

Minutes of the Beyond Reality Costumers' Guild – November 2007

Attendees: Julie Zetterberg, Lisa Satterlund, Katt Daida, Carol Zebold, Vicki Glover, Betty Bigelow, David Bigelow, Marie Cooley, Judy Lyen, Audrey Schmidt, Kier Salmon, Thom Walls.

The November meeting at the BRCG convened at Spiro's and was called to order at 7:30 by our brand new president, Julie Zetterberg. Julie presented attendees with a preprinted attendance sheet, an agenda and a printout of the minutes of the October meeting. These minutes were read and approved by vote of the membership.

Officers' reports:

Treasurer Katt read an encouraging report proclaiming a profit from the Fall Event and a satisfying degree of solvency. As of the previous report we had \$330.47. After bringing in \$605 in income (from annual membership renewals, Beyond Con memberships, and Fall event attendance), and spending \$229.92 (mostly for Fall event hall rental), we currently have \$805.55 in cash assets. Katt is still accepting membership renewals and happily taking Beyond Con memberships. There will be a separate fee for 'ghosting' spouses (see Beyond Con below.) Katt needs a more complete list of paid up members to submit to ICG in her monthly reports. Definitive PayPal information is still pending.

Marie asked if someone could inform interested groups such as SITU and the Jane Austen Society that they could obtain memberships to Beyond Con starting December 1. Julie will do that and will instruct the web master to add the fact that membership is now open to the general public.

Election Results - Our new officers are as follows:

- President/Bigwig: Julie Zetterberg
- Vice President/Wiglet: Lisa Satterlund
- Treasurer: Katt Daida
- Co-Secretaries: Carol Zebold/Ed Mignon
- Newsletter Editor: Erik Prill

Vicki presented Julie with a gavel. Julie said that she was not sure she could fill Vicki's shoes (no insult intended) as "Poobah" and has chosen a new title – "Bigwig" - if only for the sake of her spam-filled mailbox; the BRCG presidential email address has been changed accordingly. This would make Lisa "Wiglet." Katt will advise the ICG of the changes in officers.

It is not toooooo soon to start thinking about the theme for next year's Fall Event. Besides "Holiday in Spain"..... Themes anyone? A discussion was held about various venues and keeping a list of ones we have used in the past and their pros and cons about costs, parking and convenience. Marie pointed out that such information is out of date within minutes of being recorded. It would still be handy to have a few guidelines and information such as the fact that Kelly and Troy are members of the Eagles and might get us membership rates at Eagles facilities? The Queen Anne Church is economical at \$25/hour but has limited and inconvenient parking.

There was a round of applause for the Fall Event decorating committee of Joanne, Ed, Pricilla and John who produced an amazing variety of sea creature displays. Also for Betty's "harder than it looked!" fishing game.

Cosplay: Nobody in BRCG has expressed a serious interest in doing the costume presentation for the YA anime club in December.

'Project Runway': Payne has set up a Big Screen TV and Marie is prepared to run 3 commercial-free episodes, beginning at 7 pm, December 4 (see separate announcement). This is BYOD-Bring your own dinner-which could be ordered from Olympic? Marie has also created a 'Project Runway' pool chart with a voting system that includes more points for early voting. For advance info and a few spoilers, go to the P.R. web site.

Beyond Con: Lisa needs more info from Trixie about her Regency Hair panel before completing the schedule. She asked Marie to estimate her per-person extra cost for those wishing to cover a fan in her workshop. Those wishing to bring their own fan sticks were advised to look at Daiso (many locations) for fans. Lisa also asked everyone to bring their favorite (or non-favorite) notion to share in a show-and-tell. Carol has a handout she will make available with patterns for producing feather fans to match a costume.

Audrey proposed a special 'ghost rate' for spouses who wished to go along for the Beyond Con weekend but not attend the panels. It was agreed that \$10 apiece would be fair and the 'ghosts' could have special badges decorated with (what else) ghosts. Katt will let Eric know so that he can add this information to the B.C. flyer.

Judy proposed a Beyond Con Friday night get-together at her house if people were interested. Katt said that Hospitality will be an upgraded room and may be available for occupancy by our Bigwig. Food will be potluck. Audrey volunteered her "ginormous" cooler. Kier brought up the Inn at Gig Harbor's web site on her laptop so we could all see what the parking lot and rooms looked like. People booking rooms should mention that they are attending Beyond Con. Phone 1-800-795-9980 or (253) 858-1111

New Business: Julie agreed to go to the Norwescon web site and see what she can do about arranging for us to have a table at the Con. Kier's laptop let us know that there was no news on that web site about who was going to be in charge of either the masquerade or the costume tracks. We are keen to know who will be handing out Hall Costume Award ribbons this year and who decided on the non-display for the single pattern contest entries and why. Not enough room? No news is no news.

Julie wants to do an outreach program to discover why more costumers aren't members of the guild. What could we do to attract them?

Costume-Con 26: The Costume Con e-mail addresses have changed from .info to .org (i.e., chair@cc26.info will now be chair@cc26.org) because some servers were rejecting .info e-mail. If you are missing announcements, check the CC 26 chat or website, still at www.cc36.info.

Judy brought up the subject of the video masquerade entries for Costume-Con. Erik has camera and studio and is willing to film! Carol reminded us of previously discussed ideas: "Night at the Sci Fi Museum," "Rejected Contestants from 'Who Wants to be a Super Hero,'" and a combo of 'Rocky Horror' and 'Gray's Anatomy' with the filk of "Let's Do the Heimlich Again".

Julie got the hang of that gavel banging thing and adjourned the meeting at 8:40. She announced that she will NOT be giving out door prizes. However, there was still plenty of cool stuff waiting to be adopted at the end of the meeting.

Next meeting: December 18, 7 pm, Goldie's Airport Way.

Minutes approved:
