

# ONYX SOUTHEAST

## Monthly Business Meeting

November 7, 2020

Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 268 304 8729

PW:onyxse

## Minutes

### I. Call to Order

- 4:18pm

### II. Roll Call

Merlin ONYX

Alduin ONYX

Buddha ONYX

HP ONYX

Jade ONYX

Otis

Transformer ONYX

Deejay

Bahamut ONYX

Ravenclaw ONYX

Hannibal ONYX

Nightshade ONYX

Sir Yardie ONYX

Thick Knight ONYX

Twilight ONYX

### III. Checking In – How are you doing?

- Everyone is doing well during the pandemic.

### IV. Approval of Minutes

- Motion: Approve minutes from General Meeting on October 3, 2020.
  - Resolved: Minutes from General Meeting on October 3, 2020 was approved without modifications.

### V. Executive Reports

#### A. Secretary Report

- Nothing to report.

#### B. Historian Report

- Nothing to report.

#### C. Road Captain Report

- Nothing to report.

#### D. Treasurer Report

- Current balance: \$4,646.44, which includes deductions for the calendar photo shoot and the website redesign.
- We'll be collecting dues soon.

#### E. Sargent Master Report

- Nothing to report.

#### F. Vice President Report

- Nothing to report.

#### G. President Report

- Nothing to report.

### VI. Old Business

## A. Onyx SE Calendar

- Alduin ONYX thanked everyone who participated in the calendar photo shoot.
- Editing should be done in the next 2-3 weeks.
- Shelf space has been secured with Barking Leather for the calendar.
- Alduin ONYX will get any information regarding printing costs from Ralph of RED Design (the photographer) and pass it on to Merlin ONYX.
- A discussion needs to be had regarding printing, storage and shipping of the calendar.
- Merlin ONYX created a slide show of his favorite shots from the shoot, which we watched during the meeting.
- No individual photos will be released until after the calendar is completed.

## B. Movie Night Reminder

- November 8, 2020
- Jackie's Back
- Arrival time: 2:30pm
- Start time: 4:00pm
- PLEASE BE ON TIME

## C. ONYX SE T-shirt

- Ralph of RED Design is working on the design.

## D. Website Redesign

- There should be a preview of the redesigned website soon.
- The website will be a completely new design with a membership portal where we can pay dues, vote for officers, etc.—the goal is to have things automated before the end of Merlin ONYX's term.

## E. OSE Facebook Community Page

- The Facebook page has been recreated and is live and should be fully functional with pictures and other information by January 1, 2021.
- If you search for ONYX SE, there will be two community pages. The new page has the new logo on it. (The "new" logo does NOT contain Florida on the region map.)
- Please like, subscribe, and invite people to the new page.
- All of the officers play a contributing role on the FB page (i.e. administrator, editor, etc.)

## F. SE Committees

- Merlin ONYX would like the committees to meet at least once before the new year.

## VII. New Business

### A. Business partnership with The Parliament Resort

- During Daddy Dayz, there were at least two racial incidents that were witnessed / experienced by the brothers.
  - Merlin ONYX has contacted The Parliament Resort management, who apologized about the incidents / comments but attempted to explain them as "jokes".

- As a result, the partnership between ONYX SE and The Parliament Resort has been under review.
- Several suggestions have been made regarding alternative spaces for events in our region, like River's Edge, Mixx, Midtown Moon, and Woodshed.
- Currently, OSE is not obligated or committed to any events at The Parliament Resort.
- A poll question was posed to the attending brothers:
  - Motion: Shall ONYX SE continue our business partnership with The Parliament Resort?
    - Results: Yay: 18% Nay: 55% Abstain: 27%
- Merlin ONYX will let Ed (the manager at The Parliament Resort) know that we won't be doing anything at The Parliament Resort for the time being.

#### **B. Atlanta Eagle closure and relocation**

- Last day of business: November 12, 2020
- Last weekend of operation: November 13-14, 2020
- Farewell VIP party: November 13 & 14, 2020
  - The party serves as a fundraiser for the employees as well as a moving fund for the bar.
  - There are three time slots available: 8pm-10pm, 10:30pm-12:30pm, 1am-3am.
  - Tickets are \$50 for a two-hour timeslot which includes open bar and a commemorative t-shirt.
  - Bricks from the building will be sold for \$20 each.
  - Merlin ONYX would like us to attend and show support.
- The Eagle is planning to reopen in a new space in June 2021.
- In the interim, the SE Executive Board wants to remain active in our region.
  - Tentatively, pledge applications will open in March 2021 with June 2021 start time.
  - In addition to being active on social media, the following ideas were presented: virtual bar nights, hosting small house parties, bar crawls, chat & chew with SE, holiday dinner, Valentine's Day Dance, partnering with other organizations like Big Boy Pride, leather socials, meet & greets, and a sleepover at an Airbnb.

#### **C. Associate / Brother of the Year Awards**

- Motion: Shall ONYX SE vote for Brother/Associate of the Year?
  - Results: Yay: 64% Nay: 18% Abstain: 18%
- In the coming days, Merlin ONYX will send the body a Google poll to nominate/vote.

### **VIII. Announcements**

#### **A. ALL MEETINGS ON ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

#### **B. Movie Night: Studio Movie Grill (Marietta)**

- November 8, 2020 4:00pm
- Jackie's Back

- C. The Eagle Farewell VIP Party: November 13 & 14, 2020.
- D. ONYX 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Virtual Celebration: December 6, 2020 4:00p EST.
- E. WE ARE ONYX 30 second video: submit via email to [onyxma07@gmail.com](mailto:onyxma07@gmail.com).

**IX. Adjourn**

- 5:47 pm