

BLP Board Meeting Minutes 8/17/2014

Meeting started at 1:15PM at Catalyst

In attendance: Tobin Britton, Justin Britton, Gary Klein, Steven Steinbock, Bill Westervelt, Stormy Styles, Dara, Thom Butts

Secretary minutes were read and approved with corrections. Gary motioned and Thom 2nd

Justin Y
Tobin Y
Thom Y
Gary Y
Dominic-ABS

Treasurer's report was read. Gary motioned to accept with corrections, Dominic 2nd

Tobin Y
Justin-ABS
Thom-Y
Gary Y
Dominic Y

The motion passed

Justin listed items that still need to be paid by BLP (payouts to titleholder's charities, Embers for contest, etc.).

We are still waiting for the check from Embers to pay for sponsorship. Tobin is going to reach out to Steve and settle the expenses to close the books on the contest weekend.

Dominic turned in receipts to Justin for expenses related to the contest (judges lunches, posters and food for Tribal)

Dominic turned in a request for reimbursement for printing costs totaling \$19.33

Tribal! Exceeded the budget by \$4.48 and the board voted to approve the overage. Justin motioned to approve the overage, Thom 2nd.

Tobin Y
Justin Y
Thom Y
Gary Y
Dominic Y

The motion passed

Titleholders gave their last reports

Stormy Styles has elected to stay on the Board, she had a fantastic year.

Bill Westervelt said "thank you" but is not joining the Board as of now. It was an honor representing the community and having the support of BLP.

Scores for the contestants are as follows:

Mr. #1-4951	Mr. #2- 4967
Ms. #1- 4901	Ms. #2- 5181

Leather Pride Week:

Leather Vegas-

Good auction items

Impromptu dancer was removed from the go-go cage.

Poker and roulette were in high demand and will be organized in 2015

Music was well received

We needed more dealers

Contest-

Small issues dotted the day, but were surmountable

Well attended contest and good feedback

Drag Queen slapped a guest and was escorted out of the bar

Steve (Ember's owner) would not allow simulated sex on stage (contrary to previous years) causing stress and issues on short notice. It was ultimately resolved but caused a problem.

Tobin mentioned we may need to move the contest due to ongoing concerns with doing business with Steve (inconsistent)

ASL interpreters were welcomed and appreciated. Pricing was not clear on the outset creating a minor problem when Tobin paid the bill. The expected fee was honored and we will be more clear in the coming years.

Thom mentioned having the ASL interpreter logo on the poster and it was explained that we decided on an interpreter after the posters were printed and delivered.

Tally masters were unprepared and an issue. More light was needed.

Emcees were amazing but long winded. We need to control timing better.

Tribal-

Well attended with good energy

Plenty of food

Needs a separate poster

No reported issues

Victory Brunch-

Martha handled it well.

Staff loved us, wants us to return

We handed out the Rose and Thorn awards to recipients as follows:

Leatherwoman of the Year- Leland Carina

Leatherman of the Year- Brent Seeley

Business of the Year- Catalyst

Non-profit of the Year- Peacock Productions

Community Choice of the Year- Les Lewis and Rick Watkins

Lifetime Achievement Award- Don Hood

Sponsorship-

All spaces filled

Tobin to look for a corporate sponsor

Ad sales-

Sold 10 pages of paid ads, 1 promo for Back to Black

Revenue-all paid except Embers

No YOY comparison as of yet, Justin to create comparison breakdown

Calendars-

We still have calendars to sell

Justin suggested that we drop the price to \$5 to move them

Justin to post price on BLP website

Back to Black

Tabled until September

Thom gave his resignation from the Board. Nobody really wanted to accept it.

Dominic motioned to accept his resignation, Justin 2nd.

Tobin Y

Justin Y

Gary Y

Thom Y

Dominic Y

Motion passed- Thom will be GREATLY missed. His contributions were numerous.

Contestant re-screening-

Dominic suggested we eliminate the pre-screening. It is unnecessary, extra work and undermines the judges role.

Dara mentioned that a criminal check is probably a good idea due to a previous ILSb contestant who is now a felon and was stripped of the title.

The Board decided to forego all pre-screening except for the criminal check

Thom mentioned that during the application process we should let the contestants know to talk to their Den Daddy if they have questions that were previously asked during the pre-screening interview.

Gary discussed having a cut off time to allow BLP time to disallow contestants.

LPW

BBQ should be advertised as a potluck where a grill is provided and cooking is each person's sole responsibility

BYOFood

No separate grills for vegan or vegetarian. Too difficult to coordinate and there are alternatives

Yearly Calendar-

Dominic proposed creating a yearly operations calendar to better organize the operations and events throughout the year. It helps with collective memory and minimizes surprises.

Tobin agreed and suggested a Board retreat

Puppy Title-

Need to add the Puppy to the family in:

- Paperwork

- Contest operations

- New back patch (Terry will be asked to redesign since it is his creation)

Need to consider time constraints and additional title will create during the contest, interviews, etc.

Story is officially a BLP Board Member!