

Blackout Leather Productions

Minutes from the May 16th, 2010 Board meeting

Location: Marriott Courtyard

Meeting Called to Order: 12:04

Attendance: Members - Thom, Mack, Dan, Dominic, Gene, Don, Jerry, Terry, Tobin, and Justin.
Titleholders present: Brent. No contact with Lesset prior to the meeting about her attendance.

Secretary's Report: Posted prior to the meeting. Correction of Michelle Bishops's name (listed as Shel) to reflect Shell. The word Notion was changed to Motion in the 2009 Taxes Discussion section. Gender of SHE was corrected to HE in all occurrences referring to Tobin and Justin in the minutes and going forward will reflect this change. Justin was added to assist the titleholders in ad sales.

Motion to approve with the above listed corrections was made by Gene, and seconded by Tobin.

Vote consisted of Thom, Mack, Justin, Dominic, Gene, Tobin, Don, Jerry and Terry voting yes, Dan abstained.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report was posted to the web site and able to be viewed by all. Discussion about the annual report and its due date were discussed and the letter from the state that was sent earlier to Dan would be faxed or brought to Portland for Thom.

Motion to approve made by Gene and seconded by Dominic.

Vote consisted of Thom, Mack, Dan, Dominic, Gene, Don, Tobin, Terry and Jerry voting Yes. Justin abstained.

Titleholder's Reports:

Mr. O.S.L.: Brent listed his attended functions as well as his anticipated functions for the next month.

Brent's Event listing was as follows:

May 2010

5/8 PLM

5/15 Dungeon party

Upcoming

5/22 Attending LURE

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5/29 IML

6/19 Pride Weekend

6/26 DBSM Men Only Class - Flogging

6/26 Hosting LURE

Brent expressed a concern as to how to hand over his receipts for IML and it was stated that he had not been cleared for sponsorship as yet. A discussion regarding his remaining duties / responsibilities followed.

Dominic made a motion to sponsor Brent regardless of a joint event. The motion made was: In the event Brent is unable to coordinate a joint event with Lesset prior to IML, that he coordinate one upon his return either with Lesset or another person (Shell used as a reference) and that BLP sponsor him with this stipulation.

Tobin seconded the motion and the vote was taken with all present voting Yes.

Thom will be taking a check to IML to cover half the cost of the hotel thus avoiding the need to submit after the contest.

Brent passed around an event proposal for a Commando LURE with the name being left to the interpretation of the attendee. Thom volunteered to take the funds at the event.

Dominic made a motion to approve the Commando LURE event and was seconded by Mack.

Vote consisted of Thom, Mack, Justin, Dan, Dominic, Gene, Tobin, Don, Jerry and Terry voting yes.

S.M.Y.R.C. contacted Brent asking if he would be able to set up a Safe Sex event. More forthcoming.

Ms. O.S.L.: Lesset did not submit a report and was not in attendance at the meeting.

Mack read aloud the letter drafted and sent to Lesset regarding the issues of her responsibilities and code of ethics. Lesset's reply was also read aloud. The initial letter was sent May 5th and her reply was sent on May 14th.

Discussions followed and were regarding the following:

- Dominic was to assist with a fundraiser going from bar to bar and when the bars were not approached in a speedy manner concluded she (Lesset) may not have realized what it takes to set up a fundraiser.
- Don added that as Ms. Gay Portland of the Rose Court, she knows the steps to take and simply did not follow through.
- Gene stating she had posted her titleholder's report to the list after receiving a text message. (Nothing on the yahoo group showed up by 12:44)
- Mack stated he was surprised at the amount of communication she has had.
- Thom was concerned regarding any event and that if there was an event to go bar to bar, why wasn't there an Event Proposal presented to the board.
- Don felt it is unfair to Brent due to her lack of involvement. Allowing this to continue would reflect negatively on BLP and the Leather Community.
- Tobin felt that even with a last chance warning letter, she has no desire to continue with her obligations and that her absence should warrant an end to the title for her.
- Justin is concerned that she does not want to be represented by her if this is her attitude towards the title.
- Jerry felt Mack's letter was clear. She made a generic response that was vague in spots. She didn't come to the meeting to defend herself, therefore he feels she should be stripped and be done with it.

Jerry made a motion to strip Lesset of the title of Ms. Oregon State Leather 2009 and that she not receive any benefit from it and that her name be removed from the history of the title.

Tobin then seconded the motion.

Discussion followed the motion.

- Dominic felt the letter was not what the board had agreed upon when they had the meeting the previous month.
- Gene stated he received another text from Lesset: "I believe I no longer had a title"
- Gene recommended a second letter be sent to Lesset from the board with a clear definition as to the number of days the changes would need to be made by.
- Justin felt if she wanted the title she would have been here to defend it. The lack of a report and absence showed her willingness to comply.
- Dominic wanted the board to consider if they wanted her to continue to represent BLP.
- Dan mentioned that if she really wanted to keep the title, even if the letter said she was stripped, she should have shown up to defend herself. Her lack of attendance, vague reply to the letter and her constant text messaging with Gene during the meeting showed her lack of interest.
- Mack said if she can take the time to text, then she should be here in person.
- Don said she has not shown integrity or honor in her actions.
- Jerry stated the board listed its intentions in the letter should she not follow through with what the board needed, since she had not even shown up to defend herself but instead text messaged Gene, that in his opinion, it is not a priority to her.

The vote was called for.

The vote was as follows: Thom, Mack, Justin, Dan, Dominic, Tobin, Don, and Jerry voted to strip her. Terry voted no to stripping her and Gene abstained from the vote.

Thom asked Gene if he was talking to her while the meeting was going on and he replied yes.

Thom will contact Lesset to retrieve the Sash, Back Patch, and Medallion.

Old Business:

2010 Gay Pride Parade: BLP and the Leather contingent are registered for the parade. Leather contingent is reflected as: BLP, PLA, Bad Girls, Oregon Bears and the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court. Staging area is close to Brent's and he has offered us the use during staging. Brent will find out where the BLP truck goes for the line up. Dan asked if the Northwest LeatherSIR, Leatherboy and Community Boot Black could join BLP for the parade and was given permission.

- Pride Parade Vehicle: Pup's truck
- Banner: The Hanky Leather Pride Flag
- Rope for additional ties downs
- Sling in the back of the truck
- New route this year. See the Just Out article for clarification.

Oregon Leather Pride:

- **LPWC Report:** A virtual meeting was held (Or not held). BLP is being given 5 events for Leather Pride. In the flier. The check from Starbucks has not arrived yet to the P.O. Box. Dan asked if there will be someone to proof the flier prior to it going to print.
- Movie Night with Allyson to be at the Embers August 9th. Movie to be F**** - A Documentary.
- Leather Vegas has confirmation from Sister Mona and Dominic went to the Sisters' website to ask for additional assistance with a Human Slot Machine. Mylar will be contacted as a possible Condon and Lube Girl. Dominic is asking for donations for the end of the evening raffle. Dan will provide a few items as will his mother. Don will provide a Leather Pride Rose if he is able to get one completed by then. Terry and Dominic are working on a poster for the event.
- **2010 O.S.L. Judges and Staff:**
 - **Judges: (And status as of this meeting)**
 - Brent
 - Mamma Rhinehardt
 - Gene Romaine - Seattle (Not yet contacted)
 - Timm Briggs – Seattle (Not yet contacted)
 - Mollena (2010 IMSL) May be attending an alternate contest that weekend
 - Last judge holding off to see if new IML would be available
 - **Entertainment:** Don will be contacting Dawna Creation a possible performer. (No work yet)
 - **Tally Masters:** Ronda and J.C. Both confirmed
 - **Program Design:** Thom and Justin
 - **Stage Mangers:** Don and Dan
 - **Judge's Runner:** Mike Ryan is confirmed and Gene as an alternate
 - **Door:** Justin and one other.
 - **Den Daddy:** Tobin
 - **Emcees:** Sister Anorexia and Lynnda Hale will be asked. Both confirmed
- **2010 O.S.L. Logo:**
 - Terry presented the proposed image and a suggestion of using the Leather Pride Flag as the flooring instead of a white floor would be better. Terry will have the changes up within a few days on the website.
- **2010 O.S.L. Ad Sales:**
 - Titleholder to be assisted by Justin with ad sales. Spreadsheet used from previous years with the size obtained previously as info for the advertiser. Ad deadline is July 23rd with the DROP DEADLINE of July 26th.

- Ad Rates:
 - Full Page: \$90.00
 - Half Page: \$50.00
 - Quarter Page: \$35.00
- Sponsorship: After discussion of who we should approach for sponsorship (to remain at \$300.00), the following were decided as potential sponsors for the contest: Local sponsors were not contacted yet .
 - Embers Avenue
 - The Roxy
 - Eagle PDX
 - Mr. S Leathers (Declined sponsorship but would like a full page ad and be considered for future sponsorship)
- **B.L.P. Event Updates:**
 - Rose and Thorn Awards: Mack to take care of the awards No update but only needs 48 hours to get awards completed. Nominations and promos to be discussed at the next meeting.
 - Brunch: Julia's Café on N.E. Broadway will be the location for the brunch and they are closing the restaurant from 11 – 2 to host us. Ordering brunch will be off the menu.

New Business:

Lunch for Judges and Stage Crew: Don asked for a \$100.00 budget for the Embers to provide a lunch for the crew and judges the day of the contest. Don will talk with the Embers to coordinate and felt it better to give them the business since the venue is being donated.

A motion to approve a \$100.00 budget for lunch at the Embers the day of the contest for the crew and judges was made by Dominic and seconded by Tobin.

The vote was called for and was passed unanimously with a Yes vote by the entire board.

Next Meeting:

June 13th, 2010 at 2pm

Location: Marriott Courtyard.

Meeting Called to a Close at 13:45