BRCG Meeting Minutes May 2003

The May meeting of the Beyond Reality Costumers Guild took place May 20, 2003. The secretary was not present, but was more than adequately replaced by a mechanical counterpart in the form of a tape recorder. Vicki, the Grand Pooh Bah, called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM.

Apparently, donuts were served.

Vicki started the meeting with a Norwescon wrap up. The meeting table was very popular with the membership, and decided it would be good to try doing that again in the future. They also decided that a banner, or flag, for the BRCG should be designed at some point. Vicki asked that special attention be paid when taking money for memberships so that the receipt documents it sufficiently. Vicki announced that 7 new members were signed up for the half-year membership at Norwescon. Vicki figured that we made $122 on t-shirts and pin cushion sales, which might almost cover the cost of the room party that we had. It's never too late…donations for the room party are still being accepted!   Catherine received special recognition for hosting a great BRCG party. A party at Westercon was discussed, and received a unanimous maybe. Catherine agreed again to head the room party committee for Westercon.

For the benefit of those new members out there, and you know who you are, be sure to sign up for the BRCG mailing list by going to topica.com and searching for "Beyond Reality". It's free, and it's a good way to stay on top of BRCG event announcements.

Tom arrived to much hoopla, and brought photos from Norwescon.

Vicki announced that Richard is the head of costuming programming at Westercon this year. He has arranged to have Matt Lawrence do a demonstration on stage lighting, and Richard has asked that the BRCG group make poster boards with fabric swatches and some fabric to drape as well for this panel. In a moment of eerie coincidence , Matt

actually called one of the BRCG members on a cell phone and was able to describe his needs further. He's hoping to have some dress forms that he can either display costumes or fabric on. He would like to have some reflective panels, and some different kinds of black, or textured and dyed fabric to demonstrate how different lighting can alter it's color.

 The Westercon organizing committee has also requested that the BRCG make six ribbons to welcome the guests of honor. Vicki proposed a ribbon making party be organized, where we could also make more hall costume ribbons, but no specific date was made. Vicki also suggested that in the future the hall costume awards be given out at the BRCG table exclusively, with the words "Hall Costume Award" clearly printed on them. Vicki says we have 46 ribbons remaining from the ones already made.

The Recency Movie Fest that was previously cancelled was discussed. No date was announced at the meeting, but the discussion might move to the Beyond mailing list. Member JoAnn was offering to host a corset workshop. The cost for a Regency corset workshop, including materials, was $75. She also offered to just host a lecture workshop with handouts at a small cost, or a workshop where she would make a paper pattern for your corset for $25. Vicki polled the members on which was the most popular option, and the full workshop, including materials, was the one that they selected. JoAnn had offered to host the workshop on either June 8th or June 15th. Vicki asked interested members to post the date that would work best for them on the Beyond mailing list.

Anita announced that she was accepting pattern suggestions for next Norwescon's single pattern contest. One idea that was proposed was to move away from coat patterns to something smaller, that way they could be displayed on a table instead of requiring dress forms. If you would like to suggest a pattern, pass that along to Anita before October 1st.

Vicki called the meeting to a close 8:05 PM. The next meeting will take place June 17th at Olympia Pizza in Wallingford. Mysteriously, the tape of the meeting self destructed in 5 seconds…