

BRCG Meeting Minutes July 2004

The July meeting of the Beyond Reality Costumers Guild was held July 20th at Olympia Pizza Parlor in Wallingford. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by the Grand Pooh-Bah, and then called to order again and again until enough order was finally achieved for her to be heard over the general sounds of a good time being had by all.

The first item on the agenda was a report on the Guilds garage sale held on July 17 at Trixis shop. After several people turned over money they owed the Guild, the grand total in profit came to \$49.14 with the possibility of more to come. Our Treasurer, Audrey, commented that we had made more than it had cost us in advertising. Trixi remarked that the participating members had shown a remarkable amount of restraint! for not buying everything from each other.

Vicki relayed that Eric, our absentee Secretary, had proposed doing a similar sale at one of the Science Fiction Conventions by either getting a booth in the dealers room or using a regular room for the purpose. A lively discussion was held on the pros and cons (different con entirely) of such a plan. After deciding that the most likely convention to hold a sale at would be Rustycon in January of next year, Kate proposed some feasibility research be done on what kinds of regulations the Rustycon committee might impose on such a sale. Holly volunteered to check on this with her husband.

Another suggestion for ridding ourselves of our overabundance of fabric and notions (so that we could go out and get more?) was made by Kelly. She thought that we might do a funky fabric panel in one of the larger seminar rooms at Rustycon where we could lay out the sale fabric and then brainstorm about the possible uses for the various fabric selections. Hopefully, this creative discussion would inspire sales and not cost us the price of a booth or a room. While we were discussing whether to make this proposal to Rustycon, Kate left the room and was elected Notions Editor.

Vicki encouraged all BRCG members to think about what panels they would like to present or see presented at our next Beyond Con. Kate proposed doing one on How to take a nice costume down the wrong path! Another proposed panel was entitled, Costumers Eye for the Mundane Guy. Vicki asked that all members send their suggestions for panel subjects to her by e-mail.

The Guilds upcoming event, Tea Time of the Lesser Gods, was discussed. Kate claimed that she was working on the games. Trixi announced that it would be her birthday and that Immortality is Good! Vicki said that the dress code did not have to be strictly Greek and Roman or even a real diety....the Goddess of Lost Sox could be portrayed. At this point, Audrey held up the stunning example of a thigh high wool tourney sock that she was knitting.

A tentative date for our fall event was picked for September 25, providing that it does not conflict with SITUs fall event. Carol volunteered to find out. (We now know that it does not conflict.)

Kate proposed doing an Alien Weapons workshop where techniques could be demonstrated for producing our own giant lazer-phazer-tazer things that go beep, whir, kapop, and glow in the dark or weapons minimal destruction. Kate also volunteered to find someone to give the demo and to determine if the date of August 29th would work as a date. Tom Hays volunteered his house as a location.

Kate mentioned that there were some memorable anniversaries next year that could be used as inspiration for events. These included the 200 year anniversary of Hans Christian Anderson, the 200 year anniversary of Trefalger, and the 60th anniversary, of V.E. day. There are doubtless many more.

It was announced that no progress has been made by the committee for interacting with Norwescon on the subject of their Masquerade as they have not yet been able to review the Masquerade Handbook or other materials needed to put together enough information .

The meeting concluded and Vicki cleaned yet another closet (and filled up ours) by handing out more splendid door prizes.