

ONYX SOUTHEAST

General Body Meeting

August 5, 2023

Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 838 1811 9420

Passcode: 540248

Minutes

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Vice President Uncle Jamal at 4:07pm.

II. Roll Call (27 Members)

Uncle Jamal (Vice President)	Bobcat ONYX	Vision ONYX
Alduin ONYX (Treasurer)	Buddha ONYX	Quiet Storm ONYX
HP ONYX (Secretary)	Darknight ONYX	Red Fox ONYX
Twilight ONYX (Sargent Master)	Eziah ONYX	Saber ONYX
Ravenclaw ONYX (Historian)	Jaguar ONYX	Shenzi ONYX
Jade ONYX (Road Captain)	Jupiter ONYX	Sir Yardie
Badger ONYX	Merlin ONYX	Sphinx ONYX
Bahamut ONYX	New Chameleon ONYX	Tithoes ONYX
Bliss Onyx	Nightshade ONYX	Wolverine ONYX

III. Approval of Minutes

- ❖ Motion: Approval of minutes from the June 3, 2023, meeting.
 - ✓ Resolved: Minutes from General Body Meeting on June 3, 2023, was approved without modifications.

IV. Executive Reports

A. Treasurer Report

- Total amount made during August's bar night: \$770.50.
 - \$217.50 (CashApp)
 - \$61.00 (Venmo)
 - \$40.00 in cash (raffle tickets)
 - \$92.00 in cash (mobile bar)
 - \$360.00 in cash (Jell-O shots)
- There was a total of \$166.21 dollars in transactions for the month of July which included:
 - Flyer image creation: \$42.00
 - Flyer Design: \$50.00
 - Constant Contact: \$23.00
 - Zoom: \$15.99
 - MembershipWorks (website): \$35.00
- Account balance as of August 5, 2023: \$5343.57

B. Historian Report

- Nothing to Report

C. Secretary Report

- Nothing to Report

D. Pledge Master Report

- The pledge meeting today—led by Jaguar ONYX and Uncle Stan—covered protocol and contained a wax play demo.
- Twilight joined the meeting later and expressed his displeasure with the criticism surrounding an incident at one of the previous pledge meetings. He urged the body to address him directly when / if anyone had criticism to offer.*
- The pledges are working on their Brothers Bonding event and their community service project.

- Brothers Bonding will be September 23, 2023; information will be sent to the big brothers.
- The pledges will be helping with bar night.
- The pledge bar night and crossing will be the same weekend in November.
- Please contact Jaguar ONYX if you are interested in leading a demo during the pledge process.
- If you have a little brother, please make sure they are studying the information for the meetings.
- The pledge team will contact the big brothers to keep them abreast of the pledge schedule.

E. Vice President Report

- There are three people who would like to return to the Chapter.
- Uncle Jamal will be in contact with them in the near future and present them to the body at the next General Body Meeting.
- Uncle Jamal was reminded that Bliss ONYX would like to be reinstated as an active member.
 - Uncle Jamal made a motion to reinstate Bliss ONYX.
- ❖ Motion: Shall ONYX-SE accept Bliss ONYX back active as a full brother?
 - ✓ Resolved: Bliss ONYX shall be accepted as a full brother.
- Uncle Jamal reiterated the reinstatement process: If anyone who is not currently active wants to be active again, they must contact the Vice President, according to the bylaws, and have a conversation the Vice President and another board member, who will present the interested party to the body at the following General Body Meeting.

F. Road Captain Report

- Jade ONYX thanked everyone for supporting the August bar night.
- The theme for September bar night will be “Bare”, as an underwear theme.
 - It will also serve as a send-off for Buddha ONYX, as he relinquishes his World Bear title.
- ONYX Mid-Atlantic would like ONYX Southeast to partner with them in Charlotte, NC at Chasers.
 - Tentative date is November 18, 2023.
 - More information to follow.

V. New Business

A. Election for 2024-2026 ONYX Southeast Executive Board

- An email will be sent to all the members who have been nominated for a position.
 - They will have 7 days to accept or decline the nomination(s).
 - Once the nominations are collected, the body will be notified.
- The election should go live on August 16, 2023, and you will have two weeks to cast your votes for the 2024-26 executive board.
- HP ONYX stressed to the body to vote for the best candidate.

B. ONYX National Council Update

- We will have an update from Merlin ONYX at a later date.

VI. Old Business

A. 501c3 Update

- “ONYX Southeast” is officially 501c3.
- There will be some structure that needs to be changed to ensure we maintain our status.
 - For instance, correspondence will probably all need to be via email.
 - Requests for purchases over \$100 will need to be submitted ahead of time and approved by the body.
 - As these standards of procedure are developed, the 501c3 team will inform the body.

B. Discussion: Grievance(s) with President Daddy Rod / Road Captain Jade ONYX

- *Because of a family emergency, Daddy Rod was unable to appear for this discussion. He asked that his response to the Board’s Letter of Grievance be read to the body, which was read by Uncle Jamal. A 45-minute discussion followed with Jade further defending his actions as Road Captain against Daddy Rod’s assertions and the members offering opinions and criticism. The discussion ended with two motions being put forth.*
- ❖ Motion: Shall ONYX-SE remove Jade ONYX from the office of Road Captain?

- ✓ Dead: Jade ONYX shall *not* be removed from the office of Road Captain. The motion was denied with 7 in favor, 5 against and 9 abstentions. (*Voting to remove an officer requires a 2/3 majority vote. Otherwise, the motion is dead.*)
- ❖ Motion: Shall ONYX-SE remove Daddy Rod from the office of President?
 - ✓ Resolved: Daddy Rod shall be removed from the office of President. The motion passed with 13 in favor, 5 against and 9 abstentions. (*Although HP ONYX gave the total votes and Uncle Jamal announced the motion as passed, the vote was inaccurate and therefore dead. A motion to recount was put forth and seconded.*)
- ❖ Motion: Shall ONYX-SE remove Daddy Rod from the office of President?
 - ✓ Dead: Daddy Rod shall *not* be removed from the office of Road Captain. The motion was denied with 10 in favor, 6 against and 8 abstentions. (*Voting to remove an officer requires a 2/3 majority vote. Otherwise, the motion is dead.*)
- *After the vote, Saber explained the importance of the grievance process and how removing a person from office or the organization is detrimental to an organization.*

VII. Announcements

- Master/slave Conference (<https://masterslaveconference.org/>)
Washington, DC (August 31-September 4, 2023)
**Sir Guy is on the education committee for this event. Though classes are filling up, if you're an educator and would like to present, please contact Sir Guy (sirguybdsm@gmail.com or sirguybdsm.com).
- Folsom Europe (www.folsomeurope.berlin)
Berlin, Germany (September 7-10, 2023)
- Blatino Oasis (www.blatinoasis.com)
Palm Springs, CA (September 14-17, 2023)
- Folsom Street Fair (www.folsomstreet.org)
San Francisco, (September 22-24, 2023)
- World Bear Weekend (www.worldbearweekend.com)
Orlando, FL (September 21-24, 2023)
- Atlanta Leather Pride (www.atlantaleatherpride.com)
Atlanta (September 29-October 1, 2023)
- Mr. International Rubber (www.mirubber.com)
Chicago, IL (October 19-22, 2023)

VIII. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned by Vice-President Uncle Jamal at 5:45pm.