

BLACKOUT LEATHER PRODUCTIONS
CORRECTED Board Minutes for
Saturday, June 30, 2012
Noon at Embers Broadway in Portland, Oregon
Minutes recorded by Gary Klein

Board Members Present: Thom Butts, Tobin Britton, Justin Britton, Brent Seeley, Gary Klein, Gene Sanders, Shell Bishop.

Title Holders Present: Tracey and Tarsus

Guest: Dominic Chevalier

Absent: Mack McCall (out sick), and Nick (attending Primal Pain in Canada)

Secretary's Report – Minutes from the May 2012 board meeting:

No one identified any errors, corrections, nor questions about the May 2012 minutes.

Gary made a motion to accept the June 2012 minutes as is. Tobin seconded that motion. Voting in favor of the motion were: Thom, Gene, Brent, Tobin, Justin, Shell and Gary. There were no negative votes cast, and no abstentions. The motion to approve the May 2012 Minutes carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Justin made the following report:

Treasurer's Report
For June 2012

Our starting balance was: \$7,069.52 May 19th, 2012.

Deposits / Credits made during the last month included:

5/18/12	Spread Eagle Proceeds	\$77.00
	Neighborhood House 90% = \$69.30	
	BLP 10% = 7.70	
5/29/12	Titleholder Pin Revenue	\$45.00
6/18/12	Play Party Advance Ticket Sale	\$15.00
6/19/12	Play Party Advance Ticket Sale	\$15.00
6/19/12	Play Party Advance Ticket Sale	\$15.00
6/19/12	Play Party Door Ticket Sale	\$20.00
	Play Party Credit Card Sale Total = \$65.00	
6/19/12	Replacement of Play Party Opening Till	\$100.00
6/19/12	Pin Revenue	\$95.00

Titleholder Pins = \$85.00
 OLP Pins = \$10.00

6/19/12	Play Party Revenue		\$63.00
Checks written / Debits made during the last month included:			
5/19/12	Nick Elliott	Check 832	\$404.60
	IML Airfare Reimbursement		
5/19/12	Terry Moschella	Check 833	\$355.00
	IML Airfare Reimbursement		
5/19/12	Neighborhood House	Check 834	\$454.50
	April LURE Charity Payout		
5/31/12	Hyatt Regency Chicago	Check 835	\$1,222.08
	Nick and Terry's IML Hotel Room		
6/6/12	123cheapdomains.com	Debit Card	\$13.95
	1 Year Renewal of blackoutleather.org		
6/6/12	123cheapdomains.com	Debit Card	\$13.95
	1 Year Renewal of oregonleatherpride.org		
6/16/12	ATM Withdrawal	Debit Card	\$100.00
	Opening Till for Play Party		
6/16/12	The Syndicate	Check 836	\$0.00
	Voided – Paid Cash Instead		
6/20/12	Intuit's Credit Card Fee Withdrawal	ACH	\$0.41
6/20/12	Intuit's Credit Card Fee Withdrawal	ACH	\$0.41
6/20/12	Intuit's Credit Card Fee Withdrawal	ACH	\$0.41
6/20/12	Intuit's Credit Card Fee Withdrawal	ACH	\$0.54
	Total Credit Card Fee Withdrawal = \$1.77		

The Current Allocation of Funds reflect the following:

Bank Account Balance:	\$7,069.52
Blackout Monetary Assets:	\$6,582.69
Mr. Travel Fund	\$ 257.62
Ms. Travel Fund	\$ 229.21
BB Travel Fund	\$ 0.00

Titleholder Pin Tally

Date	# Sold	Deposit	Balance
5/19/2012	Pin Cost		\$620.00
5/19/2012	9	\$45.00	\$575.00
6/19/2012	17	\$85.00	\$490.00

Justin noted that we received only 5 credit card payments for the purchase of tickets to the June Play Party. And that payment was made for the renewal of domain hosting for the websites of BlackOutLeather.org and also OregonLeatherPride.org

Gene made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Tobin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were: Thom, Gene, Brent, Tobin, Shell and Gary. There were no negative votes cast, while Justin abstained. The motion to approve the June 2012 Treasurer's report carried.

Titleholder's Reports:

Oregon State Bootblack Report by Nick:

Past:

May 23 - May 29 - IML

Competing for International Mr. Bootblack - and won. :)

June 1 - Scotch/Cigar social - Attended and celebrated

June 8 - Beartown Cigar social - Bootblacked

June 9 - PLM Potluck - Co-hosted with Les Lewis

June 9 - Dirty Playground - Play party - attended and bootblacked

June 16 - Pride Play Party - Hosted

June 17 - Portland Pride Parade - Marched!

June 23 - LURE - Attended and Bootblacked

June 24 - Seattle Pride Parade - Marched!

June 24 - Seattle Erotic Arts Festival - Did two demo sessions

Future:

June 29 - Jul 1 - Primal Pain, Canada (Attendee)

Jul 13-15 - Thunder in the Mountains, Colorado (Volunteering)

Jul 21/22 - In Seattle assisting NW Sir/Boy/BB in prepping for ILSB.

Jul 26-30 - ILSB - assisting coordinate contest for BB, and bootblackening at Dore Alley.

Aug 3 - 12 - Leather Pride Week and Oregon State Contests.

Nick Elliott.

Oregon State Bootblack 2011

International Mr. Bootblack 2012

Ms. Oregon State Leather Report by Mz. Tracey:

Attended May LURE. June Cigar and Scotch Social. Hosted LUST. Attended Dirty Playground. Performed at Pervy Pride Party. Hosted Pride Play Party. Marched in Portland Pride parade. Attended GLPW picnic and play party. Marched in Seattle Pride parade.

Likely attending Cigar Social on July 6. Hosting Spread Eagle on July 14th.

LURE...maybe? Attending Leather Pride Week events- most definitely!

I am asking the board to approve the July Spread Eagle as my fundraiser. I will be accepting

Please attach the Charities IRS 501c3 documentation and a letter authorizing BLP to raise money for the charity.

Advertising

Please attach all event flyers, posters and any other advertising materials you plan on using for approval. Please spell check before submitting. Make sure you are not using copy written material.

All flyers must clearly show:

The event name, time, venue name, venue address, cover/donation price, charity recipient and Blackout Leather Production's Logo and web address

Event Description

Please describe your proposed event (Please attach additional sheets if needed)

Spread Eagle A Social for Flogging Enthusiasts.

A Cross will be set up on the premises. A few floggers will be available to "try". Flogging demonstrations/samplings will be available for a donation. Bootblack available. Raffle drawings to be held at 10:30, 11, and 11:30pm

**No Cover, but canned/boxed food donation accepted at door
Raffle tickets 1= \$1; Inseam = \$5
\$5 Suggested donation for flogging demos, and bootblacking**

ALL GENDERS WELCOME

Special Needs

Please list any additional needs your event will need from the Board of Directors (Please attach additional sheets if needed)

Spread the word please. Come have some fun too!

Event Organizers

Name: Mz. Tracey
msosl2011@gmail.com

Phone: 503.789.0709

Email:

After some discussion, Shell made a motion to approve Tracey's event proposal for July 14, 2012. Brent seconded the motion. All board members present voted in favor of the proposal without any negative votes, and no abstentions. Motion carried to approve Tracey's event.

Tracey sold some pins at Seattle's Pride Parade. Discussed an appearance that she is trying to set up in the Salem area.

Mr. Oregon State Leather: Report by Tarsus:

Past Engagements

- *May 23 - May 29 – IML Competing for International Mr. Leather
- *June 1 - Scotch/Cigar social - Attended and celebrated
- *June 8 - Bear town Cigar social
- *June 16 - Pride Play Party
- *June 17 - Portland Pride Parade
- *June 23 - LURE – Hosted

Future Engagements

- *Jul 8 – Red Ribbon Show - Salem
- *Jul 26-30 - ILSB - Dore Alley.
- *Aug 3 -12 - Leather Pride Week and Oregon State Contests.

TARSUS

Mr. Oregon State Leather 2011

Trying to make an appearance in San Francisco for Dore Alley, but that is not yet cast in stone. Tarsus handed in \$50 to the Treasurer for proceeds from selling 10 more pins.

Old Business:

Portland Pride Parade Wrapup for 2012: We did not have any surprises, and no adverse coverage in the media.

As for the play party, we had a turnout of 30-35 people including volunteers. It appears that we had a slight dollar loss for this event. There was too much competition from so many different events scheduled in the Portland area clubs, bars, dungeons and bath houses that same weekend. It appears that a core group of gay men who are interested in kinky events, if given a choice, they will not attend a pansexual event if a men's only event is scheduled nearby in location or time. It seems that if we want to attract these men to a play event, we need to create a rather unique drawing card.

Oregon Leather Pride 2012: Thom led off with a report from the OLP Committee. "PQ" Monthly Magazine <pqmonthly.com> made a proposal to the OLP Committee to become the "official" media sponsor for OLP, in return for which:

- PQ will give OLP a full centerspread in an upcoming issue of an issue of PQ in time for Leather Pride events.
- PQ's logo should appear on OLP's posters as "media sponsor"
- PQ to receive 2 tickets for those OLP events which require tickets

- PQ will extend \$1,000 advertising credit to each participating OLP organization for use in future issues of PQ
- PQ will be designated as the “official media sponsor” by each participating group in OLP

Board members discussed this proposal at length. Gary made a motion to accept the proposed agreement with PQ magazine to become BLP’s “official media sponsor” for 12 months, and to ratify the similar proposal that PQ extended to OLP. Gene seconded the motion. All of the board members that were present voted in favor of this motion. There were no votes cast against the motion, and no abstentions. The motion to designate PQ magazine as “media sponsor” was approved.

Leather Vegas – Thom noted that we are still trying to line up an emcee for this event.

Oregon Leather Contest – Tobin has checked in with Don Hood regarding contest concerns. Tobin mentioned her concerns regarding food arrangements for the day. We need to get some sort of table lights near the 8 judges during the course of the contest. Tarsus will check with Embers to see if they might have appropriate sized lamps available.

Several people have talked about the application process, but no one has submitted an application so far for any of the 3 titles. Deadline for handing in applications is July 27, 2012.

Justin discussed the ad sales process, and will follow up with more details to the 3 titleholders to make sure that they do not contact folks who have already agreed to take ads in our contest program guide. Deadline for advertising commitments is July 28. Three advertisers are lined up so far. We will not approve any requests for “swapping” advertisements with any organization!

Thom discussed that our leather contest conflicts with Toronto’s leather pride that same weekend. That has knocked us out from getting key national titleholders to attend our contest. Thom has secured commitments from Trinity (American Leather Woman) and from Ruin (North America Bootblack) to serve as judges for our contest!

Victory Brunch for Sunday August 12th has been lined up at the Doubletree Hotel located at 1000 NE Multnomah Street / Portland, in their Multnomah Grille. Doubletree will validate parking for attendees at this brunch buffet.

We are waiting for an update from Mack on the nomination process for the Rose & Thorn Awards.

Back Patches: Tracey has not received sufficient information back from Leather Masters.

Thom passed around a sample of a back patch that was produced by Rock Ranch Embroidery of Sandy, OR (business run by Thom’s sister-in-law). Board members discussed color, sizes, border, spacing, texture and materials. Rock Ranch was asking for \$65 for labor, plus the cost of the materials, to produce 3 sets of leather back patches for Mr / Ms / Bootblack versions of the

Oregon State Leather title holders for 2012. Based on Thom's notes, the price for 3 back patches with the current design & size would total \$310.

Board members noted this would be a substantial savings over what BLP paid in recent previous years to other local leather crafters. Everyone seemed to like the fact that the logo incorporated the colors of black, blue, red & white from the Leather Pride flag, together with the outline of the State of Oregon, and liked how the outer triangle brought together BLP's 3 title holders into a single logo.

After substantial discussion and passing around of the materials, Tobin made a motion to spend up to \$310 in extending an order to Rock Ranch Embroidery of Sandy OR to produce 3 back patches for the Oregon State Leather titleholders for 2012. Gene seconded the motion.

Due to the fact that Thom is related to the owner of the embroidery business, he declined to take part in this vote. Voting in favor of this motion were Gene, Brent, Tobin, Justin, Shell and Gary. Thom abstained. There were no negative votes cast. The motion to spend up to \$310 for the purchase of 3 leather back patches was approved.

Proposed Changes to BLP's Operations Manual: Thom passed around a copy of the text containing the changes to the BLP Operations Manual that had been discussed at a previous BLP board meeting.

Shell made a motion to accept the implementation of the proposed changes to the Operations Manual, to be integrated into the text, and posted to the BLP files as a WORD document. Tobin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were: Gene, Brent, Tobin, Justin, Shell and Gary. There were no negative votes cast, while Thom abstained. The motion to implement the proposed changes to the Operations Manual was approved.

Operations Manual, Article I, Section E, Paragraph 2 - The Board shall be responsible to:
Amended with item #7 - Provide each new titleholder with a medallion and a back patch stating the title and year. They shall be the property of BLP until the successful completion of the title year, after which it shall become property of the titleholder.

Unsolicited Donation & Request for Ad in the Seattle Gay News: We received a personal check from Ron Rasmussen of Vancouver WA for \$300 as a donation to BLP, and a recommendation that BLP place an ad in the Seattle Gay News to promote the Oregon State Leather contests & leather pride in Portland.

BLP extends its thanks to Ron Rasmussen for his generous donation, and will formally acknowledge that to Ron in writing.

Board members discussed the options listed in SGN's rate card for advertising, as well as what specifics we could include in such an ad. It was noted that we do not need any further authorizations from the board, since BLP authorized up to \$210 of advertising expense in the Seattle Gay News at the May 2012 board meeting. Consensus was reached that we have sufficient time to submit ad copy to SGN, to promote the Oregon State Leather contest, and to reformat a version of our promotional material for SGN.

Kinky Karnival Assets: Tobin visited Tommie's place and inspected the Kinky Karnival materials that were stored outside her home. The PVC piping is in reasonable shape, but the rest of the items that were stored there have been ravaged by moisture, mold and other things that have rendered them useless over the years.

We clearly need to organize a work party to properly dispose of these useless items. **We consulted our personal schedules and selected Saturday, July 21st as the cleanup day.** Board members & friends will need to bring gloves and grungee clothing in order to cope with the mold & mildew infested items that we need to transport to a valid dump site. We will also need to bring tarps, in order to cover the debris that will be transported in truck beds to the dump site. If we do not cover the debris, the dump sites will assess a surcharge on their dumping fees!

Shell looked up disposal fees at one dumpsite in Portland: \$12.50 to drive through, plus \$90 per ton of covered material, subject to a \$36 minimum fee.

Gene made a motion to authorize up to \$200 expense to cover the cost of the dump site fees. Shell seconded the motion. All of the board members that were present voted in favor of this motion. There were no negative votes, and no abstentions. The motion to spend up to \$200 in dumping fees was approved.

Tobin will look into the specific Saturday hours of operations and inform board members of the starting time of the clean up project at Tommie's home on July 21st.

New Business:

Capitol Pride in Salem, OR: Gene passed around a brochure promoting Salem's Capitol Pride event, taking place in Downtown Salem on Sunday, August 5th, 10am—5pm. Although this falls during Oregon Leather Pride week, there are no events taking place that day that specifically requires BLP's presence. This one day festival is organized by Capitol Pride, a 501-c-3 organization <capitolpride.org>. If we sign up for a spot, we will have a 10x10 area that we can use to set up a backdrop & table from which we could sell t-shirts & pins. Tracey and Gene both volunteered to staff a BLP booth at this event. Tracey offered to bring some materials that can be used to set up a booth. Providing BLP presence at this event would greatly assist Tracey's efforts to reach out to folks in the Salem area. Gene has been told that Capitol Pride will give us the \$40 registration price for early bird discount, even if we miss the stated deadline!

Gene made a motion for BLP to spend \$40 to secure a registration for a booth at Capitol Pride in Salem for August 5, 2012. Shell seconded the motion. All of the board members that were present voted in favor of this motion. There were no negative votes, and no abstentions. The motion to spend \$40 for Capitol Pride was approved.

Cascades AIDS Project Walk in Portland, OR: Thom asked if board members were interested in having BLP sign up as a group for this year's walk, scheduled for Sunday, September 23 in Downtown Portland. There is no financial commitment to enter as a group. And there is no minimum amount of money that we need to raise. Since there are no out of pocket expenses, and this is an all volunteer effort, consensus was quickly reached that BLP should enter again in this year's 2.5 mile AIDS walk.

Changing Some Procedures for our BLP Web Site & Email Accounts: Thom advised the board that some behind the scenes upgrading by our Internet service provider has necessitated making some changes with respect to the processing of our web site & email addresses. For the bulk of our web presence, there should not be any noticeable differences before & after the system change (covering BLP, OLP and SashBash web sites). The new server will allow us to have more specialty email addresses than in the past: President / VicePresident / Secretary / Treasurer / BLP-Media / Tickets. However, the new system cannot handle email addresses with embedded ampersands – this causes a problem for the *ROSEÞ* award email address!

If Kevyn is unable to give us a doable workaround for forwarding email from the old system, to the new system, then we will have to create a new email address to receive nominations for the Rose & Thorn Awards. It was suggested that as a fallback, we reserve the email address of ROSEANDTHORN.

Thom offered to keep the board updated on any future developments.

Filling a Vacancy on the BLP Board: Dominic advised the board that now that certain things have settled down in his life, he has some more time on his hands, and is interested in rejoining the BLP Board. Since Dominic is both a former OSL titleholder and a former BLP board member, the bylaws do not require any specific meeting attendance as a prerequisite to consider in instance. Gene made a motion to nominate Dominic Chevalier to serve as a Director of BLP to fill the existing vacancy of the board's seats. Tobin seconded the motion. All of the board members present voted in favor of this motion. There were no negative votes, and no abstentions. The motion to nominate Dominic to join the board was heartily approved.

Welcome back aboard!

Next BLP Board Meeting: *Sunday July 22, 2012, Noon at the Embers*

Meeting ended at 2:15pm.

Minutes recorded by Gary Klein