

ONYX SOUTHEAST

Monthly Business Meeting
November 6, 2021
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
 - 4:09PM

- II. Roll Call

Merlin ONYX	Oracle ONYX	Bahamut ONYX
Alduin ONYX	Hannibal ONYX	HP ONYX
MX Idris Dior ONYX	Nightshade ONYX	Ravenclaw ONYX
Sir Yardie ONYX	Jade ONYX	Ghostrider ONYX
Quietstorm ONYX	Daddy Rod	

- III. Checking In – How are you doing?
 - Everyone is doing fine.

- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - The minutes from the October 2, 2021 meeting weren't available due to computer issues.

- V. Executive Reports
 - A. Secretary Report
 - No Report
 - B. Historian Report
 - No Report
 - C. Road Captain Report
 - No Report
 - D. Treasurer Report
 - Account Balance: \$5200.00
 - E. Sergeant Master Report
 - No Report
 - F. Vice President Report
 - Hannibal initiated a conversation concerning the Atlanta brothers' commitment to ONYX-SE's events in other parts of the region. The brothers continued to discuss the general lack of participation in the organization and a need to address it.
 - G. President Report
 - Pledge Line Update
 - There are four pledges currently.
 - They've had two bar nights: One in New Orleans (raised \$351) and one in Atlanta (raised \$533).
 - The pledges are donating the money raised in New Orleans to The House of Tulip (www.houseoftulip.org), which is an organization working to house TGNC people of color in New Orleans.
 - Their crossing is planned for the second weekend in December.

- Elections Results
 - The following results are for the 2022-2024 ONYX-SE Executive Board:

President: Daddy Rod	Vice President: Oracle ONYX
Treasurer: Aludin ONYX	Historian: Ravenclaw ONYX
Secretary: HP ONYX	Road Captain: Jade ONYX
Sargent Master: Twilight ONYX	

ONYX 2022 Presidential				ONYX 2022 Vice Preside			
No	Answer	Media	Votes	No	Answer	Media	Votes
1	Oracle ONYX (Jamal Guiden)		5	1	Alduin ONYX (Alvin Sutton)		5
2	Musicman ONYX (Stanley Johnson)		2	2	Bahamut ONYX (Drew Minus)		1
3	Daddy Rod ONYX (Rodney Braddock)		8	3	Oracle ONYX (Jamal Guiden)		10

ONYX 2022 Treasurer C:				ONYX 2022 Historian C:			
No	Answer	Media	Votes	No	Answer	Media	Votes
1	Alduin ONYX (Alvin Sutton)		10	1	Jade ONYX (Michael Caywood)		3
2	Bahamut ONYX (Drew Minus)		4	2	Nightshade ONYX (Kacee Capell)		2
3	Jade ONYX (Michael Caywood)		1	3	Ravenclaw ONYX (Corey Carter)		11

ONYX 2022 Secretary C:				ONYX 2022 Road Captai			
No	Answer	Media	Votes	No	Answer	Media	Votes
1	HP ONYX (Marques Richards)		16	1	Jade ONYX (Michael Caywood)		11
2	Jade ONYX (Michael Caywood)		0	2	Twilight ONYX (Kennon Harmon)		5

ONYX 2022 Sergeant M:			
No	Answer	Media	Votes
1	Twilight ONYX (Kennon Harmon)		16

VI. New Business

A. Funding Request—MAL (ONYX-MA)

- ONYX-MA has requested that each chapter contribute \$250.00 to assist with costs associated with the weekend.
 - Those costs include leasing a ballroom for the gear show, the ONYX suite, and the fellowship dinner.
- Motion: Approval to send \$250.00 to ONYX-MA for MAL.
 - Motion passed

VII. Old Business

A. ByLaws Proposed Changes

- The ByLaws Committee had additional changes to two previously revised ByLaws.
 - Dues suggested ByLaws addition:

Onyx Southeast ByLaws Proposed Changes

Article III – Membership

Section 3B;Section 4B Paragraph 2; Section 6A Paragraph 9;Section 7B Partagraph5. Dues

Suggested added Verbiage:

Under extraordinary circumstances, [Any Member] who has missed the dues payment deadline, and wishes to remain active in the Organization much notify the board, specifying the reason for missing the deadline. The President shall present the matter to the executive board for consideration. The member whose late payment is being considered may be present during such presentation and shall have the right to make a statement. Upon completion of the presentation and any statement, the member shall Leave the room or virtual conference call and the executive board shall discuss and vote on the issue. By majority vote either allow or deny the late payment of dues. If (The Member) is allowed to make a late payment, the shall contact the Treasurer and pay the current dues plus a \$20.00 late fee. No payment arrangement all be permitted. Payment be completed no less than 21 days from the approval date to accept the late payment.

- Motion: Approval to add additional verbiage to Dues ByLaws?
 - Motion passed.
- Lapsed Membership and Reinstatement Proceedings suggested ByLaws change:

Article III – Membership

Section 4B Paragraph 5.

Suggested Section Verbiage:

Lapsed Membership & Reinstatement Proceedings. A full member's membership shall be considered expired if they have not made payment of dues for two (2) consecutive years. Lapsed Full brothers seeing reinstatement shall bear before the board in person or via teleconference. The member requesting reinstatement shall provide a written statement indicating why that have been inactive and why they are requesting to be reinstated. The executive board shall review the written statement and consider the statements made before the board by the requesting inactive member. The board shall discuss and then vote on reinstatement. The executive board shall, by majority vote of all members of the board, either send the matter for consideration by the Full Members of the Organization or terminate the proceedings. If the board votes to send the matter for consideration by full members of the organization, the president shall present the matter to the Full Members at the next general membership meeting. All other persons except Full Members shall be removed from the room during the proceedings. The member whose continued membership is being discussed may be present during such presentation and shall have the right to make a statement. Upon completion of the presentation and any statement, the member shall leave the room and the remaining Full Members shall discuss and then vote on the issue. The remain Full Members shall, by a two thirds majority then in attendance and excluding any proxies, either vote to reinstate the membership of the member, or vote not to not to terminate the membership of the member. If the membership of the member is terminated, termination shall become effective immediately, the member shall then surrender any name tags, friendship pins, insignia, etc. pertaining to the organization. If the membership of the member is reinstated, the board may vote to apply other appropriate restorative measures by a two-thirds majority vote. If sch member fails to comply with any restorative measure (probation, additional bar back at clue bar nights, etc.) or condition for continued membership voted upon by the board, the membership of the member shat again be subject to Termination.

- This change will be revised again and voted upon at a later date.

B. Brother / Associate of the Year

- The voting buttons are live in the Members' Area Portal.

C. Holiday Dinner

- November 20, 2021–Maggiano's in Buckhead
- There is still space available
- \$10 for brothers; \$20 for non-brothers
 - Attendees will **not** incur any additional costs unless you order alcohol.
- Last day to pay for the event: November 13, 2021
- Please bring your vest
- Hannibal suggested the chapter have two holiday events in other parts of the regions for brothers who cannot make it to Atlanta.

- The brothers in attendance agreed to this idea and suggested those interested brothers make this request to the executive board ASAP for planning purposes.

D. ONYX-SE Panel Discussion

- Panel will include multiple experiences and perspectives.
- Uncle J has agreed to host.
- This will be broadcast through ONYX-SE YouTube page.

VIII. Announcements

A. ZOOM Meeting Dates for 2021

- December 4, 2021

B. Cleveland Leather Awareness Weekend (CLAW) – November 24-28, 2021

C. Mid-Atlantic Leather (MAL) – January 14-17, 2022

- Dominion ONYX (Mid-Atlantic) has negotiated a special rate for the registration fee for MAL: \$190.
 - The fee includes priority access to the host hotel, weekend access to the leather market, event t-shirt and pin, Sunday brunch buffet, tickets to the contest, and access to the leather cocktails.
 - If interested, send your fee to ONYX-MA's CashApp. Complete instructions are in the We Are ONYX FB group.
 - If you have any questions, contact Dominion ONYX.
- If you're having issues finding a room at the host hotel, join the MAL Facebook group. In the past it's been a resource for finding last minute reservations.

D. Leather Leadership Conference (LLC) – March 11-13, 2022

E. International Mr. Leather and International Mr. Bootblack (IML-IMBB) – May 26-30, 2022

F. Southeast Leatherfest (SELF) – June 16-19, 2022

G. Blackout 26: Kinky Paradise—Fort Lauderdale, FL—October 6-10, 2022

- **Registration is open!** <https://blackout.onyxmen.com/>
- Current price: \$150

H. North American Bear Weekend (NAB)—February 17-20, 2022

IX. Adjourn

- 5:50PM