

# **Blackout Leather Productions**

**Board Meeting Minutes from November 21<sup>st</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, Mary, Tom, Gene (Late Arrival), Shell and Peter. Absent and excused: Don.

Guests present: Jason, Bill Westervelt, Val, Julie and Chelsea from PLA.

**Secretary's Report:** Read over and spelling changes made to two words.

The motion to approve with the above changes was made by Tobin and seconded by Dominic. The vote was Thom, Mack, Tobin, Brent, Mary, Tom, Justin and Dominic voting yes with Dan abstaining. (Gene not present)

**Treasurer's Report:** Read to the board by Justin.

A motion was then made by Mack to accept the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Brent. The vote was Thom, Mack, Dan, Tobin, Brent, Mary, Tom and Dominic voting yes while Justin abstained. (Gene not present)

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

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

Title Holders Report 11/14/2010 Ms Oregon State Leather 2010.

Exotic Erotic Ball 2010 – Assisted with tastings during the event.

Cigar and Scotch Social- Attended

Worked on gaining auction items for Sash Bash

-Paddle Daddy (confirmed)

-Motivational Tools (confirmed)

-WIAN (Asked to be contacted at the first of the year)

-Tony Buff (confirmed) (asked to be contacted closer to the event for auctioneer)

-BARE Leather Works (awaiting)

-Twisted Monk (awaiting)

-Tantus (awaiting)

-Joseph Reed (confirmed)

-Robin LMT (confirmed)

-Lynnda Hale (Confirmed)

-Dog House Leathers (awaiting)

- Obtained 501c3 from Bradly Angle along with a wishlist of items
- Meeting with Kinkfest group about queer inclusion.
- obtained queer only play space and community room!
- Looking for groups to have small gathering in the community room at this time  
(Gene arrived during the discussion of the report.)

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

Hello everyone. Here is my report. See you all Sunday.

- 10/18 Interviewed and filmed for Q Center's fund raising documentary.
- 10/19 Attended Q Center community forum "WE ARE HERE!"
- 10/23 L.U.R.E. Mask and UnderWear Party! Hugh B Russell ILS2010 special guest. Silent auction raised \$110.00
- 10/24 NW Community Boot Black Dylan's Pancake Benefit.
- 10/30 Erotic Ball @Crystal Ballroom. Shell and I worked the demo play area.

Peter's November LURE Event Proposal was amended because Sir Hugh requested that the entire sum of the raffle be donated to the Mr. OSL Titleholder's Travel Fund instead of being split. A motion was made to amend the November Event Proposal to change the dispersal of funds to the Mr. OLS travel fund instead of splitting between the two as made by Mack and seconded by Tom. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Leather Vegas and Fetish Ball Involving PLA:** Moved up on the agenda to accommodate our guests.

The floor was opened up for discussion for potentially combining Leather Vegas and the Fetish Ball.

Dominic voiced that Vegas and the Fetish Ball would not work in his opinion as it is intended to be a way to showcase the contestants and titleholders.

Chelsea referred to the 2007 Fetish Ball and how the good energy helped to get the contestants to meet and greet those present.

Tom A voiced that it would be a good way to see how the contestants interact with both groups.

Justin would like to see how a joint event would work but not particularly Vegas and the Fetish Ball.

Val voiced how it would be twice the amount of work to get out and meet the crowd and judges. She explained that it would put the contestants in a different comfort zone.

Tom A believes that it would also give them a different comfort level when having to do inseams on a different group of people.

Shell thought that starting it as Vegas and rolling into the Fetish ball would be an option and that meeting the judges would take more work than at simply Vegas.

Chelsea discussed using the Melody Ballroom as a place to have gambling and dancing at the same time and to do a themed night to coincide.

Gene reminded everyone of the convenience of having the event at the Embers as the gambling equipment is located in the attic there.

Tobin mentioned that the Erotica show was missed and whatever was decided, there needed to be a place for boot blacks and blacking made available.

Dominic reminded the group that the Gay Leather Elders did not attend the last Meet & Greet with PLA.

Chelsea suggested that BLP showcase the event with PLA assisting so that BLP would be the one most would be attending.

Shell wanted to have a few events prior to the Meet & Greet so we can get experience working together before the main event.

Justin suggested combining the Erotica Show and Fetish Ball.

Thom voiced that it should not be simply a drag show but more of an erotic event.

Tom A threw out the option to do a Kinky Carnival.

Chelsea felt that doing more than one event would be better than simply the one.

Tobin and Shell volunteered to assist with getting entertainment at the ball.

Thom summarized that the Fetish Ball and Erotica Show be combined in the opening week of Oregon Leather Pride.

Dominic thanked PLA for coming forward to work together.

### ***Back to Old Business:***

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

**Leather Vegas / Meet & Greet:** Dominic took the playing cards to the I.S.R.C. and was thanked by them.

#### **Northwest Sash Bash Updates:**

Dominic suggested to possibly work with PLA but Chelsea mentioned that Kink Fest inhibits this action.

Dominic sent around a timeline for Sash Bash.

A date of December 4<sup>th</sup> was set for a picture taking date to get the poster made.

Meet and Greet locations were discussed and Eagle, Embers, Crush, Fox & Hounds were all discussed but the end location was determined to be Embers.

Workshops and Play Party are being coordinated by Tobin and his thought of doing two, one and a half hour classes would be better than three, one hour classes due to having so limited amount of time.

Mary and Dan have been able to confirm Mylar as an M.C. and

Val voiced her enthusiasm that the board as a whole

Uniform Party will be boot blacked by boy Nick and will be manned by Mack at the door.

PLM was suggested as a potential for Brunch and Dominic will be contacting PLM to see if it will work.

The charities were decided to be the Q Center and Bradley Angel.

**Pre-Interviews for OSL (Application Change):** Brent presented a list of questions and after discussion; some thought that additional questions for bootblacks only were a bit invasive. The updated questions will be posted to the group for the board to review.

**Proposed Operation Manual Changes (Rose & Thorn):** Mack presented some changes to the Rose & Thorn awards criteria as laid out in the Operations Manual and at the October meeting, a motion to table the vote for 30 days was made by Tobin and seconded by Dominic. A vote was called and the results were Dan, Mack, Justin, Tobin, Gene, Tom A, Dominic, Brent and Mary voting yes and Thom voting no. The changes 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. A motion was made at the October meeting by Tobin and seconded by Dominic to table the changes for 30 days and vote at the next meeting. A vote was called and passed unanimously.

**Press Release:** Mack presented both Electronic and written proposals introducing the new title and after changes were made by the board, was approved with the changes made.

**New Business:**

**Web Site Update:** An bio for Tom is needed and current board members are encouraged to review their own bios and make and changes that need to be made.

**Paddle Daddy:** Shell mentioned that Paddle Daddy is asking for support at the Vendor's Fair this year to show our presence.

**DMPDX:** It was announced that Dungeon Men PDX is going to monthly dungeon parties in the next year.

**Next Meeting: December 19<sup>th</sup> , 2010 at Noon. Location is to be the Marriott Courtyard.**

**Meeting called to a close @ 14:18**