

ONYX SOUTHEAST

General Body Meeting

October 15, 2022

Via Zoom

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
 - Meeting called to order by Daddy Rod at 4:03pm.

- II. Roll Call (15 Members)

Daddy Rod (President)	Bliss ONYX	DeeJay
Alduin ONYX (Treasurer)	Tithoes ONYX	Zande ONYX
Twilight ONYX (Sargent Master)	Merlin ONYX	Hannibal ONYX
Quiet Storm ONYX	Sir Yardie	RockSolid ONYX
Ares ONYX	Saber ONYX	Lionheart ONYX

- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - ❖ Motion: Approval of minutes from August 6, 2022 meeting.
 - ✓ Resolved: Minutes from General Meeting on August 6, 2021 was approved without modifications.

- IV. Executive Reports
 - A. Historian Report*
 - Ravenclaw will be adding a folder to the ONYX Southeast members group that will contain past photos and fliers.
 - There will also be a new social media hashtag: ONYXSoutheastAfterDark
 - Posts under this hashtag will feature images of past workshops and bar night scenes with expressed permission of those featured in said materials.
 - If you have any questions or concerns (or materials), please contact Ravenclaw directly.
 - ❖ Motion: Approve the Historian's Report from the General Body Meeting on October 15, 2022.
 - ✓ Resolved: The Historian's Report from the General Body Meeting on October 15, 2022 was approved without modifications.

 - B. Secretary Report*
 - Nothing to Report

 - C. Road Captain Report (Delivered by Daddy Rod and Hannibal)*
 - Kinky Christmas
 - There will be a coat and blanket drive during the event.
 - Sir Yardie reminded the body that October 15 is Michael's birthday and to reach out to him if you can.
 - Once more information is available for Kinky Christmas, Daddy Rod will relay that information to the general body.
 - There are a few events in the Gulf Coast:
 - Halloween weekend (October 28-30, 2022): There will be a bonding event (October 28), Bar Night with demos (October 29), and a brunch.
 - In November, the siblings are planning a tailgate / bbq during Bayou Classic (November 26, 2022).
 - Daddy Rod asked Hannibal to contact Alduin and him regarding a budget for this event.
 - Daddy Rod would like to start planning the next bar events in the Gulf Coast with Hannibal and Quietstorm.
 - The siblings in Gulf Coast will have their 2023 6-month calendar available by December 1, 2022.

 - D. Treasurer Report
 - Current balance: \$4311.83.
 - Kinky Carnival was very successful.

- With the Eagle opening and our upcoming bar night (November 4, 2022), hopefully our balance will increase.
- Daddy Rod will send out the total made from Kinky Carnival once he gets those figures from Alduin.
- ❖ Motion: Approve the Treasurer's Report from the General Body Meeting on October 15, 2022.
 - ✓ Resolved: The Treasurer's Report from the General Body Meeting on October 15, 2022 was approved without modifications.

E. Sargent Master Report

- The pledge process has been extended until January (crossing date: January 21, 2022).
 - The remaining classes will be demos and community service.
 - Twilight will be contacting brothers to lead demos.
 - Daddy Rod suggested Twilight send the brothers a list of the remaining classes so the brothers know which dates you'll need demos.
- ❖ Motion: Approve the Sargent Master's Report from the General Body Meeting on October 15, 2022.
 - ✓ Resolved: The Sargent Master's Report from the General Body Meeting on October 15, 2022, was approved without modifications.

F. Vice President Report*

- Nothing to Report

G. President Report

- The President's Report was delivered as new business.

V. New Business

A. Atlanta Eagle Update

- The Atlanta Eagle opened during Pride Weekend, October 7-9, 2022. Daddy Rod asked the siblings who were able to see the Eagle to give their perspectives.
 - Alduin shared that some of the staff from Midtown Moon was hired at the Eagle; the inside has been reconfigured, although construction is ongoing; there was a \$5 cover to get upstairs which was sold at the door; eventually the entire upstairs will be a dance floor.
 - Daddy Rod doesn't see the \$5 cover charge as a problem and wants the cover to be included on our fliers.
 - We will need to train on the new POS system; Daddy Rod will inform us of the dates for that.
 - According to Ares, Ron Pullman will be the DJ on first Fridays and the music will be the same throughout the bar.
 - Ares also suggested that the Eagle make monthly donations to ONYX Southeast since we bring in the most money to the bar.
- Atlanta Leather Pride will at the Eagle this year (October 28-30).

B. Photography services (for Kinky Christmas Photoshoot/Future Photoshoots/Bar nights)

- Kinky Christmas bar night will be December 2, 2022.
 - EJ offered to take the pictures for our Kinky Christmas bar night flyer.
 - The photoshoot will be Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 7:00pm at Daddy Rod's house.
 - Tony Dunn will be Kinky Claus, Twilight and Nightfury will be his kinky elves.
 - If anyone else would like to be a part of the photoshoot, please contact Daddy Rod.
 - EJ's rate for the shoot is \$150.
- ❖ Motion: Approve the expenditure of \$150 to use EJ Sessions Photography for ONYX Southeast's Kinky Christmas photoshoot.
 - ✓ Resolved: The expenditure of \$150 to use EJ Sessions Photography for ONYX Southeast's Kinky Christmas photoshoot was approved.

C. Holiday Party (December 3, 2022 at 7pm)

- Uncle Stan will be hosting the event at his home.
- The chapter will pay for all food and drinks.
- You will need to RSVP by November 3, 2022—the event will only be open to ONYX members and their significant others.
- Once there is a headcount, the chapter will vote on the budget for the event.

D. Leather History Preservation Sponsorship (November 4-6, 2022; Atlanta, GA)

- Lady D and Daddy Rod will be speaking during the event.
- DeeJay will be bootblacking during the event.

- Registration is still open if you'd like to attend.
- It will be held at the Sonesta Hotel—the same place as LLC this year.
- Daddy Rod was approached by LHP Foundation for ONYX sponsorship.
 - There are two sponsorship levels: Gold (\$150) and Platinum (\$200)
- ❖ Motion: Approve the expenditure of \$150 for sponsorship of Leather History Preservation Weekend.
 - ✓ Resolved: The expenditure of \$150 for sponsorship of Leather History Preservation Weekend was approved.

VI. Old Business

A. Blackout 27

- Daddy Rod opened the floor so the siblings could share their Blackout experiences.
- Quietstorm won Brother of the Year.
- Ray—who is now a pledge—won Associate of the year.
- The new ONYX National Council was announced at Blackout.
 - Chair: Dominion
 - Vice Chair: Volt
 - Treasurer: Daddy Rod
 - Secretary: Chad
 - ONYX Southeast's councilor is Merlin.
 - The first official meeting won't be until December.

B. Atlanta Pride Parade

- Daddy Rod opened the floor so the siblings could speak about their experiences.

C. The Hideaway

- Daddy Rod and HP will write a thank you letter to the Hideaway and post it to our socials in the coming week.

D. 501c3 Update

- Information regarding the 501c3 expenses had been emailed to the body previously.
- The process was put on hold until the chapter had more available funds.
- The chapter will need to vote to approve the funds to be used for the process, which cover the application fee (\$600) and articles of incorporation (\$100).
- ❖ Motion: Approve the packet expenditure of \$700 for 501c3 application.
 - ✓ Resolved: The packet expenditure of \$700 for 501c3 application was approved.

E. Committee Updates

- Daddy Rod intended to have an update about the committees but he was unable to meet with the committee heads in time for this meeting. Next meeting, there should be updates.

VII. Announcements

- Leather History Preservation Weekend (Atlanta; November 4-6, 2022)
 - Daddy Rod is speaking during the event.
 - For more information, visit https://lhpfoundation.org/lhpf_events/lhpf_weekend/
- Mr. International Rubber (Chicago; November 4-6, 2022)
- MAL (Mid-Atlantic Leather) (Washington, DC; January 13-16, 2023)
 - Reservation at the host hotel requires you to purchase a full weekend pass to the event before you can make a reservation.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Daddy Rod asked if there were any questions or concerns. Ares voiced his concern and disappointment with the announcement of Merlin as councilor for ONYX Southeast, after which he announced he'd be alumni status once his little brother, pledge Sheldon, crosses in January. Merlin expressed his displeasure with Ares's words. Daddy Rod muted everyone in the meeting and he and Alduin explained how the decision was made and that it wasn't an "abuse of power" as Ares had suggested. Alduin suggested that the councilor role be put on hold.

VIII. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned by Daddy Rod at 5:50pm.

*Note: The Vice President, Secretary, Road Captain and Historian were absent from this meeting. Daddy Rod delivered the reports if available.