

***Sunday, November 20, 2016: Monthly Board Meeting
Called to order at 1:20pm
5 OF 7 BOARD MEMBERS: QUORUM PRESENT***

Meeting Held at: Embers Broadway - 110 NW Broadway / Portland, OR 97209

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Vickie Britton (Justin), Mariruth Dee Orr (Stormy), Gary M. Klein, William H. Westervelt (Bill) and Patricia Faith Boyles (Micky).

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Rebecca Elmer {Petal} and Terry Moschella (Tarsus)

TITLEHOLDERS PRESENT: Eric Windham and Lucky Ordaz

GUESTS PRESENT: Jacob Cannon and Cole Miner

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Gary already corrected the wording suggested by Justin via email in the October 2016 minutes.
- Bill made a motion to accept the corrected minutes of the October 2016 board meeting. Justin seconded the motion. Justin, Gary and Bill were present and voted in favor of accepting the minutes. STORMY ABSTAINED since she was not present at the October board meeting and could not verify if they were accurate. There were no votes against the motion. The motion to formally accept the minutes of the October 2016 board meeting PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's Report

For November

Our starting balance was: \$10,375.85 Oct. 16, 2016

Deposits / Credits made during the last month included:

Checks written / Debits made during the last month included:

Travel Fund Activity:

Mr. Travel Fund:

Ms. Travel Fund:

BB Travel Fund:

Puppy Travel Fund:

The Current Allocation of Funds reflect the following:

Bank Account Balance:	\$10,375.85
Blackout Monetary Assets:	\$ 9,509.25
Mr. Travel Fund	\$ 65.65
Ms. Travel Fund	\$ 222.88
BB Travel Fund	\$ 283.20
Pup Travel Fund	\$ 294.86

- Bill noted that there was no banking activity of any kind since the October 2016 board meeting!
- Gary made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for November 2016. Justin seconded the motion. Justin, Stormy, Gary, Bill and Micky were present and voted in favor of accepting the minutes. There were no votes against the motion and no abstentions. The motion to formally accept the Treasurer's Report for the November 2016 board meeting PASSED.

TITLEHOLDERS REPORTS

Bill suggested that in the future all of BLP's Titleholders consider sending a copy of their monthly activity reports to PLA in order to foster awareness of their activities in the community & to maintain a good relationship with PLA.

LUCKY's Mr. Oregon State Leather report (submitted via email on November 20th):

- 10/22 Coronation
- 10/22 L.U.R.E
- 10/22 kink night @ TVR
- 10/24 PDXPAH Board meeting
- 10/28 DNA meeting
- 11/4 Leather scotch and cigars
- 11/5 kink night @ TVR
- 11/8 DNA meeting
- 11/19 pdxpah mosh
- 11/19 spanksgiving
- 11/19 velvet rope
- 11/20 B.I.L.S meeting
- 11/20 BLP meeting

Upcoming

- 11/23 Queer Leather Dinner?
- 11/26 Black and Blue Vendor Fair
- 11/26 Black and Blue Play Party
- 11/26 LURE
- 11/27 BootLab?
- 12/1 Queer Munch
- 12/2 Scotch and Cigars
- 12/3 Kink Night
- 12/10 SEAPAH Holiday Party
- 12/17 PDXPAH Birthday Party
- 12/18 BiLs
- 12/18 BLP

- Lucky mentioned that he will be meeting with Eric in the coming week to coordinate their joint fund raising event.
- Lucky discussed the four event proposals that he & Micky jointly submitted to Kink Fest for the weekend of April 14 –16 at the Portland Expo Center. No funds are needed in advance from BLP. The specifics of the even time will determine by PLA which runs Kink Fest. PLA has given Lucky & Micky a green light, in that they have been officially asked to give a presentation, but PLA has not yet decided on which of the four proposals will be delivered at this time. PLA is still evaluating all of the other workshop & even proposals before finalizing the program for that weekend.
- Gary made a motion to accept Lucky's proposal for an April 2017 event at PLA's Kink Fest to count towards meeting the requirements of producing & hosting an educational event. Stormy seconded the motion. All of the board members that were present approved the motion without any dissent or abstentions. MOTION PASSED

ERIC's Oregon State Bootblack Report (submitted via email November 20th:

Bootblack Report

- 10/22 Coronation
- 10/22 Queer Dungeon Party
- 10/22 Lure
- 11/3 Queer Munch
- 11/11-13 Leather Reign
- 11/19 Spanksgiving
- 11/19 Queer dungeon party

Upcoming

- 11/20 BLP Board Meeting
 - 11/26 PLA Black and Blue
 - 11/26-27 meeting with Mr. Oregon State Leather 2016 to discuss events.
 - 11/27 Bootlab
 - 12/1 PDX Queer munch
 - 12/4 Bears Holiday Show
 - 12/17 Queer Dungeon Party
 - 12/20 Flaggers
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- Eric noted that he will try to attend as many different munches in the greater Portland area as possible during December 2016.
 - Eric thanked Leather Reign for their fund raising project on behalf of titleholders who attended.
 - ERIC submitted an event request proposal form to Justin, which has been posted to the GOOGLE GROUP.
 - Eric discussed his event proposal to conduct an educational event on Leather Care at PDX Flagger's gathering on January 17, 2017 at 7pm. This will be held at Catalyst with no upfront money required by BLP. After his educational event and discussion of leather care & the history of bootblacking, PDXFlaggers will then switch gears into a play party.

- Stormy made a motion to accept Eric's proposal for a January 17, 2017 event at Catalyst in conjunction with PDX Flaggers to count towards meeting the requirements of producing & hosting an educational event. Bill seconded the motion. All of the board members that were present approved the motion without any dissent or abstentions. MOTION PASSED

OLD BUSINESS:

Bolivia Carmichael's Family Feud:

- Justin was able to get a hold of Bolivia Carmichael. Unfortunately, Bolivia will not be able to coordinate this event as originally anticipated.
- BLP will consider coordinating resurrecting this Family Feud concept ourselves as BLP fund raising event.

Mission statement:

- At the October 2016 board meeting, we took a first time vote on updating BLP's Bylaws to reflect the new wording of our mission statement. However, under our charter, Bylaws cannot be changed unless the amendments to change the bylaws have been discussed at two different meetings of BLP's board of directors. Today's November meeting will be the second month that we can discuss these amendments. Therefore we are now able to hold a binding vote on the proposed changes.
- The new wording is **shown in green**, and the old wording to be removed is **shown in red**:

BYLAWS / ARTICLE III / PURPOSE

This Corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively for social welfare, civic and charitable purposes. Subject to the limitations stated in the Articles of Incorporation, the purpose of this corporation shall be to engage in any lawful activities, none of which are for profit, for which corporation may be organized under Chapter 65 of the Oregon Revised Statutes (or its corresponding future provisions) and Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or its corresponding future provisions).

The Corporation's primary purpose shall be to promote the welfare, health and education of **those communities that fall under the LGBTQ+ / Leather / SM / Fetish umbrella ~~the gay and lesbian Leather/SM/Fetish community~~ and to eliminate prejudice against **those communities.** ~~that community.~~**

- Justin made a motion to amend the "Purpose" section of Article III of BLP's bylaws so that the wording is now fully encompassing of "LGBTQ+ / Leather / SM / Fetish" communities. Gary seconded this motion. Justin, Gary, Stormy, Bill and Micky all voted in favor of this motion to amend BLP's bylaws. There were no votes cast against this motion, and no abstentions. Petal and Tarsus were not present at this board meeting, and therefore they did not vote on this proposal. THE MOTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS WAS APPROVED.
- Justin volunteered to file our amended bylaws with the State of Oregon when BLP files its next annual update of our contact information, along with paying our next annual corporate charter renewal fee.

Question about BLP's Banners & Flags:

- Justin measured the size of our existing banners that have been displayed at pride parades as being 60 inches by 37 inches.
- Eric will be putting together some price quotes for new banners to cover Leather pride / Bootblack pride / Puppy pride.

Leather Reign in Washington State:

- Justin submitted BLP's ad block on October 31 to the Leather Reign website but did not receive any confirmation of its receipt by Leather Reign. We do not know if our ad was in the final program for Leather Reign or not. Since this was offered to BLP and other nonprofits as a free marketing vehicle, the board is not very concerned if we missed the boat on this or not.

Discussion of Problems with recent Back Patches & redesign for Future Titleholders:

- Lucky's & Erik's back patch area already have letters fraying & lambskin separating in several places. Everyone agreed that it is very problematic to have our emblems falling apart just 3 months after they were purchased.
- Justin offered to drive out with Eric & Lucky to Rock Ranch in Sandy to talk with the folks, about remediation, since they made the problematic patches.

NEW BUSINESS:

Terry Moschella (Tarsus) has moved to Seattle:

- Justin recently had a conversation with Tarsus. After a period of difficulties with finding affordable housing & affordable place to open a leather craft shop, Tarsus was able to resume his previous job in Seattle with Doghouse Leathers, and obtain affordable housing in Seattle. Therefore, Tarsus has verbally tendered his resignation from BLP's board since he cannot afford to commute to Portland to attend BLP's monthly board meetings.
- Gary made a motion to accept Tarsus' resignation from BLP's board of directors. Justin seconded the motion. All of the board members that were present voted to approve this motion. There were no votes cast against the motion, and no one abstained. THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION WAS APPROVED.
- Gary noted that BLP now has 6 board members, and that our minimum attendance at board meetings to constitute a quorum and conduct business is still holding at 4 board members.

Accounting Software for BLP's financial records:

- Justin noted that our accounting software is not just old, but that the software firm that produced it is no longer providing any form of assistance for that old software. On top of that, the software simply will not run on any Windows 10 operating system. Justin has been looking at other sources of more modern accounting software for small sized nonprofits. Justin and Gary both noted that QuickBooks is the most popular brand of accounting software for small to medium sized businesses. Justin summarized the different options available from QuickBooks to choose from, and their prices.
- Bill made a motion to authorize spending up to \$225 to purchase QuickBooks 2017 software to run on one physical computer at a time, which can be transferred to a different computer down the road if we need to change hardware. Justin seconded this motion. Justin, Gary, Stormy, Bill

and Micky all voted in favor of this motion to spend up to \$225 to purchase QuickBooks 2007 software. There were no votes cast against this motion, and no abstentions. THE MOTION TO SPEND UP TO \$225 for ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE WAS APPROVED.

West Coast Link / West Coast Leaders in Kink

- Justin noted that some folks in the PNW are trying to create an annual event & organization modeled after Southwest Leather Conference, called West Coast Leaders in Kink / West Coast Link. The group's goal is to create a 501-c-3 nonprofit that can build bridges with groups across the PNW, and people of all ages. Currently, WCLINK is receiving sponsorship, and some form of financial assistance or fiscal agent help from Generic Leather Productions of Washington. Odie Huston has been the person from GLPW who contacted Justin, asking if BLP is interested in joining WCLink.
- WCLink is organizing a conference February 17-19, 2017 at the Red Lion Hotel in Renton, WA and is seeking sponsors at either the Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum levels. The conference overlaps with the Washington State Master / Slave Contest (presumably on February 18th), but will be held in Everett WA (and NOT at the conference hotel, and NOT in Seattle). The WSMS Contest feeds into the Northwest Master/Slave Contest.
- After some discussion, Stormy made a motion to authorize spending \$100 to commit BLP to become a Bronze level sponsor of the West Coast Leaders in Kink / WCLink and to authorize creating appropriate artwork within their parameters for that level of sponsorship. Gary seconded the motion. Justin, Gary, Stormy, Bill and Micky all voted in favor of this motion to spend up \$100 to become a Bronze level sponsor of the West Coast Link 2017 conference in the State of Washington. There were no votes cast against this motion, and no abstentions. THE MOTION TO SPEND \$100 for BRONZE LEVEL SPONSORSHIP of WEST COAST LINK WAS APPROVED.

Rose Court's Price & Princess Investiture in Portland:

- Someone brought up the upcoming Prince & Princess investiture by the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court of Portland on Sunday December 11, 2016 and asked if BLP is interested in advertising in their program. Tickets to attend are \$25. Deadline for submitting ad copy is November 28. A ¼ page ads is available for \$35. Justin is willing to spend some time before the deadline to work out text & graphics for such and to submit that ad copy prior to ISRC's deadline.
- Bill made a motion to authorize spending \$35 for a ¼ page ad in the upcoming program book offered by the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court for their Price & Princess Investiture. Stormy seconded the motion. Justin, Gary, Stormy, Bill and Micky all voted in favor of this motion to spend \$35 to purchase this ad space in the ISRC's upcoming program book. There were no votes cast against this motion, and no abstentions. THE MOTION TO SPEND \$35 for a ¼ PAGE AD WAS APPROVED.

Leather & Lace Night:

- Lucky asked about the possibility of creating a Leather & Lace event utilizing the talents of Krystal Belle Rose / Michelle Harris and Bill Spencer from ISRC to be held during Oregon Leather Pride week on a Wednesday night. Justin & Stormy checked their personal event calendars and gave their consent that Wednesday nights are generally available during OLP week. None of the board members identified any potential problems with this proposal. All of the board members gave Lucky their thumb's up to proceed in trying to organize this as an official event from BLP.

Spansgiving Fund Raiser for "Momma's Family" charity in California

- Although last night's Spansgiving Event held at The Embers Broadway in Portland was not an official BLP event, Justin wanted the summary of the Spansgiving Fund Raiser results read into the minutes of BLP's board meeting.
- The one time event on November 19, 2016 raised \$852 in cash, and a net of \$340 in card transactions (after deducting processing fees).

Request to Change Meeting Times for BLP's Monthly Board Meetings

- With Lucky's completion of school & certification in hand as a phlebotomist, Lucky has been able to secure a good paying new job. Unfortunately, it requires him to work on Sunday afternoons. Therefore Lucky is asking BLP's board members to consider shifting the meeting time from its current 1:15pm start time, to commence the meetings at Noon, starting with the December 18, 2016 board meeting.
- Since there were no objections, Justin made a motion to switch BLP's regular board meeting start time to Noon on the Third Sunday of each month, starting with the December 2016 board meeting. Gary seconded the motion. . Justin, Gary, Stormy, Bill and Micky all voted in favor of this motion to switch the starting time of BLP's regular monthly board meetings to commence at Noon on the Third Sunday of each month. There were no votes cast against this motion, and no abstentions. THE MOTION TO SWITCH BLP's NORMAL MEETING TIMES TO START AT NOON WAS APPROVED.

MEETING ENDED at 2:41pm

REMINDER: NEXT MEETING OF BLP's Board of Directors:

Next regularly scheduled monthly board meeting of BLP will be held on Sunday December 18, 2016 at **NOON @ Embers Broadway / 110 NW Broadway / Portland, Oregon 97209**