

Blackout Leather Productions
Minutes from 9/19/10 Meeting @ Courtyard Marriott

Attendees

Board/Titleholders: Thom, Don, Mack, Tobin, Justin, Brent, Dominic, Peter, Michelle

Guests: Gary, Jason, Tom Ayers

Meeting called to order at 12:02pm by Thom.

Secretary's Report: Dan had an excused absence due to a work conflict so there was no secretary's report given. Don pointed out a couple of grammar/typing errors on the report. They are on the last page under I.S.R.C. Coronation. The first one is: "Thom, Mack, Dan, Dominic and Terry voted yes ad Don abstained." That should read "...and Don abstained." Second is: "Discussion of placing a half page ad in the program at \$100.00 for Sash Bash ensued after a phone confirmed the cost." That should read "...after a phone *call* confirmed the cost." The last error is: "Thom, Mack, Dan, Dominic, and Terry voted yes ad Don abstained." That should read "...and Don abstained."

Justin motioned that we accept the Secretary's Report with the corrections and was seconded by Dominic. Thom, Don, Mack, Tobin, Justin and Dominic voted to accept the corrected report.

Treasurer's Report: Justin went over the amendments made to the August Treasurer's Report, which were made to individually call out all components of the \$1,210 labeled as Contest Door on the original report. He reported the following breakout: \$990 Contest Admissions, \$200 Till deposit, and \$20 in Oregon Leather Pride pin sales. He then reported on the deposits and debits for September and explained that Julie S's \$220 from the auction had to be re-deposited because it was initially returned due insufficient funds. Don asked if BLP had been charged an NSF. Justin stated that BLP had indeed been charged a \$4 fee and that lead to discussion of instituting a charge for returned checks. Everyone present was in favor of the idea. Thom will write the proposed verbiage that will be added to the BLP Operations Manual.

Don motioned that we accept the August and September reports and was seconded by Mack. Thom, Don, Mack, Tobin, Brent and Dominic voted to accept the reports. Justin abstained.

Titleholders' Reports

Peter – Peter reported that he had attended the NW Leather Sir/boy and Community Bootblack contest in Seattle Labor Day Weekend and is currently planning a couple of events...a Mask and Underwear Party to be held on 10/23 and a Christmas show to be held at Darcelle's (no date was given). Peter passed out posters for the 9/25 L.U.R.E., which everyone liked. The theme for this L.U.R.E. is a jockstrap party. Peter also mentioned that he would like to see the L.U.R.E. Facebook page linked to BLP website. Peter also had a concern about BLP's website. He felt the navigation bar was a little hard to read because of the color combinations used in it. Peter reported that he had a meeting with his prospective charity, The Q Center, planned for 9/21 to talk about their willingness/openness to receive donations from him and BLP.

Thom motioned that BLP accept Peter's event proposal for the September L.U.R.E. and was seconded by Dominic. Thom, Don, Mack, Tobin, Justin, Brent and Dominic voted to approve the event.

Shell – Shell reported that she attended the NW Leather Sir/boy and Community Bootblack contest in Seattle Labor Day Weekend and served as Den Mamma for the contestants. She also performed with Hugh Russell, current International Leather Sir, to recreate his Little Red Riding Hood fantasy, during the contest. While in Seattle, she also did some networking with Dog House Leathers for donations. Shell reported that she also attended the women's Play Party at the Conservatory held on 9/18. She bootblacked the first part of the evening and made \$35 for her charity, Bradley Angle House. Shell reported that she has a few events in the planning stages...hosting a workshop for Bad Girls in the first quarter of the new year, as well as a workshop for PLA. She will also be volunteering at Peacock After Dark on 9/26. Shell reported that for one of her fundraisers, she would like to have a formal dinner of 25-30 guests, who would be served by half naked boys and girls. This event would take place after the holidays.

Old Business

Oregon Leather Pride Week Wrap Up

- **Movie Night** – Due to continued low turn out for Movie Night during LPW, Thom emailed Alycyn about BLP becoming more involved in promoting this event. Alycyn was on board and okay with BLP with that.
- **Leather Vegas/Meet and 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.
- **Contest Raffle Money** – Thom reported the \$410 from the contest raffle that was inadvertently deposited in BLP's account instead of being given to Andy Mangels for the Oregon Leather History Project, could be given if Andy/OLHP were providing a service to Blackout. Because of Andy taking such good care of the OLHP archives/materials, Thom proposed that we pay Andy/OLHP \$410 to store the Blackout Leather Production archives.

Thom motioned that BLP pay Andy Mangels to store the organization's archives and was seconded by Dominic. Thom, Mack, Tobin, Justin, Brent and Dominic voted to approve the event. Don abstained.

- **Program Ad Sales** – Justin reported that with the arrival of Gene Romaine's payment for GLPW's ad in the program that BLP had collected 100% of the ad money. The final total for the ad sales was \$2,125 for 2010.

NW Sash Bash – Dominic reported there had not been a Sash Bash committee meeting yet, but stated a couple of key objectives for the event...loosening the administrative burden on the titleholders and holding a couple of unique workshops. He stated he would like to keep all things leather related and avoid event conflicts. The reasons behind those are because non-leather events like in the submarine visit in 2009 were not well attended and conflicted with Coral Mallow's workshop. Since Peter was unaware of Sash Bash and what its purpose was, a couple members went into detail about the objective and schedule of the event. Peter asked if some sort of spa/bath time could be planned into the weekend on Saturday, as March has a tendency to be a little chilly and gray. He thought this would provide people a way to warm up and relax before Saturday night's fun. He mentioned Steam as the venue for this, but females would be excluded from this location. Shell mentioned Common Grounds as a possible location for this as they are all-inclusive.

Pre-Interviews for OSL – There was much discussion around this topic. Some members felt it might be a good idea to go so far as a background and credit check for potential OSL candidates. Other members felt there was no need for those as it wouldn't be a fool-proof way to weed out candidates that we might not want representing BLP and Oregon. It was stated that we as the Board, could make changes to the contestant application as well as develop a questionnaire that could give us a deeper look at the contestants and their ethics. All members present were in favor of keeping the Pre-Interviews but with changes: changes to the app, the development of a questionnaire to gain insight in contestant ethics and having a team of fact checkers to verify the application information. Brent and Tobin will team up and work together on revamping the application.

Proposed Operations Manual Changes – Tabled until next meeting.

New Business

Bootblack Title – Dominic proposed the addition of a Bootblack title. Everyone present thought it would be a great idea. After discussion it was decided the name of the title will be "Oregon State Bootblack" and it would be non-gender specific. Bootblack titleholders would have the choice of competing for International Mr. Bootblack or International Ms. Leather Bootblack, depending on the titleholder's gender. Thom will work on a Bootblack section for the Ops Manual.

Don motioned that BLP create a non-gender specific Bootblack title with the title of Oregon State Bootblack who could then choose to run for IMrLBB or IMsLBB and was seconded by Tobin. Thom, Don, Mack, Tobin, Justin, Brent and Dominic voted to approve the new title.

BLP Board Positions - Thom reported per Tarsus' email to the group, Tarsus was resigning from the Board due to work conflicts. All were in favor of accepting his resignation. Thom also reported that he had reached out to Pup to let him know that Board had denied his request for a Leave of Absence and would rather him resign from the Board until he is able to get his life stuff worked out. Thom got no response to this message. This month's meeting was Pup's second non-excused Board meeting absence. An unexcused absence at October's meeting is grounds for dismissal, so further dialogue on this subject was halted until next month.

Tom Ayers/BLP Scrapbook – Tom passed around a collage that he created with pictures and business cards of Oregon State Leather titleholders. With the 15th Anniversary of OSL coming up, he felt it was a good way to show some history of the title. Tom also stated he would like to see as many as former titleholders as possible get together once a year to do a fundraiser for the titleholder travel fund. Everyone thought that was a great idea.

Corporate Sponsor – Thom asked the Board members how they would feel about having a major corporate sponsor for the contest. All members present felt like that would be a good thing. Thom will check in to non-alcohol related corporations first. If he doesn't have any luck in that segment, he will look into some alcohol corporations/distributors.

Next Meeting – October 17th at noon was set as the day and time for the next meeting. Location is TBD as the Courtyard Marriott, Our House of Portland and Embers will all have something going on and is therefore unavailable.

Good of The Order

- Don announced that 9/24 was the 5th Annual Wonder Woman Day with festivities held at Excalibur Bookstore. There will be a silent auction held.
- Don also announced BLP will be sitting at table #18 at Coronation. All spots at the table have been sold.
- Brent announced Paddle Daddy is continuing his Men's Only Dungeon Parties, with the next one being held 10/16 at noon.

Don motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Tobin.

Meeting was closed at 2:08pm.