an online newsletter that she printed which came from a guild in the southwest for people to look at.

Lisa delivered the final Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for final discussion and voting during this meeting. The limitation in the articles regarding group size was discussed, but it was ultimately decided that if the group size had to be altered it could be changed by a vote from the chairpersons later. Kate motioned that the articles and bylaws be accepted and Kelly seconded that motion. Thankfully, both the Articles and Bylaws were accepted unanimously, and there was much rejoicing.

Vicki mentioned that there is a survey on the International Costumer's Guild website related to how that organization can best serve it's members. Look for that survey at costume.org through April 5th. Kate volunteered to hand deliver our guild member's proxy votes when she attends Costume Con in April. Kate also proposed bringing some hall costume awards to Costume Con, as well as some flyers about our group.

The group discussed the possible room party at Norwescon this year. Tentatively, it's scheduled for Saturday night after the Masquerade, however we hope to have more definite details by the next monthly meeting. Information will also be available at Norwescon if it occurs.

Kelly informed the group about her access to a t-shirt printer who could make BRCG t-shirts for us, and wondered if the group was interested in that. One possible t-shirt design would have the phrase "If all the world's a stage, I want better costumes!" The group decided that sounded like a good idea, and also saw it as a possible fund-raising opportunity. Details are to be made available through the Topica mailing list forum, and also at the next meeting if you are interested in purchasing a BRCG t-shirt.

Don reported that they're still investigating hotels for a possible future "Beyond Con". It was suggested that we begin to search outside of Seattle for best prices and availability. The idea of having the "Beyond Con" in the month of February was discussed and generally accepted as being a month without a lot of other fannish happenings.

Some members of the BRCG planned to attend the screening of the movie “Wings” at the Paramount Theater on March 31st as part of that theater’s 75th anniversary. They’re planning to attend in period costume, similar in era to the time the theater opened. A follow up report will be given at the next meeting, and pictures will be available on the BRCG website.

Holly told the group that there is a call out for volunteer judges to play Simon (topical American Idol reference for those that I lost) over a “Cat Costume” competition at this year’s Evergreen State Fair. Cruelty to humans or cruelty to animals...you be the judge. Contact Holly for further details.

In order to attempt to actually HAVE an event for the “Festival of Broken Needles” next year, Kate proposed that we try to schedule that on Sunday, February 8th, 2004. Hopefully, the early notice will also help us to remember to set aside those needles that served us so well, and are now in needle Valhalla for dying in costuming battle. It was proposed, (don’t ask me by whom because I was starting to doze off by this point) to have a movie night for Regency costumes. Since there will be a Regency themed event at this year’s Westercon in July, it was thought that a viewing of the A&E version of Pride and Prejudice might give some of us inspiration. Tentatively, it’s scheduled for April 27th, with further details to be provided at the next meeting and on the Topica discussion forum.

Here’s a couple of quickies that wrapped up the meeting...April 1st, everyone is invited to attend “Afters” at Olympia Pizza in a “Hangover Detector” costume...April 15th, the next guild meeting, wear your best or silliest Easter bonnet...Please return your completed pincushions for the BRCG Membership table at the next meeting...if you cannot make the next meeting, you can bring them to Norwescon, or drop them off at Audrey’s studio (contact Audrey through the website for address).

With the suspect nabbed, and the heiress released, the show was brought to a close at 9:05 PM. Tune it next month, same BRCG time, same BRCG location.