

**The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting**

Miami Yacht Club

Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance – H. Ryan

Welcome any guests

- Welcome new Board Members

In Attendance: Hugh Ryan, President, John Doherty, Treasurer; Kassie Doyle, Rec. Sec.
Directors: Judi Tierney Sherry, Richard Welch, Jr., Paul Reilly, Joe McManus, Noel McManus
Stillings; Sean Ferrell; Bill O'Brien; Dave Russell; Billy Cameron; Mary Gerhardt
Members excused: Don Harrington Jr., Christopher Kelley, Sean Hayes, Erin Ashley Sieber; Dan
Fitzgerald
Guests: Mary Ann Kerr; Oliver Kerr; Anne McShane; Barbara McManus

Order of Business:

President's Report: (Hugh Ryan) For the Good of the Order

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- Filling vacancies (Chuck Daly)
- Committee Heads

Secretary's Report: (Kassie Doyle)

Minutes of March Board meeting taken by Judy Tierney: Motion to approve by J. McManus. 2nd by D. Russell. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: (John Doherty)

- Discussion of 2012-2013 budget; Discussion of balances in checking accounts, CDs; most deposits due to new members; Looking at budget, everything is pretty much done with year, biggest remaining items are Christmas in Ireland; Expenses are small for balance of year (monthly phone, website, etc). Installation next big event (\$500 contract paid; 2nd deposit due soon then final number and balance will be due). List of delinquent members deferred to Membership committee. Motion to approve by J. McManus; 2nd by R. Welch. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports:

Christmas In Ireland (Kassie Doyle) – Budget/location/Date/Time/menu/raffle

- Christmas Committee will provide all articles about Christmas to Newsletter
- Christmas Committee will provide "Wish Lists" to be printed in Newsletter and sent out to membership in other ways.

- Tickets will be \$75 per person. Goal is to have ticket price cover location/ venue/ food/ entertainment/ postage, etc. and for Raffle to be self-sustaining/100% fundraising.
- Presentation of 2 choices for event on Dec. 8 2012 by K. Doyle. Discussion was held of 2 final possible venues and pros and cons.
- Mtn by J. Sherry to hold CII at Schofield Hall pending approval of contract by K. Doyle and J. Doherty. 2nd by O. Kerr. Motion Carries.

St. Pat's Day Festival Committee Liaison-Kassie Doyle

- Charlie Davis did an excellent job taking over at last minute. Suggestion by K. Doyle that the Emeralds send at a minimum a card and should receive more. Mary Ann Kerr volunteers to send C. Davis thank you card on behalf of Emeralds.
- J. Sherry suggests an excellent way to support the Festival is to join the Committee and help the Festival more than just on the day of the Festival.
- Discussion on separation of Festival and Emeralds for tax-reasons alone.
- J. McManus requested the Liaison provide very clear information next year as to St. Pat's Committee's expectations for the Emerald Society early (November, December 2012) prior to the festival.
- J. Doherty advised that everything that goes into the St. Pat's festival book, tents, chairs, seats, etc. in the name of the Emerald Society is a cost/expense to St. Pat's festival.

Installation Dinner- (Judi Tierney)

- Jungle Island date May 23, 6:30 p.m., \$40 per person; invitations to go out next week; Decorations possibly by Ken Pines if he will donate decorations again;
- J. Sherry wants a motion to waive dues for this year for Ken Pines. Motion by J. Sherry. 2nd by J. McManus. Motion carries.

Social – (Paul Reilly)

- April 19 – Irish Times in South Miami; drink deals.

Membership –new members

- C. Kelley and H. Ryan to join forces for Membership in the future.
- 3 new members: Meghan Knol;(Sponsor: K. Doyle); David Giles (Sponsor P. Reilly); Barbara Lewban
- J. McManus moves to approve 3 members; 2nd by D. Russell. Motion carried.
- B. Cameron suggests possible new member – Christian Atkins (check at B. Cameron's house – he forgot it).
 - o J. Doherty states there was a prior board agreement that unless membership application submitted with check it is deferred until such time as the check is received.
- List of members with Dues outstanding read aloud again
- Motion by J. McManus to instruct Treasurer not to delete 42 delinquent members until end of May. 2nd by Bill O'Brien. Motion carried (J. Doherty opposed).
- Installation Dinner needs a list of new members for Program since May 24, 2011 (last dinner)
- Issue of whether Directory for Members will be issued discussed.

Website and Big Mouth (John Doherty)

- Both vehicles could be utilized much more for information.
- Communication is the key to keeping people interested in organization
- J. Doherty confirms monthly newsletter is available online. Board minutes from each meeting are available online under “Members Only Section.”
- St. Patrick’s Festival is on So. Fla. Emerald Society website. Open to discussions about that.
- J. Doherty suggests finding new person to coordinate Website. Possibly someone younger or with more experience to improve website. Suggests using website.

Shamrock News/ Communications (Joe and Barbara McManus)

- Sent out over weekend. Thanks to Bill Cassidy for providing photographs for newsletter.
- Next newsletter expected in early May.
- Editors are open to news and idea as to anything that can be included. Please send pictures, too.

Health & Welfare

- Dan Fitzgerald home from hospital after 15 days. Feeling better. Hopes to be back next month.
- M. Kerr sent cards to D. Fitzgerald and to Billy Flynn.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Good of the Order/Adjournment – Motion to Adjourn by M. Gerhardt. Motion seconded by several. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.