

ONYX SOUTHEAST

Monthly Business Meeting
August 7, 2021
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
 - 2:39pm

- II. Roll Call

Merlin ONYX	Coolblood ONYX	Jamal ONYX
Alduin ONYX	Hannibal ONYX	HP ONYX
MX Idris Dior ONYX	Nightshade ONYX	Ravenclaw ONYX
Sir Guy ONYX	Zande ONYX	Sir Yardie ONYX
Jade ONYX	Ghostrider ONYX	Quietstorm ONYX
Twilight ONYX	Zande ONYX	Bahamut ONYX

- III. Checking In – How are you doing?
 - Everyone is doing fine. They are trying their best to manage through the pandemic. Dealing with all the difficulties as best as they can.

- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - Motion: Approval of minutes from June 26th, 2021 meeting
 - Results: Motion carried without any objections.

- V. Executive Reports
 - A. Secretary Report
 - Coolblood has updated the active brother list last month. If you are not receiving the emails, please let him know.
 - B. Historian Report
 - C. Road Captain Report
 - No Report
 - D. Treasurer Report
 - Balance in account is \$5,345.71
 - E. Sergeant Master Report
 - No Report
 - F. Vice President Report
 - After this meeting is pledge interviews for potential new brothers.
 - We are planning something in the gulf coast for Halloween in New Orleans.
 - Blackleather Markus is actively helping to establish a continuous bar night in New Orleans. The first bar night will be a full weekend of events during Halloween. For example, community service events, meet and greets, and social events.
 - Hannibal ONYX wants to establish something in Charlotte, NC as well. The brothers in Charlotte do not have to wait to get this initiative going. They can actively work on it themselves to establish something.
 - MX Idris Dior ONYX has volunteered to help establish something at The Woodshed. Being a titleholder, it will help to bring in a crown. He has a connection with the owner of The Woodshed.
 - Hannibal ONYX suggests it be something in Charlotte very organized and community service focused.
 - G. President Report

- Elections update
 - The form to submit your nominations is now live on the Onyx Southeast website. Merlin ONYX apologized for not having the link up on August 1st as promised. Only active brothers can be nominated for executive board positions. If you nominate a non-active brother, your vote for that person will not count. Active brothers should only be able to see the nomination forms. The form will close on August 31st at midnight. Please nominate brothers who you know can do the job. The term is a two-year term. We need brothers who are willing to do the job and willing to commit themselves to the organization during that time span.

VI. New Business

A. Atlanta Black Gay Pride Weekend event

- Coolblood ONYX has secured an event space for ONYX-SE at The Hideaway Bar on September 3, 2021, during Atlanta Black Gay Pride weekend. The Hideaway Bar is going to promote ONYX-SE in Project Q magazine, give us a tent outside to promote ONYX-SE, block off parking for outside space, provide us with a DJ for free, and allow us to do demos and sell Jell-O shots.

B. Statement on Parliament Resort

- In November 2020, ONYX-SE voted to exterminate any future dealings with the Parliament Resort because of racist incidents. Merlin ONYX sent our contact at the resort a letter stating in detail what happened and basically, they said "I'm sorry" with no plan of action or accountability. Since then, other organizations have inquired about us hosting events at the Parliament Resort. Merlin ONYX opened the floor to see how everyone feels about us not wearing ONYX gear to The Parliament Resort in the future. We still have members of the organization who choose to patronize the Parliament Resort.
- OPEN DISCUSSION
- Sir Guy: If one of us were disrespected then all of us were disrespected. We need to put out some sort of statement on why we will not be doing business with the Parliament Resort anymore.
- MX IDRIS DIOR ONYX: I think its disrespectful that they haven't said anything or tried to make amends with us.
- Merlin ONYX: One of the members at the Parliament Resort we had an issue with is on the committee of the Carolina Bears. Overall, this is a very sensitive subject. We must show support of our brothers. For example, when Mid-Atlantic had an issue with the owner being transphobic, they made it to where brothers cannot wear their ONYX gear at the Baltimore Eagle. They are free to attend; they can't just wear any gear.
- Slade ONYX: People and organizations such as the Parliament Resort need to be publicly held accountable for sexism, racism, and transphobia that they place onto others.
- Hannibal ONYX: I am in agreeance that brothers should not wear any ONYX gear at the Parliament House. We should make a public statement, but we do have to go into full detail.
- Merlin ONYX: We need to vote that all brothers can't wear any ONYX gear or any ONYX paraphernalia at the Parliament Resort in Augusta, Ga.
 - Motion: Approval to write a statement on behalf of ONYX Southeast on why we are not doing business with the Parliament Resort and motion to ban members of ONYX Southeast from wearing any ONYX paraphernalia at the Parliament Resort.
 - Results: Motion passed unanimously

C. Committee Assignments

- If you are not on a committee, please reach out to Coolblood ONYX; he has the list of committee assignments.

D. Late Dues Payment

- Motion: Approve late dues payment of Twilight ONYX, therefore making him immediately active upon full payment.
 - Results: Motion passed unanimously.

- VII. Old Business
 - A. Weekend in NC – recap
 - B. OSE Calendar 2022
 - Hannibal ONYX does not see a calendar being profitable especially since everything is digital now. ONYX-SE can use and use for something else. There will not be a calendar for ONYX-SE.
 - C. No Breakout Sessions today

- VIII. What's on your mind? – Presented by CoolBlood ONYX

- IX. Announcements
 - A. ZOOM Meeting Dates for 2021
 - October 2, 2021
 - November 6, 2021
 - December 5, 2021
 - B. 2022-2024 Office Nominations Open August 1-31, 2021
 - C. Cleveland Leather Awareness Weekend (CLAW) – November 24-28, 2021
 - D. Mid-Atlantic Leather (MAL) – January 14-17, 2022
 - E. Leather Leadership Conference (LLC) – March 11-13, 2022
 - F. International Mr. Leather and International Mr. Bootblack (IML-IMBB) – May 26-30, 2022
 - G. Southeast Leatherfest (SELF) – June 16-19, 2022
 - H. Blackout 26 postponed until 2022

- X. Adjourn
 - 4:06PM