

**Emerald Society**  
**April 3, 2003**  
**Miami Yacht Club**  
**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were President Michael O'Connor, First Vice President, Tom Dunn; Second Vice President & Board Member, Bill O'Brien; Secretary & Board member Carroll Cameron; Treasurer & Board Member David Russell; Immediate Past President and Board Chair, Ed Cooke; Historian Dan Fitzgerald, Board members: Billy Cameron, Joe McManus, Jim Cooney; Mary Ann Fierro; Judi Sherry; Oliver Kerr; John Cosgrove; members Tom Lynch, Chris Kelly, Karen Dunn, John Doherty, and guests Ken Philips, Dolores Fitzgerald, and Jeanette Fitzgerald. A quorum was established. The president led a salute to the flag of the United States

**Order of Business**

The order of business was adopted.

**Minutes**

The minutes were approved. The secretary passed out the first three pages of the procedures manual which provide instructions on presenting new members, submitting vouchers for reimbursement of expenses, and accessing the voice mail messages. The procedure pages were approved by the Board.

**Motion** by Dunn to ratify election. **Motion passed.**

**Motion** by Fierro to publish minutes and newsletter on website. Second by C. Cameron. Motion to amend by C. Cameron to include all major events. **Motion passed as amended** to read: The Emerald Society will publish all major events, minutes, and newsletter on the website as soon as possible.

**Directive** to Russell to contact webmaster to change liaison to John Doherty.

**Directive** to Doherty to email corrections, minutes, and newsletter to webmaster.

**Directive** to C. Cameron to email all available minutes beginning with June 2002 to Doherty.

**Treasurer's Report** (D. Russell)

The treasurer's financial reports and proposed budgets are attached to these minutes. B. O'Brien was commended for the large number of ads he sold for the festival books. The treasurer noted that we could reduce police cost by asking the Gables police department for staggered shifts.

**Motion** by Cooke to forgive the dues for John Clark and Martin Lynch for one year. Second by B. Cameron. **Motion passed.**

**Motion** by T. Dunn to have new signature cards signed at the bank. Second by O'Brien. **Motion passed.**

**Committee Reports**

**Membership** ( Billy Cameron)

The following applicants were accepted as new members.

Name	Sponsor
Jan Paris	Mary Ann Fierro
Bill Mullaney	Bill Cassidy
Patricia O'Rourke	Marge Hartnett
Deborah Thornton Hasty	Carroll Cameron

The following applicant was accepted as a new member, pending B. Cameron calling him to determine eligibility and sponsoring member: Lawrence Furlong.

**Directive** to B. Cameron to call L. Furlong about his membership application.

**Social Site** (Bill O'Brien)

Thursday, April 24, 6:30 PM

Tuscany in Coconut Grove – park in municipal lot

May's social will be installation of officers

**Health & Welfare** (M. O'Conner)

Stu Robinson is recovering from bypass surgery in Mt. Sinai hospital. John Kane's brother died. Fitzgerald send card from the Emerald Society to both members.

**Christmas Festival**

T. Dunn volunteered to chair the Christmas Dinner and Festival Committee.

**New Business**

Kelly passed out the election results. The 2003-2004 Board (officers and directors) are as follows.

Officers

President	Michael O'Connor
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Tom Dunn
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	William O'Brien
Treasurer	David Russell
Historian	Dan Fitzgerald
Recording Secretary	Carroll Cameron
Immediate Past President (not an elected office)	Ed Cooke

Directors

One year left on 3 year term	Two years left on 3 year term	Three year term
Billy Cameron	Mary Ann Fierro	John Cosgrove
Bill O'Brien	James Cooney	Oliver Kerr
Michael O'Connor	Joe McManus	John Kane
David Russell	Carroll Cameron	Judi Sherry

**Directive** to J. Sherry to choose a place and date in May for installation of officers.

**Directive** to C. Cameron and D. Fitzgerald to look into the purchase of Emerald Society decals for windshields as a possible fundraiser and to increase Irish presence in the community.

**Directive** to D. Fitzgerald to make the Emerald Society scrapbook available at social events.

**Old Business**

Cooke asked for volunteers to certify his expenses. **Directive** to Cooke to put his receipts in order on the new voucher forms.

Cooke reminded the Board that his wife had still not received her raffle prize from the Christmas drawing. Asked for \$600 in lieu of a weekend at Club Med. **Motion** by T. Dunn to award Gloria Cooke \$600. Second by Cooney. **Motion passed.**

Discussion on next meeting which falls on May 1, 2004. **Directive** to M. O'Connor to find out if the room at the Yacht Club would be available for a Board meeting on May 8 instead of May 1.

**Calendar**

Date	Event	Place
4/24/03	Social	Tuscany, Coconut Grove
5/4/03	Cultural Meeting	John Martin's, Coral Gables
5/28/03	Installation of Officers	TBA

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, MAY ?, 2003

## **January Directives**

**Directive:** Russell to prepare a page for a procedure manual on the process for handling checks and requests for donations so that the Treasurer and other designated members of the Board have copies of all related materials.

## **February Directives**

**Directive:** Kelly to insert penalties for failure of lead performers to show in all contracts.

## **April Directives**

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