

# **Blackout Leather Productions**

**Board Meeting Minutes from October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Noon at the Marriott Courtyard**

**Minutes taken and submitted by Dan McGuire**

Members and Titleholders Present: Thom, Mack, Dan, Justin, Tobin, Dominic, Brent, Gene, Shell and Peter. Guests present: Mary Entrikin, Tom Ayers, Jason, Bill Westervelt.

**Secretary's Report:** Read over and changes made to the following:

*Titleholders' Reports:* Thom is listed as making the motion to accept the reports. Thom commented that as President he makes a point not to make motions while presiding at the meeting. Justin reviewed his notes and was not sure of the reason for the listing of Thom.

*Leather Vegas / Meet & Greet:* Dominic has already bought and delivered playing cards to the I.S.R.C. to thank them for loaning BLP the equipment used for Leather Vegas needed to say that Dominic is still needing to buy and deliver the playing cards.

*Contest Raffle Money:* Thom is listed as making the motion and after reviewing the notes, Tobin was determined to have made that motion instead.

The motion to approve with the above changes was made by Tobin and seconded by Mack. The vote was Thom, Mack, Tobin, Brent and Dominic voting yes with Dan, Justin and Gene abstaining.

**Treasurer's Report:** Read to the board by Justin and after discussing holding onto \$35.00 (which was monies raised by Shell while boot blacking) Thom advised to simply deposit it.

A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Brent to donate 90% of the \$35.00 to Bradley Angel House and 10% to remain with Blackout. Discussion followed that Shell needed to still get the Non-Profit determination for the check to be cut. The vote following was Thom, Mack, Dan, Justin, Tobin, Brent and Dominic with Gene abstaining.

A motion was then made by Dan to accept the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Tobin. The vote was Thom, Mack, Dan, Tobin, Brent and Dominic voting yes while Justin and Gene abstained.

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

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

9/19 Darcelle's Rose Court Show. Contestants for Emperor/Emperress.  
9/21 Meeting with Allen Colley/Qcenter. My visions for them as my chosen charity.  
9/25 L.U.R.E. Jock Strap Party!  
9/26 Bears T Dance. Benefit for Rose City Softball League/Title Holders Fund.  
Hosted by Don James and Corey Fortuna  
10/2 Photo shoot for October LURE poster.  
10/9 PLM Potluck. Thank you Dustin Posner for the leather pants.  
10/10 Voting day for Emperor/Emperress.  
10/16 Rose Court Corronation. Melody Ballroom.

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

What I am doing.

10/18 Interviewing/filming for Qcenter doc with N.Y. film maker Craig Umanoff.

10/19 Qcenter community forum "WE ARE HERE!" Due to the tragic lost of 5 gay youth. The forum is an opportunity for our young people to talk about their experience and challenges of being out at school, home, etc.

10/23 L.U.R.E. Mask and UnderWear Night! Hugh B Russell International LeatherSIR 2010 special guest.

A travel fund silent auction.

10/24 5th Annual Wonder Woman Day! Xcalibur Bookstore. Hosted by Andy Mangles.

10/25 NW Community Boot Black 2011 Dylan's Pancake Benefit.

Peter's October Lure Event Proposal was passed around. His needs were for the re-imbusement of printing poster costs and the need for three clipboards to be present at the event. Bill would be present to assist with clothing check again and has graciously provided the bags needed. Bill Hoepner will be e-mailed by Dan to see how to manage the funds from the auction to be done with International LeatherSIR 2010 Sir Hugh and Peter. Dominic stated that he was told all funds are to be sent to Olivier Platt per ILSb/ICBB operating procedures. It was determined that 10% comes to BLP and the balance should be split between the two titleholder's travel funds. A motion to approve the October LURE event proposal was made by Tobin and seconded by Dominic. It was unanimously approved.

Peter's November LURE Event Proposal was passed around and the theme is "Back to Black". After the power outage at the Eagle the previous night, it was discussed to possibly have various times when lights would be cut at the Back to Black event to make it more intriguing to the attendees. A budget of \$10.00 was asked for to print posters for the event. This event will be taking place on Thanksgiving weekend. A motion to approve the event was made by Justin and seconded by Tobin. The motion passed unanimously.

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

What I have been up to the last month.

I was the guest facilitator for Badgirls Discussion group

Attended Lure

Was asked by Badgirls to host a workshop next month

Spent time volunteering for peacock after dark

Also I am working with PLA on queer inclusion for kink fest.

I will be attending Coronation on Saturday as well

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Shell

Ms. Oregon State Leather 2010

President Girls in Leather Service Rose City

Northwest Community Bootblack 2008

#### **Old Business:**

#### **Oregon Leather Pride Week Wrap Up:**

**Leather Vegas / Meet & Greet:** Playing cards have been purchased and are in the car awaiting delivery. Reimbursement has been passed to Justin for payment .

**Northwest Sash Bash Updates:** Space has been reserved at the Embers with Krystal Lynn since the actual calendar has not been changed yet. Dominic has been playing phone tag with Julie Spanks at the conservatory. Discussion of host hotel was thrown about. Jupiter hotel is an option and Red Lion was also thrown in but due to a conflict of interest with Dominic, they will not be approached. A meeting of people interested in helping with Sash Bash Northwest 2011 will be held at 6:30pm on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Dan will be attending via SKYPE if Dominic can get it up and running. The challenge to get Northwest Sash Bash permanently in Oregon will run into some trouble. Gene Romaine from GLPW is for letting it come to us but Hugh B.R. wants to try again to run it in Seattle.

**Pre-Interviews for OSL (Application Change):** Brent presented a very clear proposal on how to change the way the application process would be for Mr., Ms. And Oregon Boot Black. Tobin asked for some input on the Boot Black application as everywhere he went, they needed to be competing to see the application. Dan will forward the ILSb/ICBB application to him so he can review and work off of it. Background checks should be conducted if something comes up in the application that warrants further investigation. Brent will forward the document to Dan to include in the minutes.

**Proposed Operation Manual Changes (Rose & Thorn):** Mack presented some changes to the Rose & Thorn awards criteria as laid out in the Operations Manual.

Under Article III. Section C, Not eligible to be nominated for, nor receive awards:

2. Blackout Board members (With the exception for Community Choice Award with same two year restriction).

3. Current titleholder(s) and this year's candidates for the titles (with the exception for the Community Choice Award with the same two year restriction).

Thom was concerned that the wording would imply that the community would be able to vote for their choice of the contest candidate and that they would be voting for the next Mr., Ms., or Bootblack. Additional clarification will need to be put out at voting time that it is simply for the Community Choice award and not for the contest results. A motion to table the vote for 30 days was made by Tobin and seconded by Dominic. Motion passed.

**Oregon State Bootblack Proposed Operation Manual Changes:** Thom presented a list of changes that add the Oregon State Bootblack to our Operations Manual for the board to review. The board reviewed these changes and some discussion as had about the process at IML and tickets for the Bootblack they preferred. A motion was made by Tobin and seconded by Dominic to table the changes for 30 days and vote at the next meeting. Motion passed.

#### **New Business:**

**BLP Board Positions:** Mary Entrikin and Tom Ayers both asked for board membership. Board members asked questions about what they would be willing to do as members. Both stated whatever is needed of them. Mary's strengths are computer use and Tom has had extensive work behind the scenes at various productions. Tom is a prior board member of BLP. Thom mentioned that both needed to come up with a picture and biography for the BLP website. A motion was made by Mac to accept the two as board members and was seconded by Tobin. The vote was a unanimous round of Aye.

**Just Out:** Jason mentioned that Just Out does not have Blackout Leather Productions listed in their directory currently.

**Next Meeting: November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at Noon. Location is to be the Marriott Courtyard.**

**Meeting called to a close @ 13:16**