

BLP Minutes - 2/15/15

Meeting began at 1:03pm @ The Catalyst

Present: Tobin, Dominic, Stormy, Justin, Bill Westervelt, Steven, Shawna

Absent: Gary, Kevin

Secretary's Report – No one had any corrections on the Secretary's report. Stormy motioned to accept the Secretary's report. Dominic seconded the motion.

Vote

Tobin – Yes

Dominic – Yes

Stormy – Yes

Justin – Yes

Treasurer's Report

Our starting balance was: \$7,195.41 January 18th 2015.

Deposits / Credits made during the last month included:

1/23/15	Calendar Sales	\$70.00
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1/23/15	Donation to Mr. Travel Fund	\$50.00
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Checks written / Debits made during the last month included:

1/15/15	GoDadd.com	\$16.49
	1 year renewal - back2black.org	

Dominic motioned to accept the report and Stormy seconded.

Vote

Tobin – Yes

Dominic – Yes

Stormy – Yes

Justin – Abstained

Justin reported that the organization's Federal taxes had been filed. He also reported that the CT-12 had just arrived and would be completed shortly.

Titleholder Reports

Steven

January 2015

13 ISRC Art Gallery Opening at Q Center

31 White Knight & Debutante Pageant- Judge

February 2015

7 Escape Leather & Lace Show

8 Annual Valentines from Hell

14 ISCRE 10th Annual Heart to Heart Ball

25 Bingo for Pride

March 2015

1 Mr. & Miss Sweetheart

20 Salem Coronation

28 Vancouver Monarchs Show

29 Closet Ball

Steven also presented the board with an event proposal...Muggs & Mutts. There is a requested budget of \$65. Justin motioned to approve the event with a \$65 budget and was seconded by Dominic.

Vote

Tobin – Yes

Dominic – Yes

Stormy – Yes

Justin – Yes

Shawna

Jan 2015:

ISRC Art Gallery Opening at (13th / Q Center))

White Knight & Debutante Pageant- Carried the Leather Pride flag (31st / Embers)

Feb 2015:

Valentines from Hell (8th / Embers)

Old Business

Sponsorship – Tobin reported that he was working on Northbound Leather as a cash sponsor.

Back to Black – This topic started off with Dominic submitting his resignation from the board due to relocating to San Diego. The vote to accept his resignation was reluctantly unanimous. Tobin then suggested that Back to Black be pushed back to 2016 since contest planning was about to take the majority of the board's time. Everyone was in agreement that it be tabled until a later date.

Web Site Update – Justin reported that quite a bit of work on the website was done and that he might try for a soft launch that evening. He plans to do more work to snazz it up but 85% - 90% of it was done. His next focus will be getting events on the site and then will go back and improve the front page.

Leather Pride

Contestants – tabled due to Gary being unable to attend the meeting.

Leather Vegas – The board let the titleholders know that as the face of the organization their help was needed to gather donations for the Leather Vegas auction. It was also stated that BLP needed to make a formal request to the Rose Court to use their gaming equipment. Steven let the board know the next ISRC board meeting was 3/2/15 @ 7:00pm at Darcelle's.

Contest – Tobin reported that Tarsus had penciled in the contest into Ember's books but that he and Justin would be going to Embers after the meeting to fill out the official event forms for both the contest and Leather Vegas. Tobin also reported that he was formulating ideas for judge and tally gifts. Nick and Sandra Elliott have been confirmed as emcees.

Victory Brunch – The brunch will be at Charlie's on Grand (Marriott Courtyard on Wasco) and they are extremely excited to have us back again.

Rose and Thorn Awards - tabled due to Gary being unable to attend the meeting.

An item that wasn't on the agenda but came up was the Monday night during Leather Pride week. Stormy hosted Leather Bingo last year since BLP was no longer able to hold Movie Night due to Embers media license only covering music. Stormy offered that evening and event to Shawna, who agreed to host the event.

QCenter Community Roundtable – Tobin reported that the roundtable was growing in participants and that an idea for a collaborative event had been presented. The event is a pub crawl and each organization was working with bars to gain permission.

New Business

Back Patch Redesign – Tobin reported that Leland was no longer going to be able to help with the back patch redesign and asked the board if they knew of any graphic designers. Stormy mentioned Frankee but did not know what their availability would be as they were currently doing work for Bad Girls and OLP. Justin then offered up not doing a complete redesign. His suggestions were:

- Remove the triangle, making all four patches circular.
- Keep the leather pride flag state on all four patches.
- On the Mr. and Ms. patches, keep the heart.
- On the Bootblack patch, replace the heart with a boot.
- On the Puppy patch, replace the heart with a bone.

Justin said he would check with Tarsus to see if he would tweak the design since he was the original creator.

Holiday Inn/Everett, WA – Tobin reported that he had been contacted out of the blue by a woman who worked at a Holiday Inn in Everett, WA. The lady mentioned that several leather events had been hosted there and they wanted to work with Blackout on having events there. Tobin thought this could be a good idea and would create a true Pacific Northwest event. Tobin then proceeded to tell the hotel rep what the original idea was for Back to Black. The rep had no issues with the events and said she would work up a few proposals.

Budget – Justin went over BLP’s 2014 Profit and Loss Report in preparation to roll out the proposed 2015 budget. Some callouts during the budget discussion were:

- Removing Back To Black from the budget due to being postponed until 2016.
- Adding \$1,000.00 for the Oregon State Puppy to compete at the regional contest.

Stormy motioned to accept the 2015 budget as amended and Tobin seconded.

Vote

Tobin – Yes

Stormy – Yes

Justin – Abstained

Blackout Leather Productions of Oregon		
2015 Budget		
Income		
Corp. Sponsorship		\$ 3,000.00
Back2Black 2015		\$ -
OSL/B Ad Revenue		\$ 1,800.00
OSL/BB Contest	120 @ \$10	\$ 1,200.00
Leather Vegas		\$ 600.00
Total Income		\$ 6,600.00
Program Expense - Titleholder PR		
Mr. OSL 2015 PR Exp		\$ 1,000.00
Ms. OSL 2015 PR Exp		\$ 1,000.00
OSBB 2015 PR Expense		\$ 1,000.00
OSP 2015 PR Expense		\$ 1,000.00
OSL/OSBB In Town PR	4 @ \$70	\$ 280.00

Total Titleholder PR Expense		\$ 4,280.00
Program Expense - Leather Pride Week		
Leather Vegas Exp		\$ 50.00
OSL/BB Contestant and Crew meals		\$ 150.00
OSL/BB Judges & Tally Gifts	10 @ \$25	\$ 250.00
OSL/BB Judges & Tally Meals/Drinks	10 @ \$30	\$ 300.00
OSL/BB Program Printing		\$ 200.00
OSL/BB Rose & Thorn Awards		\$ 275.00
OSL/BB Title Medallions	4 @ \$20	\$ 80.00
Total Leather Pride Week Expense		\$ 1,305.00
Program Expense - Back2Black		
Back2Black		\$ -
Total Sash Bash Expense		\$ -
Operating Expense		
Advertising		\$ 200.00
Equipment Rental & Maintenance		\$ 65.00
Postage		\$ 50.00
Pride Parade Registration		\$ 100.00
Professional Services Fees		\$ 200.00
Supplies & Materials		\$ 40.00
Taxes & Annual Rpt		\$ 60.00
Total Operating Expense		\$ 715.00
Total Expenses		\$ 6,300.00
Total Net Income (Loss)		\$ 300.00

Good of The Order – Bill Westervelt voted on as board member.

Next Meeting – 3/15/15 @1:15pm @ The Catalyst

Meeting Adjourned: 2:15pm