

**Blackout Leather Productions, Inc. Board Meeting (including an Executive Session)**

Sunday, May 17, 2015: Meeting called to order at 1:15 p.m.

Meeting Held at: Catalyst - 4810 NE Garfield Ave / Portland, Oregon 97211

**ATTENDANCE:**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tobin Britton, Justin Britton, Gary Klein, Bill Westervelt, Stormy and boy  
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TITLEHOLDERS PRESENT: Steven Steinbock

TITLEHOLDERS ABSENT: Shawna Clausen (her absence was excused in advance)

GUESTS PRESENT: None.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

- No one identified any items from the minutes that warranted correcting. Stormy made the motion to accept the April 2015 minutes as is. Bill seconded the motion. Gary abstained. All of the other board members voted unanimously in favor of approving the minutes without any modifications. Therefore, the minutes were accepted as is.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Our starting balance was: \$7,138.92 April 19<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Deposits / Credits made during the last month included:

4/20/15	Muggs & Mutts Proceeds
\$700.00	
	Raffle = \$184.00
	Door = \$275.00
	Tips = \$241.00

BLP 10% = \$70.00

Oregon Aid Memorial 90% = \$630.00

Checks written / Debits made during the last month included:

4/21/15	Darcelle XV	Check 921
\$1,000.00		
	Prepayment for a Mid Evil Feast	
5/11/15	Oregon Aids Memorial Inc.	Check 922
\$630.00		
	Charity Payout for Muggs & Mutts	

Travel Fund Activity:

Mr. Travel Fund - \$0.00  
Ms. Travel Fund - \$0.00  
BB Travel Fund - \$0.00

The Current Allocation of Funds reflect the following:

Bank Account Balance: \$6,208.92  
 Blackout Monetary Assets: \$5,663.68  
 Mr. Travel Fund \$ 189.18  
 Ms. Travel Fund \$ 119.73  
 BB Travel Fund \$ 236.33

**The activities for the year 2015 are as follows:**

Date	Check / Deposit	Recipient	Debit	Credit	Balance
01/01/15		Balance as of January 1, 2015			\$7,182.62
01/06/15	Deposit	OLP Reimbursement		\$25.77	\$7,208.39
01/09/15	Debit Card	USPS (Postage)	\$12.98		\$7,195.41
01/15/15	Debit Card	GoDaddy.com (back2blackpdx.org renewal)	\$16.49		\$7,178.92
01/23/15	Deposit	Calendar Sales		\$70.00	\$7,248.92
01/23/15	Deposit	Donation to Mr. Travel Fund		\$50.00	\$7,298.92
02/23/15	919	Corporation Division (2015 Annual Report Fee)	\$50.00		\$7,248.92
02/23/15	920	Oregon Dept of Justice (CT-12 Fee)	\$10.00		\$7,238.92
03/18/15	Debit Card	PrideNW (Pride Parade Registration)	\$100.00		\$7,138.92
04/19/15	Debit Card	Opening Till for Muggs & Mutts	\$100.00		\$7,038.92
04/20/15	Deposit	Muggs & Mutts Raffle		\$184.00	\$7,222.92
04/20/15	Deposit	Muggs & Mutts Door		\$275.00	\$7,497.92
04/20/15	Deposit	Muggs & Mutts Tips		\$241.00	\$7,738.92
04/20/15	Deposit	Opening Till Replacement for Muggs & Mutts		\$100.00	\$7,838.92
04/21/15	921	Darcelle XV (Prepayment for Mid Evil Feast)	\$1,000.00		\$6,838.92
05/11/15	922	Oregon Aids Memorial Inc (Muggs & Mutts Payout)	\$630.00		\$6,208.92

- Justin noted that we will soon be asked to renew the Domain Name registration fees, separately for <**BlackoutLeather.org**> and <**OregonLeatherPride.org**>.
- Kevin made the motion to accept the May 2015 Treasurer's Report as is without any modifications. Bill seconded the motion. Justin abstained. All of the other board members voted unanimously in favor of approving the Treasurer's Report without any modifications. Therefore, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as is.

**TITLEHOLDER'S REPORTS:**

**Mr. OSL REPORT:**

May 2015:

- 1 Vancouver, WA Coronation
- 9 #HIVSTIGMA...cancelled / moved to July
- 17 Medieval Feast
- 22-24 IML
- 29 Community Roundtable Pub Crawl
- 31 13th Touch of Class

June 2015:

- 2 Community Roundtable
- 4-7 Beartown
- 5 2015 Gay Portland Pride Pageant
- 12 Community & Unity.....Martha's Pantry
- 13 2015 PDX Trans Pride March
- 14 Portland Pride March
- 27 Gay Oregon Pageant
- 28 Peacock in the Park

**Ms. OSL REPORT:**

May 2015:

- 5/1 Vancouver Coronation
- 5/17 Medieval Feast
- 5/24 Seattle Goth pageant

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Leather Pride Week / Sponsorships of OSL Contests:

- Tobin will be bringing copies of the Vendor / Sponsorship letter to IML to help in soliciting the vendors

Leather Pride Week / Bingo:

- Stormy & Bill have taken over the logistics for this event from Shawna.
- Have already lined up some Guest Callers.
- Proceeds from this fund raising event will be split equally between Martha's Pantry (*Federal Tax ID number is already on file with BLP*) and BLP's own Travel Funds (to be split equally between the parallel travel funds: Mr / Ms / Bootblack / Pup).

Leather Pride Week / OSL Contests:

- Tobin is working on lining up the Judges. Empress Ambrosia from the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court of Oregon has said yes (*Rose Empress LVI The Lady Ambrosia Schock*). Will be working on a variety of folks from the Pacific Northwest and nationwide.
- Tobin will be meeting with Don Hood (as stage manager for OSL Contests)
- Mack McCall has already agreed to renew his services as Den Daddy.
- Tobin reported that we have begun receiving some small sized ads, but no full page ads yet.
- Tobin will be placing BLP specific events onto the OLP Week's calendars

Leather Pride Week / Marketing:

- Stormy received an unsolicited offer of financial assistance to cover marketing expenses, but with certain conditions attached, from Ron Rasmussen (long term resident of Vancouver WA). He is offering to donate up to \$300 to BLP, but only if it is used to market/advertise the OSL Contests or OLP Week through Seattle, WA specific media, such as ***Seattle Gay News*** (covering their printed newspaper & website). If this targeted donation & marketing proposal is acceptable to BLP, then Stormy offered to shepherd it into fruition and be the contact person between BLP and the donor.
- Gary made a motion to accept this donation, of up to \$300 of funds from Ron Rasmussen, for the limited purpose of funding marketing/advertising in the Seattle WA region through local LGBTQ media such as Seattle Gay News. Stormy seconded the motion. Stormy noted that although this is a proposal that was not included in a specific line item of BLP's financial plans, since this proposal includes both a source of funds, and specific format to spending it, it is essentially "revenue neutral"

in terms of being over/under our budget across our fiscal year. All 6 board members cast a voice ballot in favor of the motion. There were no votes against the measure, and no abstentions. Therefore, this financial proposal was approved.

Leather Pride Week / Barbecue:

- Tobin reported that OLP has already secured the Park space & Permit.

Leather Pride Week / OLP Meeting:

- Stormy reported that the OLP Committee is increasing the frequency of their meeting schedules. They will be promoting OLP Week at "Thunder in the Mountain" by inserting approximately 850 flyers into the registration packets for the attendees of that event.

Leather Pride Week / Rose & Thorn Awards:

- Gary passed out a list of all previous Rose & Thorn Award winners, both from the regular on going awards, and the various special recognition awards.
- Gary will work with Stormy to start posting the invitations for nominations around June 1<sup>st</sup>, with a cutoff date of July 4<sup>th</sup>, beyond which no new nominations will be accepted.

Leather Pride Week / Rose & Thorn Awards:

- Tobin has spoken to Thom Butts and also to Rock Ranch Embroidery of Sandy Oregon about our news design for the back patch, since we now have 4 different contests/titles under our OSL Contest umbrella. Rock Ranch says that they are moving along fine on the project.

Brunch Update - Tobin

- Everything is set in place with the Marriott Courtyard.

Leather Family BBQ

- Responsibility for condiments, utensils and plates will be decided at the July meeting of OLP.
- Public will be asked to bring their own Protein, and a side dish or dessert to pass around.

Rose and Thorns – Gary

- Gary will work with Stormy to open up the gates on accepting nominations June 1<sup>st</sup>. Will set the cutoff point at 11:59pm on July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- There already is a place holder on BLP's website for Rose & Thorn nominations.

Back Patch Redesign – Tobin

- Tobin talked with Terry about re-designing the back patch. Tobin passed around an example that we discussed & tweaked a bit. Oregon Bears also turned to Red Rock for their patches, which were turned around in just one week. Tobin will coordinate with Red Rock on our patches.

Q Center Community Round Table – Pub Crawl

- Stormy provided the updates on this multi-organization fund raising project. Each participating bar will be paired up with a specific non-profit group. Each bar its own variety of promotions, donations jar, and fund raising event to raise funds through that bar's non-profit partner.
- There is no need for any of these organizations to put up any front money for this project.

Pride NW (Portland's Gay Pride Parade) – Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- Tobin has verified that Pride NW has received our check, and that we are good to go. The actual line up sequence typically is not announced until about 1 week before the parade date.
- Since no one volunteered to offer their truck's use to BLP before the deadline for modifying our parade registration, unlike other years, we do NOT have any vehicle lined up to help BLP's

marchers if they need to get off their feet during the parade. Likewise, we do not have a vehicle to carry spare beverages for our brigade. Folks will need to carry their own hydration.

Medieval Fund Raising Dinner at Darcelle's – Sunday May 17 (*taking place a few hours after this very Board Meeting*)

- Project update from Steven & Stormy, after lots of back & forth concerns on email.
- Lots of questions and concerns were still up in the air & unanswered.
- What was the whole purpose of turning to an outside ticketing company (and paying their fees), if Darcelle's went ahead and ordered the food before we reached the breakeven point on ticket sales?
- At least one board member (**WHO**) volunteered to attend the dinner in order to handle any ticket sales at the door, since we critically need more diners to buy tickets, in order to hit break even!
- Board member's presence was mandatory, since Title Holders are not allowed to handle any cash at fund raising events.
- Both Steven and Shawna are scheduled to be at this event, since this is their joint fund raising event.

**NEW BUSINESS (round 1 of new business):**

- It was announced that we will be deferring the New Business section into an Executive Session. And that the Executive Session portion of the May 2015 Board Meeting will resume after a brief pause, and also after Steven and Darklady have left The Catalyst.
- No other new business was suggest nor raised by anyone.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Next regularly scheduled board meeting of BLP will be held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 1:15 pm @ the Catalyst

Public Section of the Board Meeting Adjourned at 2:10pm

Minutes of the Public Section of the BLP Board Meeting were recorded by Gary Klein, BLP Secretary.

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*Commencing at 2:10pm, on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Blackout Leather Productions, Inc. board meeting was continued, but in Executive Session mode.*

*All 6 board members were still present.*

*The Executive Session of the BLP concluded its private business as an Executive Session at 3:15pm on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 while still inside the Catalyst.*

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BLP RESUMED THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE BOARD MEETING at 3:15pm

Meeting Adjourned: 3:16pm

Minutes of this May 17,m 2015 BLP Board Meeting were taken by Gary Klein, BLP Secretary.

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

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