

Apologies for the extreme lateness. It's a long story.

Minutes of the Beyond Reality Costumers' Guild, January 20, 2008

Attendees: Marie Cooley, Katherine Daida, Kathy Evans, Holly Forbes, Vicki Glover, Kate McClure, Erik Prill, Kier Salmon, Greg Sardo, Lisa Satterlund, Victoria Shaffer, Thom Walls, Damon Wasson, Carol Zebold, Julie Zetterberg.

The January meeting was held at Spiro's Pizza and Pasta and was brought to disorder by Bigwig Julie at 7:35. The minutes of the December meeting were amended as follows: The recipient of the first Trixie was Robert Jones instead of Chuck. There is a hyphen in the URL for steam-con. The minutes were then read and approved.

Officers' reports:

Katt reported that she "couldn't get her treasurer's report to balance" and would submit it later on line. For obscure reasons, this announcement was met with a round of laughter and applause! She reported that there are currently about 6 members and 3 significant others signed up for BeyondCon. At least one more membership was paid for on the spot. Marie asked if we might comp Agnes as she would only be coming in to do her presentation. We agreed to do so. Perhaps the badge makers provide her with one that says "Comp"?

Eric asked if there was a minimum room block required by the hotel for BeyondCon and if we had made it. A show of hands proved that there were a number of people who had memberships but had not yet booked their rooms. A reminder will be sent to the list as it is important that reservations be made NOW.

Katt has sent off payments to Inn at Gig Harbor, ICG, and the Secretary of State, and she bought some stamps. Most BRCG members are now officially ICG members as well. More applause!

Lisa needs stuff for the news letter! Victoria offered a wire wrapping tutorial. Yes, please! There's also a possibility of a Venice trip report. The deadline will be March 10th. Lisa hopes to have mastered the technique of adding pictures by then. One person's "very easy" is another's "Aghhhhhhh!"

Events:

Past:

Rustycon: Julie reported that a good time was had by all in a very pleasant atmosphere. There were good panels that were mostly attended by other panel members except for the Steampunk panel which attracted 25 people. The dealers' room looked good. The costume contest was canceled. Kathy reports that next year Rustycon will be moving back to the 3rd weekend in January and will be held at the Marriott again.

Ribbon Making Party: There was a record crowd for this event at Audrey's house. Eager and highly creative ribbon makers filled two boxes with ribbons which all have pin backs. Sweet! For the track-keeping, Lisa has custody of the completed ribbons and Carol has the juice can lids and fiberfill. Vicki keeps the buckets of bling and equipment that aren't party of individual's personal stashes. Two more parties are ahead on February 15 and March 8.

Upcoming:

Kathy, the Flyer Queen, discussed and provided handouts for:

- Steam-Con ( see below)
- Ursulmas (Jan 24), Monroe Fairground Arena • Steampunk University - (may be March 22, waiting for a confirmation) • Cascade Mountain Men Gun Show (March 14-15) Evergreen State Fairgrounds These events are linked to her web site,

<http://www.realmofregalia.com/>

We also skimmed over:

- SITU Titanic Survivors' Ball (Feb 28), Formal dinner, Epiphany Episcopal Church, 1807 38th Ave. \$50 members, \$58 nonmembers - [www.SITUSeattle.com](http://www.SITUSeattle.com)
- Puyallup Sew Expo, (Feb 26, 27, 28, March 1), Puyallup Fair and Events Center, [www.sewexpo.com/](http://www.sewexpo.com/)
- Sakura-Con 2009 (April 10-12) • Costume-Con 27 (May 1-4), Crowne Plaza Baltimore-North • Costume College (July 31-Aug.2), Van Nuys, California • Anticipation (Worldcon) ( Aug 6-8), Montreal, Canada • Steam-Con (Oct15-28). Sea-Tac Marriot (<http://www.steam-con.com>) is becoming real very fast! Victoria said that there will be a jurying process for vendors and that only Steampunk-oriented merchandise will be acceptable.

Upcoming BRCG Events

Sari Safari (Feb 1), Vancouver, BC. The details of carpooling were discussed. The merchants are expecting us!

BeyondCon 2009 (Feb. 6-8), Inn at Gig Harbor Holly has a recently acquired stash of velvet that Kate could use that for her velvet embossing panel! Kier and Audrey are hoping that organization will happen. Kier collected seed money for hospitality and announced that the Jaguar Kitty was contented with the results. Contributions of snacks will be appreciated. Kier has decided to do registration and pass out badges and programs in Hospitality this year so that no one will have to man a booth in the lobby. A discussion was had about the pros and cons of having registration in the lobby. Julie will bring the BRCG plates, cups, utensils and plastic table cloths. Kate also has gold table cloths to contribute. We are planning to provide breakfast in Hospitality, and Kier asked for suggestions to be sent to her via e-mail. Erik will be bringing a small monitor and DVD player to play Project Runway episodes. Lisa says the panelists are all ready to go and the information is on the web site at:

[http://www.brcg.org/events/beyondcon/beyondcon\\_2009\\_program.htm](http://www.brcg.org/events/beyondcon/beyondcon_2009_program.htm). For her Tambour Beading Class, anyone wishing to bring their own beads and thread should choose 100% polyester thread and beads large enough to fit on the thread. The Tambour hooks will be size #100 which is fairly fine. She will bring square of chiffon to work on. She was accepting prepayment of \$20 for supplies.

Vicki displayed mini craft irons she had acquired from Fabric.com that she thought would be handy for her Origami Headpiece class. She had extras for sale for \$9.

Norwescon 32:

Carol admitted to have not yet produced a preliminary Trixie award. It is still a work-in-progress.

The pattern has been announced for the Single Pattern Contest. (Simplicity # 4134, Everybody Kimono) more info at:

<http://www.norwescon.org/singlepattern.htm> Victoria had picked up several extras at a 99 cent pattern sale to share. Julie will contact Terri Specht to find out about the rules for presentation.

We need to contact Troy and Kelly to make sure they're bringing the Arcade for our guild table.

Lisa got an M&M dispenser that takes pennies for candy and was wondering if we wanted to have it on the table. We could hold off on putting it out until after we'd run out of Golden Ticket bars. Last year we sold two boxes of candy bars (144) for our Golden Ticket prize program. The bars last year were purchased at Costco and were a good deal. Lisa will e-mail Nels to see if he will print up the golden stickers again. This year we will protect the prize paper with a piece of plain paper to keep it from ripping, which was a bit of a hassle last year.

Betty has provided a leather coat and some other things along with a box of beads (she is still looking for bead donations) as prizes.

Victoria has some vintage clothing pieces she is willing to donate as prizes as well. Julie will bring a coat rack to help with display the prize garments. Lisa volunteered to bring dress forms; but it was decided that there would probably not be room for them. Vicki contributed some very desirable craft kits to the raffle prize pile.

And then she produced some sparkly yardage to donate! Ooooooh, ahhhhh, and ooooooh again. Drool break.

Julie needs to talk to whoever is running this year's Hall Costume Award Ribbon contest to make sure we are on the same page with them.

Last year she printed the BRCG initial ribbons herself. We will discuss this at a later time.

Kathy is looking for helpers for her Norwescon! She will continue to display BRCG flyers and posters in her booth.

Will we probably have a "very private" and quiet room party on Saturday after the Masquerade, by invitation only. Details will be discussed later

Garden Party at Kate's House: (April 19). This will be a 1919, get- out-your-fancy-hats, garden party with a table for sweet and savory finger food and punch. There will be prizes for those hats with extra points for self made hats! She was looking for a croquet set. Vicki has one.

Summer Event: Lisa is thinking that it could tentatively be in August (or maybe July?) in her back yard. Yard very large, parking limited.

Kathy reminded us that Situ is working on a western theme (corsets and bee-bee guns?) for their summer event, so ours should be different and somewhat less historical? We do have a good sized list of themes already to choose from. Lisa is now inspired to pick up the pace of working on her house!

Old Business:

The format for BRCG Business Cards is now on the Yahoo web site. This will allow members to print cards (in glorious color) with their own name and information. The format is a PDF set up for 4X2 cards.

Vicki has a 47 inch (way too large) TV and volunteered her house for future Project Runway viewings.

Bigwig tasks: Julie is on the trail of her packed-away screen printing kit so that she can more easily print those BRCG T-shirts.

It was decided to call the people who ordered shirts last year and say that we have not forgotten them.

Other Business:

Kate announced that she is reading runes Venus Moon in Renton from 10-5 on every second Saturday. Location is opposite Renton History Museum.

It is time to make nominations for ICG Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Kathy passed around a needle safe she acquired from the Needle Arts Guild.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 as members fell upon yet another table full of desirable items.

Our next meeting will be February 17 at Goldie's Airport Way. Since Bigwig Julie will be frantically getting ready to depart for Venice in a few short days, she has asked Wiglet Kate to chair this meeting.