

ONYX SOUTHEAST

General Body Meeting

January 7, 2023

Via Zoom

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
 - Meeting called to order by Daddy Rod at 4:09pm.

- II. Roll Call (12 Members)

Daddy Rod (President)	Nightshade ONYX	Hannibal ONYX
HP ONYX (Secretary)	Jupiter ONYX	Buddha ONYX
Twilight ONYX (Sargent Master)	Quiet Storm ONYX	
Ravenclaw ONYX (Historian)	Merlin ONYX	
Jade (Road Captain)	Sir Yardie	

- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - ❖ Motion: Approval of minutes from October 8, 2022 meeting.
 - ✓ Resolved: Minutes from General Body Meeting on October 8, 2022 was approved without modifications.

- IV. Executive Reports
 - A. Historian Report
 - Nothing to Report
 - If anyone has any suggestions for Flashback Fridays, please let Ravenclaw know.

 - B. Secretary Report
 - Nothing to Report
 - If you aren't receiving any correspondence from ONYX Southeast, please let HP know.

 - C. Road Captain Report
 - Jade thanked everyone for attending January's bar night.
 - Jade spoke with Jody (Atlanta Eagle management) regarding scheduling POS training and a possible mixology class to expedite the drink order process.
 - Jody also asked if there were any other days ONYX Southeast wanted to hold events at the bar.
 - As per Daddy Rod, planning runs to Charlotte will be put on hold until the Carolinas' chapter in formation documents have been filed and their bar night chosen.
 - There's a new leather bar opening in Birmingham, AL; Jade asked if we should start going there.
 - ONYX-MA wants to know if anyone of us are planning to attend their dinner during MAL.
 - Daddy Rod suggested that Jade post the question in the ONYX-SE Facebook group, letting any attending brother know to contact ONYX-MA, since there's limited space at the dinner.
 - ❖ Motion: Approve the Road Captain's Report to the general body on January 7, 2023.
 - ✓ Resolved: The Road Captain's Report to the general body on January 7, 2023, was approved without modifications.

 - D. Sargent Master Report
 - The pledge crossing will be on January 21, 2022 at the Atlanta Eagle from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.
 - Twilight presented a budget (consisting of refreshments, name tags and certificates for the pledge crossing) to the body.
 - The cost of the vests was not included in the budget.
 - Twilight, Daddy Rod, and Hannibal discussed the cost of the vests, and who is responsible for any shortfalls.
 - According to Hannibal, the pledge dues usually covered the costs of the vests, with any remaining funds used to cover the pledges' dues for the upcoming year.
 - Daddy Rod will connect with Twilight, Alduin, and Uncle Jamal to discuss this further.
 - The total budget is \$570.00. (The budget was screen shared in the ZOOM meeting for the body to review.)

- The pledges did their community service project earlier in the afternoon (January 7, 2023).
 - They distributed cinch bags of toiletries and other personal care items to homeless people through Downtown Atlanta.
- ❖ Motion: Approve the Sargent Master's Report to the general body on January 7, 2023.
 - ✓ Resolved: The Sargent Master's Report to the general body on January 7, 2023, was approved without modifications.

E. Vice President Report*

- So far, seven applications have been received for the next pledge line.
 - Twilight and Uncle Jamal have been contacting the applicants and encouraging them to attend our events.

F. President Report

- Daddy Rod thanked the body for everything it did during 2022.
- Daddy Rod also thanked Uncle Stan and Uncle Dave for hosting the holiday party.
- Daddy Rod informed us of Saber's stroke, updated the body on his condition, and encouraged the body to reach out to Saber and Natural Chameleon.
- Daddy Rod informed the body that our brother, Petroski Marks, passed away.
 - Information regarding his funeral arrangements will be passed along when received.
- D. Jamal Young from the organization TMSM Connect contacted Daddy Rod regarding a sex-positive event they're planning for February 2023.
 - TMSM Connect would like ONYX-SE to participate in the event.
 - When Daddy Rod receives more information, he'll pass it along to the body.
 - For more information on the organization, follow the link: <https://www.tmsmconnect.org/>
- ❖ Motion: Approve the President's Report to the general body on January 7, 2023.
 - ✓ Resolved: The President's Report to the general body on January 7, 2023, was approved without modifications.

G. Treasurer Report*

- Daddy Rod screen shared Alduin's treasury report with the body.
 - Balance as of January 7, 2023: \$3383.63.
 - The balance included expenditures for the holiday party, the 501c3 filing, the donation to Sabre and Natural Chameleon and a bar night flier.
 - The balance did not include the amount made during bar night from the jello shots and raffles.

V. New Business

A. 2023 ONYX Southeast Dues

- Last day to pay dues: March 31, 2023.
 - Dues are \$80 for full brothers; \$50 for associates.
 - Log into the website in order to pay your dues.

B. Atlanta Eagle Update (POS Training/Meeting Space)

- The dancefloor has been expanded.
- Daddy Rod needs to contact the Atlanta Eagle regarding the food vendors that are set up on the stages during our bar nights, which impedes us from doing demos.
- POS training will be scheduled once the details are confirmed.
- Once the floor complete, we should start having our monthly meetings in person at the Atlanta Eagle, hopefully starting in February.
- Daddy Rod will confirm which bar we will be using during bar nights.

C. Gulf Coast Events

- In December, ONYX Gulf Coast participated in a toy drive with the Lords of Leather.
- ONYX Gulf Coast also attended the Lords of Leather holiday party.
- There will be a beer social in February around Mardi Gras.
 - Dates for this event will be announced.

- ONYX Gulf Coast would like ONYX Southeast to purchase a full table at the Lords of Leather annual leather ball. (Quietstorm gave the information to Daddy Rod who screen shared in the ZOOM meeting for the body to review.)
 - A full table seats 10 people; a half table seats 5.
 - The ball is February 19, 2023.
 - If you're planning to go to New Orleans to support the Gulf Coast siblings, please let Quietstorm or Hannibal know by January 31, 2023.
- ❖ Motion: Approve the expenditure of \$650 for ONYX Southeast to purchase a full table for the Lords of Leather Ball on February 19, 2023.
 - ✓ Resolved: The expenditure of \$650 for ONYX Southeast to purchase a full table for the Lords of Leather Ball was approved.
- The October bar night went over very well.
 - Jupiter did a great e-stim demo which attracted a great deal of attention.

D. Committee Updates

- The Bylaws committee will meet to discuss changing verbiage for the 501c3 approval.

VI. Old Business

A. 501c3 Update

- ONYX-SE has a PO Box and an LLC now. The next step is to get an EIN number.
 - Once the EIN is received the next step will be to file the 501c3 application.

B. Twisted—Atlanta (December 2022)

- The event, where local kink vendors sold merchandise and gave the proceeds to charity, used to be hosted at the Jungle and then at the Atlanta Eagle before the Pandemic.
- Unbeknownst to Daddy Rod, it was held in December 2022 at the Atlanta Eagle.

VII. Announcements

- Mid-Atlantic Leather (www.leatherweekend.com):
Washington, DC (January 13-16, 2023)
- North American Bear (www.NABWeekend.com)
Lexington, KY (February 16-19, 2023)
- Leather Leadership Conference (www.leatherleadership.org):
Atlanta, GA (March 10-12, 2023)
- International Ms. Leather (www.imslbb.org):
Piscataway, NJ (April 20-23, 2023)
- CLAW (www.clawinfo.org):
Cleveland, OH (April 6-9, 2023)
- International Mr. Leather (www.imrl.com)
Chicago, IL (May 25-29, 2023)
- Southeast Leather Fest (www.seleatherfest.org)
Atlanta, GA (June 8-11, 2023)

VIII. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned by Daddy Rod at 5:20pm.

*Note: The Vice President and Treasurer were absent from this meeting. Daddy Rod delivered their reports if available.