

## **Blackout Leather Productions**

Minutes from August 22, 2010 Board Meeting  
Courtyard Marriott

Meeting Called to Order at 12:00 pm by Thom

Attendees: Thom, Mack, Dan, Dominic, Don and Terry. Excused Absences were Justin, Tobin, Gene and Jerry. Titleholders Shell and Peter. Guest: Mary Entrikin and Jason

**Secretary's Report:** The addition to Dominic made to the vote on the Treasurer's Report was made. Motion to approve with that change made by Don and seconded by Dominic. Vote passed with Thom, Mack, Dominic, Don and Terry voting yes and Dan abstaining.

**Treasurer's Report:** Questions arose about deposits made and door monies being part of the deposit. Justin was absent so Don motioned to table the report until next month and was seconded by Dan. It was unanimously voted to table the report until the September Meeting.

**Titleholder Report:** Brent submitted the following as his titleholder report:

Attended the following this past month:

7/24 LURE

7/31 A Night of Decadence, Deviance, and Debauchery with Mama Lynnda & Shell  
Leather Pride events - Movie night, Picnic, Vegas, Contest, Tribal, Victory brunch, Bears in Leather Beer Bust

Upcoming events planning to attend:

8/28 Leather, Cigar, Scotch social at the Eagle

### **Old Business:**

**OLP Report:** Grant arrived for \$1,000.00. A sum of \$862.25 was used and the balance of \$137.75 to be determined. Don made a motion to request the balance of \$137.75 be kept by Blackout as operating costs for the events. This was seconded by Dominic and unanimously passed.

**Movie Night:** A total of 6 people attended and was interrupted by the I.S.R.C. meeting as they left the building. Shell asked if there was even a point to continue this. Thom mentioned that it is a BLP sponsored event for O.L.P. A discussion ensued about discontinuing the event. Dominic felt that Allyson needed to be here for discussions about the event or changing it as it is her event.

**B.B.Q.:** Great turnout. One freeloader. More discussion about the three (Vegan, Vegetarian, Carnivore) different grills. Parking this year sucked (as was the consensus of all present). Next year, if given advance notice, we can use the Legacy clinic parking lot however they need to be contacted prior and approval given.

**Leather & Lace Show:** Mary asked for more representation next year from BLP members and a show of support even though it is an I.S.R.C. run function. Shell asked to use her title next year to promote the event and it was given. Dominic wants to talk with Steve to see if he needs assistance as he travels extensively. Don suggested he be allowed to book the show with Robert and Shell suggested going to John T. Booking may have been messed with when the calendar was switched from one year to the next. Do not go to Steve to book as it is best to go through John T. for Embers events.

**Leather Vegas:** Thom congratulated Dominic and Terry on a great event. A recommendation of more types of card games and table games was made for next year. Dominic felt it was not the easiest way to meet and greet the judges for the contestants. Shell disagreed and enjoyed the laid back atmosphere to meet the judges. Peter felt it took the edge off of meeting the judges. Terry suggested they use the performers to introduce the contestants next year. Mylar was asked back next year. Her ability to respond quickly to messages and her follow through make her an asset. Bobby felt that new playing decks of cards would be an adequate reimbursement for the use of the tables and equipment. A motion to use up to \$40.00 for playing cards to re-supply the casino equipment for the Rose Court was made by Dominic and seconded by Mack. The vote passed with Thom, Mack, Dan, Dominic, and Terry voting yes and Don abstaining.

**Contest:** Thom thanked all for their efforts and help. Entertainment was in the proper place. Dan suggested the use of wristbands next year. General consensus of those present was that we need someone at both sides to regulate people sneaking in from either side. The auction of Lynnda's artwork and Mama's donations was set to go to the Oregon Leather history Project but due to it being deposited into the bank account already, and OLHP not being a 501(c)3 organization, a new destination had to be determined. After discussion with the new titleholders and Brent, a motion was made by Mack to donate the \$410.00 and split it between S.M.Y.R.C. and Bradley Angel and was seconded by Terry. Motion carried with Thom, Mack, Dan, Don and Terry voting yes and Dominic abstaining.

**Contest Scores:** The scores for the contest were read over and they were as follows:

Mr. Contestants:	Peter: 2976	Jay: 2860
Ms. Contestants:	Shell: 3630	Rebecca: 3005

Contestant Jay had left the stage during the sashing. Several emails were sent regarding judges being "Trans-Phobic". Thom discussed the scoring with him and he sent a letter of apology to Thom and the community for his actions. He wished the titleholders luck for their coming year. Thom asked that if rumors are heard, that the board squash them upon hearing them.

Other concerns for the contest were: Wheelchairs be made available in the front row and a sign to the effect that if needed, they will be moved to make room for them. M.C.'s should stay in the front to interact with the contestants. Ember's Staff had a great time and were more friendly this year and accommodating than in the past. Don has been

asked to book next year ASAP both for the contest and Leather Vegas so we can get the dance moved to a different weekend. Thom thanked Don and Tobin for their efforts with the contest and how it was run.

**Ad Sales:** pretty close to the same amount as the previous year. There wasn't a lot of follow up after the initial mailer was sent out pushing for ads. It was suggested that all sponsors get their ads done in color next year.

**Tribal:** Great poster this year. Air Conditioning could have been working better. Only the winning contestants showed to Tribal but as it wasn't a requirement of the contest, it was understood. Don and Dan were thanked for the books and pens. Brent suggested that there be a reminder that the contest only has one winner for each category. Don suggested a sit down with the contestants and the stage crew at the rehearsal during the day of the contest that there is only one winner and to be prepared for either outcome.

**Rose & Thorn Awards:** Receipt for the awards was given to Shell to pass to Justin for reimbursement to Mack. Voting was more than the previous year and Mack encouraged the board to vote for Community Choice. Mack asked that the clause forbidding contestants from receiving the award be removed. Shell agreed with that request. Don is asking for criteria for other awards be forwarded to him to assist with reformulating the Community Choice award from G.L.P.W. and W.S.M.L.O.

**Recipients were:**

**Business of the Year:** Embers Avenue

**Non-Profit of the Year:** Imperial Sovereign Rose Court

**Community Choice:** Fireweasel

**Leatherman of the Year:** Paul Tucker

**Leatherwoman of the Year:** Dara

**Victory Brunch:** Location was not the original one listed. We were grateful and lucky to get the back patio at Starkey's. This year was larger than expected with 65 in attendance. Shell suggested Cassidy's. Dominic suggested the Hotel as either buffet or menu option. Peter asked why the contest was in August and not in the spring. Thom explained it was always at the end of O.L.P.

**New Business:**

**New Titleholders:** Peter Pinn Palermo and Shell Bishop! Thom read the Contracts and Ethics agreements to the two titleholders in front of the board and both signed them with the board also signing. Contact numbers were exchanged to assist in communication between board and titleholders. Lanyards will be given to the titleholders at the Northwest LeatherSIR / Leatherboy / Community Boot Black contest in Seattle in two weeks. Shell asked that her lanyard have Girl Pink stitching. Brent mentioned that 3 copies of any flier should be set aside for the Oregon Leather Histories Project. Jason asked if a press release had gone out regarding the new titles. He also suggested a bar crawl to promote events with the titleholders. Peter was asked if he would continue with L.U.R.E. and he agreed.

**Northwest Sash Bash:** Dates of March 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> in 2011. Chairs to be Don, Dominic and Dan. An ad in the Northwest LeatherSIR, Leatherboy, and Community Boot Black program promoting Sash Bash was presented at a discounted rate of \$45.00 for a full page ad.. A motion was made by Don to pay for the ad for \$45.00 and was seconded by Dominic. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**I.S.R.C. Coronation:** Coronation tickets for the titleholders would be \$50.00 for each. Dominic made a motion to buy tickets for Coronation 2010 for the two current titleholders and was seconded by Dan. Thom, Mack, Dan, Dominic and Terry voted yes ad Don abstained. Discussion of placing a half page ad in the program at \$100.00 for sash bash ensued after a phone confirmed the cost. Dominic made a motion to pay \$100.00 to the I.S.R.C. for a half page ad in the Coronation program promoting Northwest Sash Bash. Dan seconded this motion. Thom, Mack, Dan, Dominic and Terry voted yes ad Don abstained.

**Pre-Interviews for O.S.L.:** Tabled to the next meeting.

**B.L.P. Board Positions:**

Jerry submitted a written resignation that was read to the board by Thom and accepted by board.

Gene wrote a letter to the board asking for a 6 month leave of absence. Mack confirmed that leaves of absence have been accepted in the past. Don voiced his opinion that it is unfair to ask for a leave of absence after his absence from the contest this year and his text messaging Lessett during a board meeting that she was the topic of conversation. Dominic felt it was unfair to hold onto a seat when there are a specific number of seats and that it would hold up that seat during the absence. Mack asked to be kept neutral in this matter. Dominic made a motion to ask for Gene's resignation from the board with the option to rejoin when he is finished with his absence. Terry seconded this motion. Thom, Dan, Dominic, Don, Terry voted yes with Mack abstaining.

Brent asked to be made a member of the board having completed his year. All those present accepted his request.

**G.I.L.S.:** Shell wanted to make it known that the Girls in Leather Service would be available for any assistance they could offer B.L.P. in the future.

**Next meeting was set for September 19<sup>th</sup>, at Noon at the Marriott Courtyard.**

A motion to close the meeting was made at 2:08pm by Don and was seconded by Dan. Motion passed.