

# **Blackout Leather Productions**

**Board Meeting Minutes from December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Noon at the Marriott Courtyard**

**Minutes taken and submitted by Dan McGuire**

**Members and Titleholders Present:** Thom, Mack, Justin, Dan, Tobin, Dominic, Tom, Brent, Mary, Don, Shell, Peter

**Members Excused:** Gene (Text messaged a board member that he was unable to make the meeting)

**Guests Present:** Jason, Gary

**Meeting Called to Order at 12:03pm**

**Secretary's Report:** Addition of Val departed prior to the completion of the meeting and changing the dates of the November LURE to reflect actually being October LURE. Motion was made by Dominic and seconded by Brent to approve with the corrections listed. Vote was Thom, Mack, Justin, Tobin, Dominic, Tom, Brent and Mary voting yes, Dan abstaining and Don voting No. Don also asked that he be sent the report in PDF form to his personal e-mail in addition to posting to the yahoo group.

**Treasurer's Report:** Read over and a motion to approve was made by Don and seconded by Tobin. The vote was Tom, Mack, Dan, Tobin, Dominic, Tom, Brent, Mary and Don voting yes, and Justin abstaining.

Several checks written to S.M.Y.R.C. and mailed to an old address have not cleared the bank after nearly a year for one and nine months for others. After a discussion, it was decided we should re-issue a single check to cover the missing checks and hand deliver it to S.M.Y.R.C. A discussion of issuing stop payments on the missing checks and it was determined that to do so would cost more than necessary. If they cleared later, then a determination of who cashed them would be looked into. A motion was made by Dominic and seconded by Dan to write a single check and hand deliver it to S.M.Y.R.C. and list in the register the reason for the lump sum check. The vote was Thom, Mack, Dan, Tobin, Dominic, Tom, Brent, Mary, and Don voting yes and Justin abstaining.

**Titleholder's Reports: See attached lists.**

**Mr. O.S.L.'s Titleholder Report as submitted to the Yahoo Group: (Continued)**

Hi everyone. Here it is.

11.27.10 L.U.R.E. Back in Black Night. Fundraiser for Q Center.  
Inseams raised \$ 146.00

12.1.10 Attended and spoke at Gay/Straight Partners forum University of Portland.

12.5.10 Bears in Toyland. Fundraiser for Esther's Pantry/Our House.  
Duet and Emceed with Shell Bishop, solo performance  
and played bass in the house band.

My winter break has began and I have a whole month  
of title work and Fun.  
-Peter

Pater passed around the event proposal for January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. The theme is Birthday Bash and the idea of flogging for cash was talked about. The exact details are to be determined and Dominic made it known he would be happy to be the "Flogger" for the evening. Peter asked for assistance at the door and Mack volunteered. Thom was asked to borrow his portable cross.

A motion to approve the event proposal was made by Tom and seconded by Mack. The vote was a unanimous Yes.

**Ms. O.S.L.'s Titleholder Report as submitted to the Yahoo Group:**

Spoke at PSU sexual humanities class

About Poly and BDSM

Bootblacked at LURE

Attended PLA vendor fair

Gathered donations from Paddle Daddy, Motivational Tools,

Emceed Bears In Toyland with Peter

Sold raffle Tickets

Attended Prince and Princess Ball

Shell's Dinner Fund Raiser: Shell found a location for the event (Brent's building with the use of the penthouse after a discussion of the cost) and looking at the date to be February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011. She is needing to discuss the menu with Thom at this point.

Joint event for both Mr. & Ms. O.S.L.: Shell is looking at hosting the event at Crush or Weirdbar (The re-opened E-Room) and to be held prior to I.M.L. to satisfy the requirements for both titleholders.

Peter asked about sending out more than one E-Blast regarding the LURE event and would like access to the various e-mail addresses to send them out himself as well. Mack mentioned that some organizations (Oregon Bears) allow only one per month and to send out more than that will be grounds to bar us from their lists. Shell suggested also listing on Fetlife. Just Out refused to place the events on their calendar due to internal conflicts with the publisher and owner of the Eagle. Don said he would talk with the publisher and since he is part of an organization that deals more heavily with Just Out, that they may be able to come to an understanding.

**Old Business:**

**NW Sash Bash Updates:** Dominic will be having a talk with the Marriott and the Jupiter Hotels regarding the weekend. The Meet & Greet has been scheduled at the Embers. A Bootblack is still needed for the Meet & Greet. The suggestion of boy Nick was made. Photos for the poster were taken and are being touched up. Paul Tucker has been asked to have the P.L.M. Potluck turn into a brunch to give a more hospitable environment and has not responded to this request.

**Entertainment:** Mary & Dan reported that Daddy Daun will be the Stage manager. A spotlight person has been acquired but after discussion, a volunteer should be found from BLP to avoid the cost of \$50.00. Dominic volunteered to assist in finding a person to work the spotlight. Peach will be asked to entertain and the need for a Fire Permit was mentioned for the Embers to obtain prior to the event. Additional entertainers have been reluctant to commit due to the holidays and will be getting back to them at the beginning of the new year when things mellow out a bit.

**Marketing and Hosting Arrangements:** Thom has not started to look for housing of the guests yet as invites are just going out and it is still a few months before the event. Thom also read out the list of titleholders to invite as guests. The question of inviting a place holding title holder for those titles that did not get a new titleholder and kept the previous year's titleholder was brought up. It was decided to invite the place holder in lieu of a newly judged titleholder. The Sash Bash website is updated. An e-mail from Gene Romaine from Generic Leather Productions of Washington was read aloud and BLP now has possession of Northwest Sash Bash. This got a loud round of cheering from the board.

**Workshops & Play Party:** Tobin talked with Julie Spanks and has secured the a location for the Workshops and Play Party. If a Cigar Play class is set to be the last of the workshops, then we can do it and allow the space to air out before the play party. Master Trooper, Slave Paul and Karen are some of the people contacted for classes. It was also suggested that two 1.5 hour classes would be better received than 4 one hour classes.

**Auction Items & Auctioneer:** Shell reported that she didn't have an auctioneer confirmed yet. Barry Burns will be contacted and Tony Buff is also a possibility should he not have a paying engagement to attend the same weekend. Items for the auction will be obtained after the first of the year.

**Uniform Party:** Peter has secured the Eagle for the event. Boy Nick has agreed to be the boot black and also be the boot black for the title year. Joe from the Eagle will be providing food for the event. Thom will be sitting at the door and taking a "*suggested*" donation of \$5.00.

**Meet & Greet / Brunch:** Dominic is waiting for word back from Paul Tucker for the brunch. Meet and Greet will be at the Embers and boy Nick will be asked to do boot blacking.

**Pre-Interviews & Application for Contest:** Brent has updated the application and posted it to the Yahoo Groups.

**Oregon State Bootblack:** Mack sent out the Press release. He will be checking to see if it was published in Just Out. Thom asked for the press release to be sent to the BLP board via the Yahoo groups and Shell asked to get it also so it could be sent out to the Portland Bootblacks list as well to see if there is any interest.

#### **New Business:**

**Kinkfest:** Shell brought to our attention that Kinkfest will be having a Queer only Play Space on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. Venues for Kinkfest will be the Red Lion and the Conference Center. Starting this year and moving forward, current Oregon State Leather Titleholders will be allowed entry for free.

#### **Next Meeting:**

**Date:** January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Time:** Noon

**Location:** Marriott Courtyard

#### **Good of the Order:**

**Time:** 1:12pm