## **BRCG May 2002 Meeting Minutes**

The Grand Poo-Bah, Vicki, called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM, sans gavel, which was not in attendance. Reading of the previous meetings minutes was unanimously rejected.

The Treasurer, Kate, presented information relating to publication costs of the Notions newsletter. She also reported that current expenses totaled \$1176 and deposits equaled \$980, leaving a deficit of \$196. However, \$599.93 were reported in the guild savings account. Sadly, it would not be enough to purchase a Guild van, which was thoughtfully pined for. That is, unless the membership fees were increased to \$500 per year as suggested by the Grand Poo-Bah. That idea was rejected.

Kate stated that detailed information regarding the breakdown of expenses was available to anyone who was interested in seeing it. The question of cost per issue of Notions versus projected income from memberships was raised, and the Treasurer said she'd look into it. The Grand Poo-Bah announced that \$70 was earned at the recent garage sale and would be brought to the Treasurer at a later date. Most likely in small, unmarked bills.

In old business, those in attendance discussed and voted on a membership dues increase from \$12 single/\$18 couple in same household, to \$15 single/\$21 couple. The motion was carried. In other old business, Erik agreed to fill in as secretary until the next election, or next moment of clarity. Betty stated that she would make attempts to inform those who might be interested of guild meeting times and locations.

During committee reports, Kate asked for a committee to research event and demonstration venues. The suggestion was held over until the next meeting. Nobody from the bylaws committee was in attendance, but we were assured that the committee is working on formulating bylaws. Norwescon Masquerade suggestion committee is still working as well. Don suggested a committee to hash out guild officers job descriptions, and Vicki said she would try to organize it.

Carol discussed the upcoming Tall Ships event in August. Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August was selected as the date when the guild would try to organize a group outing. Kate suggested a focus of 1785-early 1800's for period of costume, which would be in line with our local tall ship at the event, the Lady Washington.

The upcoming Mad Scientists Ball event was discussed for late September or early October. Don suggested combining the event with the NWSFS Mad Scientists event to share expenses and increase attendance. Kate is going to check on the availability of a previously rented event hall. Erik said he would look into an alternate hall he was aware of in Seattle. It was agreed that the Olympia Pizza in Walingford would be the venue for the next meeting, and the time and date was reserved with the restaurant. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Grand Poo-Bah adjourned the meeting at 8:34. We were treated to a demonstration after the meeting of "Making art with Clay" by Julie.