

# **Blackout Leather Productions**

Minutes from the April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Board meeting

Location: Our House

Prior to the meeting being called to order, a discussion among board members and guests centered around the topic of men in the Oregon Contest not having a fantasy portion similar to the way the Washington Leather contest is run. Shell and Dominic both emphatically believe that men should have to do the fantasy. This topic was not brought up further at the meeting after it was called to order.

## **Meeting Called to Order: 14:12**

**Attendance:** Members - Thom, Mack, Dan, Dominic, Gene, Don, Jerry, and Terry (who waited at the door to admit stragglers). Late arrivals were Tobin, Justin. Titleholders present: Brent. No contact with Lesset prior to the meeting about her attendance. Guests included Shell Bishop

**Secretary's Report:** Consensus of a speedy posting was mentioned and no changes were requested.

Motion to approve made by Don Hood, and seconded by Dominic Chevalier.

Vote consisted of Thom, Mack, Dan, Dominic, Don and Jerry voting yes, Gene abstaining, with Tobin, Terry, and Justin absent for the vote due to late arrival or attending the door.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report was posted to the web site and able to be viewed by all. Jerry asked about clarification on the difference between Monetary Assets and Bank Account Balance and was clarified to the board about Bank Account Balance consisting of the full bank account and the monetary assets being what is available for BLP use. The Titleholder travel fund makes up the difference and is kept separate from the rest of the balance. Don Hood turned in his 10 OLP Pins. Dan was asked to coordinate with Justin regarding donation letters to those that have donated to BLP and not been sent letters to be signed by the board before being issued.

Motion to approve made by Mack and seconded by Gene.

Vote consisted of Thom, Mack, Dominic, Gene, Don, and Jerry voting Yes, Dan abstaining, with Tobin, Terry, and Justin absent for the vote due to late arrival or attending the door.

Titleholder's Reports:

**Mr. O.S.L.:** Brent listed his attended functions as well as his anticipated function for the next month. Brent had sold the last of his O.L.P. Pins and turned in the monies to Justin. Brent asked the board if his Paddle Daddy events could qualify for the Educational portion of his title year's obligation. Thom asked for approval and was passed with a Yes by acclamation. Brent will be coming to the board as soon as possible to coordinate his joint event with Lesset to meet their obligations and allow him to attend IML. A judging panel was asked for to prepare him for the International contest and Tobin said she would

spearhead the panel. Discussion of who would be appropriate, where to have the mock panel followed and Embers was going to be the first place to look into for the panel.

Brent's Event listing was as follows:

Mar-Apr 2010

3/20 9:30-10:30 Co-host gay men's meet & greet at Kinkfest

3/20 Dungeon party

3/26 Washington State Mr Leather Contest (Seattle)

4/10 PLM

4/24 Co-host BDSM Workshop for men (paddling/spanking)

4/24 Village People - LURE

Upcoming

5/8 PLM

5/15 Dungeon Party

5/29 IML

**Ms. O.S.L.:** Lesset did not submit a report and was not in attendance at the meeting.

### **Old Business:**

**2009 Taxes: Discussion:** The taxes for 2009 were submitted to the website for approval and passed and mailed in before the deadline. No additional late fees were incurred. The 2008 tax preparation bill of \$135.00 (\$150.00 minus a \$15.00 donation to BLP) for Reilly was discussed as she sent a reminder that the bill had not been paid yet. After discussion of the continual inability to prove where the discrepancy was, it was suggested by Don Hood that we simply pay the amount on the invoice to avoid a black mark on Blackout's name. Dominic agreed and a notion to pay the bill as the receipt states was made by Don and seconded by Thom. A unanimous vote of Yes was received by the entire board.

### **Oregon Leather Pride:**

- **LPWC Report:** Ben is attempting to exchange his services for the Leather contingent to receive free admission to the parade. Additional cards are needed by Brent, Shel, and Dan when they are printed. As of Thursday (4/22/10) the check from Starbucks had not been received in the P.O. Box.
- **2010 O.S.L. Judges and Staff:**
  - o **Judges:**
    - Brent and Lesset
    - Mamma Rhinehardt (Declined to be head judge)

- Gene Romaine - Seattle
  - Timm Briggs – Seattle
  - Tobin to contact Mollena (2010 IMSL)
  - Last judge holding off to see if new IML would be available
- **Entertainment:** Don will be contacting Dawna Creation a possible performer.
- **Tally Masters:** Ronda and J.C.
- **Program Design:** Thom and Justin
- **Stage Mangers:** Don and Dan
- **Judge's Runner:** Mike Ryan and Gene as an alternate
- **Door:** Justin and one other.
- **Den Daddy:** Tobin
- **Emcees:** Sister Anorexia and Lynnda Hale will be asked.
- **2010 O.S.L. Logo:**
  - Terry and Dan to tweak the proposed image by the next meeting. Dan likes it but Terry wants to do some final touches.
- **2010 O.S.L. Contest Application:**
  - New date to be included on application and change made in the fundraising category.
  - Dominic and the board discussed the way the back patch responsibility should read on the application.
  - The Back Patch was clarified to read as follows: *Responsible for providing funds to Blackout Leather Production for the purchase of the back patch for the incoming title holder.*
- **2010 O.S.L. Ad Sales:**
  - Titleholders to assist in ad sales. Spreadsheet used from previous years with the size obtained previously as info for the advertiser.
  - Ad Rates:
    - Full Page: \$90.00
    - Half Page: \$50.00
    - Quarter Page: \$35.00
  - Sponsorship: After discussion of who we should approach for sponsorship (to remain at \$300.00), the following were decided as potential sponsors for the contest:
    - Embers Avenue
    - The Roxy
    - Eagle PDX
    - Mr. S Leathers
- **B.L.P. Event Updates:**
  - Leather Vegas (Meet and Greet for O.S.L. Contest)

- Dominic asked if he could spearhead the event with Terry and Dan working with him.
  - I.S.R.C. gave permission to use the casino equipment
  - Location is Embers Avenue (Date locked and times set with contract)
  - In need of table workers for the various tables.
  - Suggested to have a “Lounge Act” atmosphere with possible Bolivia Carmichaels and Marcy Craft as participants.
  - “Cigar Girls” to come around with condoms and lube was thrown out for thought.
  - Meet and Greet to be integrated with the festivities.
- Rose and Thorn Awards: Mack to take care of the awards
  - Brunch: A different location than last year is being asked to be looked into. Don will contact Lotta regarding the use of the Commodore and if not available will look into alternate venues. Discussion of possible PLM and Starky’s but both were put aside for one reason or another. A possibility was suggested of Julia’s.

#### **New Business:**

- **2010 Gay Pride Parade:** BLP isn’t registered yet for the parade but will have a spot either as a reimbursement or pay for a slot. Don suggested we simply pay for a spot to have it. Thom will be contacting Ben Brown regarding the slot and if nothing is ironed out, will register BLP in the parade by May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to ensure a spot.
  - Pride Parade Vehicle: Pup’s truck
  - Banner: The Hanky Leather Pride Flag
  - Rope for additional ties downs
  - Sling in the back of the truck or possibly a Cross in the truck and a sling in a trailer if obtained. Dan will see the dimensions of his parent’s trailer and bring measurements to the next board meeting.
  - New route this year. See the Just Out article for clarification.
- **B.L.P. Webmaster:**
  - Terry has enjoyed his time as the webmaster but has asked to be allowed to step away from it. A discussion of possible people to take this job over gave a general consensus that Dave Jackson would be very good fit for this role.
- **Northwest Leatherboy’s Fund Raiser:**
  - Dan will be doing his Oregon Ride to benefit his travel fund for the International Contest on June 5, 2010 and invited everyone available to come out to the Eagle that evening as he rides in from Eugene on his bicycle.
- **Concerns about the Ms. O.S.L. and her Obligations:** It was voiced at the end of the meeting that there are concerns regarding Lesset’s lack of follow through and her outward image she is portraying while attending various functions. She was seen at Kinkfest and other Leather contests complaining about the way that things were being

done as she was leaving and while in the room at the various events. Her lack of attendance at meeting could be looked over due to work but her lack of a titleholder report or communication with the board cannot. A concern about the lack of representation in the community by the current titleholders is hindering the community we are striving to build. Mack asked if a tougher background check should be implemented and if the only contestant should not meet the requirements, then we simply do not allow them to run and keep the position vacant for a year. Don offered to have the past titleholders of the O.S.L. Title attend the interview. Some opinions as to whether she (Lisset) takes the title seriously were voiced. Thom asked if a letter or warning should be issued outlining her shortcomings and asking her to present a list of steps she will take to correct the matters, stating she has not upheld the code of conduct she signed when she applied to be a contestant. Several board members did not think it would do any good and that the reputation of B.L.P. is at stake. Shel stated that not just members of the board have noticed this but also members of the community. Thom asked that a letter of warning be sent to Lisset outlining her breaking her code of conduct and a request for an outline of the steps she will take to correct them be received. If she breaks her intended steps, then the board will request her resignation and if she refuses to resign, the board will strip her title. Mack is to draw up the letter A.S.A.P. and get it approved before sending it to her. Should she be stripped, her back patch, and medallion. Should she be stripped or resign, her back patch will be donated to the Oregon Leather Pride Archives and she would not appear in the program nor judge the contest. Brent asked if this would impact his having to do a joint function and the board all stated he would not.

Next Meeting:

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Noon

Location: Embers Avenue.

Meeting Called to a Close at 16:05

Note: Minutes were to be held until Lisset was able to receive her letter so as not to read about it before the letter.