

Blackout Leather Productions, Inc. Board Meeting

Sunday, August 18, 2013

Meeting called to order at 1:03 p.m. @ the Catalyst

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Tobin Britton, Justin Britton, Brent Seeley, Thom Butts, Gary Klein and boy Kevin

Titleholder: Bill Westervelt, Stormy and Dara

Guest: Michelle

Absent: Dominic Chevalier

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Justin made the motion to accept the July minutes with amendments. Brent seconded the motion and the motion was carried, boy Kevin abstained.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

For August 2013

Starting balance was: \$5,403.58 July 21, 2013

Deposits / Credits made during the last month included:

7/22/13	Credit Card Sales	\$130.00
	Ad Sales = \$125	
	OLP Pin = \$5	
7/23/13	God Shave the Queen Proceeds	\$289.73
7/26/13	Credit Card Ad Sales	\$50.00
7/29/13	Ad Sales	\$380.00
7/29/13	Pin Revenue	\$70.00
	OLP Pins	
7/29/13	Credit Card Ad Sales	\$50.00
8/9/13	Ad Sales	\$250.00
8/9/13	Credit Card Ad Sales	\$90.00
8/9/13	Leather Vegas – Credit Card Sales	\$130.00
8/10/13	Credit Card Contest Admission	\$10.00
8/12/13	Credit Card Ad Sales	\$180.00
8/13/13	Sponsor Payment – Aparaphilia	\$300.00
8/13/13	Replacement of LPW Opening Till	\$60.00

8/13/13	Movie Night Proceeds		\$110.00
8/13/13	Leather Vegas - Cash Sales		\$575.00
8/13/13	Contest Door		\$1,210.00
8/13/13	Pin Revenue OLP Pins = \$60 Titleholder Pins = \$20		\$80.00
8/13/13	God Shave the Queen Proceeds		\$186.13
8/13/13	Deposit of Unused Judge and Contestant Donuts		\$25.10
Checks written / Debits made during the last month included:			
7/29/13	Zydhek Enterprises 3 Months of Web Hosting	Check 875	\$90.00
7/29/13	Dollar Tree Judges Gift Bags, Pens, and Light for Tables	Debit Card	\$15.00
7/30/13	Zazzle Judges Gifts	Debit Card	\$30.89
8/2/13	Staples Report Covers for Judges Packets	Debit Card	\$7.99
8/5/13	ATM Withdrawal LPW Opening Till	Debit Card	\$60.00
8/6/13	Rock Ranch Embroidery Red Leather & Titleholder Back Patches	Check 876	\$184.99
8/9/13	Thom Butts Reimbursement for Tech Boots	Check 877	\$49.98
8/10/13	Courtyard By Marriott Judges Lunch	Check 874	\$179.00
8/10/13	ATM Withdrawal Judge & Contestant Donuts	Debit Card	\$60.00
8/10/13	The Embers Avenue Judges Drinks	Debit Card	\$46.00
8/11/13	Courtyard By Marriott Titleholder Brunch	Debit Card	\$16.00
Intuit Fees			
7/22/13	\$3.58		
7/26/13	\$1.38		
7/29/13	\$1.38		
8/6/13	\$2.19		
8/9/13	\$2.48		
8/12/13	\$4.95		

8/13/13	\$3.58
8/13/13	\$0.28

Travel Fund Activity:

8/14/13	Mr. Travel Fund	Deposit	\$6.67
8/14/13	Ms. Travel Fund	Deposit	\$6.67
8/14/13	OSBB Travel Fund	Deposit	\$6.66

The Current Allocation of Funds reflect the following:

Bank Account Balance:	\$8,819.87
Blackout Monetary Assets:	\$6,773.24
God Shave The Queen Fund	\$1,369.80
Mr. Travel Fund	\$ 267.62
Ms. Travel Fund	\$ 239.21
BB Travel Fund	\$ 170.00

- Gary made the motion to accept the July Treasurer's report. Brent seconded the motion and the motioned was carried, Justin abstained.

TITLEHOLDER'S REPORTS:

Mr. OSL

Deviate on the 4th Saturday of the month at the Local Lounge

Ms. OSL

August 11 - Victory Brunch at the Marriott

- 11 - Far East Munch - La Cosita in Gresham
- 13 - Alliance For Safer Communities (ASC) - Police Chiefs Office in Portland
- 16 -18 Leatherterwoods - Facilitated Educational Discussion - When Your Top Drops
- 18 - Bad Girls Board Meeting 11 a.m. @ private residence
- 18 - BLP Meeting @ the Catalyst
- 20 - OLP Meeting @ the Catalyst
- 22 - PgoL Board Meeting - Aparaphilia
- 23 - Bad Girls Full Moon Friday Discussion
- 24 - Deviate - The Local Lounge
- 26 - Bad Girls Special Meeting
- 28 - Queer Leather Dinner

OSBB

Nothing to report at the present time.

OLD BUSINESS:

OLP Contest Scores for 2013

- Mr. OSL Contestant #1 earned 5162 total points
- Ms. OSL Contestant #1 earned 5553 total points
- Bootblack Contestant #1 earned 5513 total points
- Bootblack Contestant #2 earned 4852 total points

Oregon Leather Pride

Leather Vegas

- The Leather Vegas event was awesome and successful!
- Attendance increased from previous years and those who attended enjoyed themselves.
- Portland Girls of Leather, Pgol, were helpful during Leather Vegas night.
- Good auction items.

Movie Night

- Movie night was successful. The movie was called "Sick".
- All the proceeds for the movie went to the BiLs in Tommy's honor.

Contest

- According to Tobin the contest was awesome. Everything went smoothly. The attendance was packed. Great energy.
- Financially 100% paid up.
- BLP Board Members signed the "thank you" cards and they will be mailed out.
- Mr. OSL, Bill, mentioned that having a personal handler to help with change of clothes and other duties was helpful.
- Note for next year: Have someone be a "sound runner" and work closely with the person in charge of the sound system and the stage manager.

Advertising

- Justin will post the final figures into the yahoo account.
- The program ended up with 16 pages of ads.
- Program printing went well.

Sponsorship

- All sponsorship payments submitted by the Embers, Eagle Portland, and Southern Comfort.

Tribal

- The Tribal event was well attended and was a great evening.
- Justin mentioned that the cake was nummy.

Victory Brunch

- The Victory Brunch at the Courtyard Marriott was a great location; good food and well attended with a rough headcount of 55 individuals.
- Awesome job Gary on the Rose and Thorn awards.

Rose & Thorn Awards 2013

- Non-Profit of the Year: Camp KC

- Leather Woman of the Year: DJ Jones
- Leather Man of the Year: Nick Elliott
- Business of the Year: The Local Lounge
- Community Choice of the Year: Bad Girls

Reimbursement Expenses

- Due to Southern Comfort printing the OLP cards and calendars, the only OLP Committee Expense was \$67.25, which is for the park permit for the Leather Family BBQ. Since BLP was the Treasurer for the OLP Committee this year, all other organizations will reimburse BLP for their portion of this expense.

CAP AIDS Walk

- BLP is registered for the CAP AIDS Walk. If board members are interested in walking, go to the Cascade AIDS website, click on the Blackout Leather Production page and BLP will get credit.

Bears Christmas In July (No BLP Sponsorship)

- Tobin contacted Sterling regarding Bears Christmas and BLP's involvement and found out that BLP was not going to be involved.

CHARITY PAYOUTS:

God Shave The Queen/Camp KC

Total Raised - \$1,369.80
 BLP 10% - 136.98
 Payout - \$1,232.82

Movie Night/BiLs (per Alycyn)

Total Raised - \$110.00
 BLP - 10% - \$11.00
 Payout - \$99.00

Leather Vegas/Titleholder Charities

Total Raised - \$705.00
 BLP 10% - 70.25
 Intuit Fees - \$2.48
 Total to disperse - \$632.27
 Camp KC - \$210.76
 CAP - \$210.76
 BiLs - \$210.75

Checks will be sent to the charities.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Titleholder Orientation

Titleholder's Board Duties:

Mr. & Ms. OSL/OSB are each required to submit to the Board of Blackout Leather a monthly titleholder's report. This shall include the previous month's activities & events relevant to the title and upcoming activities and activities relevant to the title.

Mr. & Ms. OSL/OSB are strongly encouraged to attend Blackout Leather's monthly board meetings.

Mr. & Ms. OSL/OSB shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner befitting the Leather Community.

Titleholder's Fundraising Duties:

Mr. & Ms. OSL/OSB are each required to choose one primary charity for their fundraising during their title year. The titleholder's should contact and maintain a working relationship with their charity. The charity must be an IRS approved 501(c)3, as well as get BLP Board approval.

Mr. & Ms. OSL/OSB are each required to produce one educational event.

Mr. & Ms. OSL/OSB are required to produce one individual and one joint fundraising event during his/her title year, with net proceeds, minus 10%, going to title-holder's charity of choice.

Mr. & Ms. OSL/OSB shall be responsible to sell advertisements for the annual Contest Program.

Soliciting Donations

- When soliciting donations, submit the donation name of the individuals to Justin. Justin will send a "thank you" letter to the individual. Titleholders need to provide Justin with the following information: name, address, and dollar amount.

Titleholder's Required Appearances:

Mr. & Ms. OSL/OSB 2013 are required to make appearances at the following community events:

Imperial Sovereign Rose Court's Coronation (October 19, 2013)

The "Valentines from Hell" annual fundraising show (February 2014)

NW Sash Bash (March 2014)

Portland's annual Pride Parade – you are required to march with BLP (June 2014)

OR Leather Pride and Mr. & Mr. OSL & OSB contest 2014 (August 2014)

There are many other worthy events in Portland in the Northwest and beyond. You are encouraged to attend as many as you are able, however all other appearances are by your choice.

Respecting the Sash/Medallion

- Wear the sash/medallion with pride.
- Wear the sash/medallion when you step up and step down and at the Coronation.

Forms

- The titleholders were informed that there are several useful forms located on BLP's Yahoo group, the biggest one being the Event Request form. They were told they are to fill this form out for all of their events and present it to the board at our monthly meetings for approval as this is how the board knows what is going on and when the titleholders need board help.

501(c)3 Regulations

- The new titleholders were told that because BLP is a 501(C)3 organization, that we as an organization cannot get involved in politics and as BLP's titleholders, they cannot either while they are in sash.

Travel Fund-In Town/Out of Town/International

1. Out of Region Promotional Fund. This fund has been set up to handle money for out of town promotions. The intent of this fund is to help the titleholders to attend events relevant to the goals of BLP as stated in Article III of the Bylaws. This includes Leather title Contests, Conferences, etc. These events should be ones that the titleholder would not normally attend without the assistance of the Promotional Fund because of distance or cost to get there.

a. This fund shall be funded by either donations or titleholder fundraisers. If the titleholders choose to have a fundraiser for this fund, that fundraiser shall be governed by BLP normal operating procedures and the 10% General fund rule. The event shall not count towards the titleholders required fundraising events.

b. Monies in this fund shall be used for travel via Air, Train or Bus only, to locales outside the region (Seattle south to Eugene). Transportation is by public carrier, with proof of ticket purchase required, or direct purchase by BLP.

c. Travel plans must be approved in advance by the Board in order for reimbursement to be approved.

d. Rental cars, Gas, Mileage, Housing and Food will not be covered by this fund.

2. International Competitions. Current titleholders may at their own discretion, compete at the International Mr. Leather and the International Ms. Leather Competitions. Titleholders will represent BLP and the State of Oregon.

a. BLP shall set aside monies to send both titleholders to their respective competitions and pay any costs involved in registering a contestant. See section II, A, 6, f #1 for requirements.

b. BLP shall pay for travel by Air, Bus or Train, to and from the competition.

c. BLP shall pay for half the cost of a hotel room that is occupied by two people. BLP shall not pay for room service, phone charges, food or any charges not pre-approved by the Board of Directors.

d. If the total cost of sending a titleholder to the International Competition is less than budgeted, that money shall at the discretion of the Board, either revert back to the general Fund or be kept as a budgeted item for the following year.

e. If the titleholder chooses not to go to International, the budgeted money shall at the discretion of the Board, either revert back to the General Fund, or be kept as a budgeted item for the following year.

How to raise money: Any money can go towards travel fund.

- Mr. & Ms. Oregon State Leather / Oregon State Bootblack pins are designed to celebrate the family of titles that Oregon now has. The net proceeds of each pin go towards the titleholders travel fund. The pins are \$5.00 each.

The Board of Blackout Leather Productions shall:

- Maintain a consistent line of communication with each titleholder.
- Provide necessary support to each titleholder.
- Return decisions regarding fundraising and all financial approvals in a timely manner.
- The BLP is available to the Titleholders to help however needed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Sunday, September 15, 2013 at 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. @ the Catalyst