

# ONYX SOUTHEAST

## General Body Meeting

April 8, 2023

Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 860 6101 3229

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## Minutes

### I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by President Daddy Rod at 4:04pm.

### II. Roll Call (23 Members)

Daddy Rod (President)	Sol-Jah ONYX	Vision ONYX
Uncle Jamal (Vice President)	Merlin ONYX	Deejay
HP ONYX (Secretary)	Bahamut ONYX	Nightshade ONYX
Twilight ONYX (Sargent Master)	Jupiter ONYX	Red Fox ONYX
Alduin ONYX (Treasurer)	Taz ONYX	Blue Dingo ONYX
Ravenclaw ONYX (Historian)	Shenzi ONYX	Bobcat ONYX
Sphinx ONYX	Buddha ONYX	Eziah ONYX
Wolverine ONYX	Sum of All Fears ONYX	

### III. Approval of Minutes

- ❖ Motion: Approval of minutes from February 4, 2023 meeting.
  - ✓ Resolved: Minutes from General Body Meeting on February 4, 2023 was approved without modifications.

### IV. Executive Reports (Going forward, the executive reports will be emailed to HP, who will forward the reports to the body for their review, along with the agenda for the general body meeting.)

#### A. Treasurer Report (Alduin's March report was not sent to the body in time for its review.)

- Current balance: \$3204.37
- April's bar night brought in \$546 (\$275 CashApp, \$236 cash, \$35 Venmo)
- At April's bar night, the signature drink was sold for \$7; ONYX-SE received \$2 from every sale of it.

#### B. Historian Report

- Nothing to report

#### C. Pledge Master Report

- The new pledge line will start in June 2023.
- There will be a few mixers in order to give the body a chance to familiarize themselves with the applicants.
- Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2023.
- Twilight stressed the importance of knowing the person you have sponsored and ensuring they are application is complete, otherwise they will be denied.
- Buddha asked that the members be notified if they are used as a sponsor.

#### D. Road Captain Report (Delivered by Daddy Rod)

- Daddy Rod and the Activities Committee have been meeting to plan the future bar nights and Kinky Carnival.
- According to Richard, the Atlanta Eagle has seen Black men pose as ONYX members and get into our bar nights for free.
  - Going forward, please wear some kind of ONYX paraphernalia—vest, wrist band, etc.
- Daddy Rod will be working with ONYX-MA's road captain to plan joint events in the Carolinas.
  - Sum of All Fears offered to assist in the planning of the Carolina events.

### V. Committee Reports

#### A. Activities Committee Report (Co-chaired by Buddha and Shenzi)

- Buddha thanked everyone who attended and worked the April bar night.
- If you have signed up for a work shift and cannot make it, please let someone know.
- In the future, when you sign up for a shift, you will receive a confirmation via email.

- For future bar nights there will be signage for the signature drinks.
- There will be a mobile bar that we will need to work during our bar nights.
  - Although there is a bar outside, the Richard wants the clubs to use the mobile bar.
  - ONYX-SE would have more control over the hours of the mobile bar.

B. Education Committee Report (Chaired by Sol-Jah)

- The Education Committee is creating a repository of all fetishes so there is a database and pool of qualified members available for demos and teaches.
  - The repository will also help the chapter create a curriculum.
  - A questionnaire will be created and distributed to the body to collect information.
  - The repository could also be used to vet members who would like to lecture / speak about their kinks / fetishes.
- The Education Committee is also planning to partner with health and/or community-based organizations around the city.
- The Education Committee is also planning to have classes for the members.

C. Outreach Committee Report (Chaired by Twilight)

- Twilight will contact the Outreach Committee members to discuss community service ideas.

D. Bylaws Committee Report (Chaired by Uncle Jamal)

- The Bylaws Committee will meet later in April to discuss changes that need to be drafted and presented to the body during the May general body meeting.
  - These potential changes include the addition of a Social Media Chair position on the Executive Board, the increasing of dues starting 2023, and minor verbiage changes to meet the 501c3 qualifications.
  - All potential changes will be presented to the body for review and approval.

E. ONYX Cares Committee (Chaired by Sir Yardie)

- ONYX Cares manages notification of illness, bereavement, birthday celebrations, etc.

F. Communications Committee Report (Chaired by HP)

- The Communications Committee manages the website, social media, and any ONYX-SE information—including the flyers—that is distributed to the body.
- The Communications Committee is working on the website to make it more user friendly and interactive.
  - The goal is to drive the members to the website.
- The Communications Committee will also be working with the Activities Committee and Education Committee to make sure there's information about the bar night themes on the website.

VI. New Business

A. 501c3 Update

- Daddy Rod has been collaborating with an attorney (Peter Glazer) for the 501c3 application.
- Because of changes in GA, the attorney has advised that ONYX-SE dissolve its LLC and reincorporate as a non-profit corporation, which could make the application and review process could be easier (and less expensive).
- There needs to be more community service on our website and social media for the review process.
- Shenzi offered an alternative to dissolving the LLC, which Daddy Rod will discuss with him at a later date.

B. ONYX National Council Update

- The Council will meet April 20, 2023, where it will be ratifying the Chapter in Formation document.
- The Council will be requesting proposals for chapters interested in hosting Blackout.
  - Neither Daddy Rod nor Uncle Jamal want ONYX-SE to host.

C. Tradesmen Run (Augusta, GA; May 5-7, 2023)

- Willie Tradesmen contacted Daddy Rod regarding ONYX-SE hosting a cocktail party during the weekend.
  - After a lengthy discussion about timeliness and participation, the consensus of the body in attendance was to attend the event but not host a cocktail party.
  - Sphinx made a motion.
    - Motion: Shall ONYX-SE support the Trademen's event in May by being present and not hosting a cocktail party?
      - ✓ The motion passed with in favor of the motion with no opposition.
- Furry Weekend (Atlanta, GA: May 11-14, 2023)
  - Nitro contacted Daddy Rod regarding ONYX-SE having a table in the event's kink space (Moonlight Festival).
  - After a lengthy conversation about budget, coordination and participation, the general consensus was that ONYX-SE would have a table during Furry Weekend.
  - Buddha made a motion.
    - Motion: Shall ONYX-SE have a table during Furry Atlanta?
      - ✓ The motion passed with nine votes in favor of the motion, two against the motion.
  - Daddy Rod said he would speak to Nitro about getting free passes for the members who work the table.

VII. Announcements

- International Ms. Leather ([www.imsllbb.org](http://www.imsllbb.org)):  
Piscataway, NJ (April 20-23, 2023)
- Big Bruthas Bonding in Pride (Big Boy Pride) ([www.soul2speakent.com](http://www.soul2speakent.com))  
Orlando, FL (April 26-May 2, 2023)
- International Mr. Leather ([www.imrl.com](http://www.imrl.com))  
Chicago, IL (May 25-29, 2023)
- Southeast Leather Fest ([www.seleatherfest.org](http://www.seleatherfest.org))  
Atlanta, GA (June 8-11, 2023)
- Dore Alley / Up Your Alley ([www.folsomstreet.org](http://www.folsomstreet.org))  
San Francisco, CA (July 29-30, 2023)
- Folsom Europe ([www.folsomeurope.berlin](http://www.folsomeurope.berlin))  
Berlin, Germany (September 7-10, 2023)
- Blatino Oasis ([www.blatinoasis.com](http://www.blatinoasis.com))  
Palm Springs, CA (September 14-17, 2023)
- Folsom Street Fair ([www.folsomstreet.org](http://www.folsomstreet.org))  
San Francisco, (September 22-24, 2023)
- World Bear Weekend ([www.worldbearweekend.com](http://www.worldbearweekend.com))  
Orlando, FL (September 21-24, 2023)
- Mr. International Rubber ([www.mirubber.com](http://www.mirubber.com))  
Chicago, IL (October 19-22, 2023)

VIII. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned by President Daddy Rod at 5:40pm.