

**Emerald Society
February 6, 2003
Miami Yacht Club
Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM. Present were President Ed Cooke, First Vice President Michael O'Connor, Second Vice President John Wright, Secretary & Board member Carroll Cameron, Treasurer David Russell, Historian Dan Fitzgerald, Board members Bill O'Brien, Billy Cameron, Joe McManus, Chris Kelly; Publications Director Stu Robinson; members John Doherty and Tom Dunn and guest June Drake. A quorum was established.

Order of Business

The agenda was amended to include a salute to the American Flag, a moment of silence for the astronauts whose shuttle burned, and the minutes.

President's Report (Ed Cooke)

The president presented a consent agenda from which the following actions were taken. Resignations from the Board of Gary Tommeny & Bill Gregory were accepted. Miami Police Chief Timmony to be invited to be Grand Marshall at the St. Patrick's Festival. Recognition will be offered to members Tom Flynn, Consul of Australia and Don Slesnick, Mayor of Coral Gables.

Motion by Russell to reimburse editor for stamps upon receipt of invoice. Second by C.Cameron.

Motion passed.

Minutes (C.Cameron) Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (D. Russell)

The treasurer's financial reports and proposed budgets are attached to these minutes. Offered to send approximately 90 newsletters electronically that represents a saving of approximately one dollar per newsletter per month. Discussion on members who have \$10.00 membership fee because they are adult children of regular members. **Motion** by C.Cameron to raise that membership price to cover the costs of sending them the newsletter. Second by Russell. **Motion passed.** **Motion** by B.Cameron to limit this type of membership to out of state adult children of members. Second by Russell. **Motion passed.**

Motion by Russell to transfers up to \$5,000.00 to St. Patrick's festival as needed. Second by O'Brien. **Motion passed.**

Old Business

Motion by Fitzgerald to cosponsor Irish Studies day at Nova Southeastern University for \$100.00. Second by O'Connor. **Motion passed.**

O'Brien presented liability insurance quotes. **Motion** by C. Cameron to give O'Brien authority to contract with Burlington Insurance @ \$3500, unless Scottsdale brings a better offer to the Society. Second by O'Connor. **Motion passed.**

Committee Reports

Nomination (Chris Kelly)

Slate will be ready on Monday, February 10, 2003 and emailed/faxed to Board on Thursday, February 13.

Directive: Kelly to send general member email inviting people who want to hold leadership positions to contact the nomination committee.

Membership (Bill Cameron)

Christopher Valle, sponsored by J. Cooney, and J. Michael Fitzgerald, sponsored by E. Cooke, were accepted as new members. Antonio Martinez, Jr., sponsored by Marge Hartnett, was accepted as a Friends of Emeralds/Associate member.

Social Site (Bill O'Brien)

Wednesday, February 26, 6:30 PM

Miami Shores Country Club, Caribbean night, Happy hour prices from 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 15, 11:00AM
Thursday, April 24, 6:30 PM

St. Patrick's Festival, Hartnett Park, Coral Gables
Tuscany in Coconut Grove

Directive: Cooke to call Joe Healey to find out date and time of the Miami Springs pub crawl.

New Business

Motion by B. Cameron to buy a new American flag. Second by O'Connor. **Motion Passed.**

St. Patrick's Day Festival contract with Avalon. The musician's changed the contract to \$1150 and crossed out the time they will leave.

Directive: O'Brien and Fitzgerald to renegotiate contract with Avalon to settle price and number of hours they will perform.

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

President Cooke asked for a motion to adjourn. **Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM**

Calendar

Date	Event	Place
2/26/03	Social	Miami Shores Country Club, Dinner \$25.00
2/2/03	Celtic Cultural	John Martin's, Coral Gables
3/6/03	Board Meeting	Miami Yacht Club, Watson Island
3/15/03	St. Patrick's Festival	Fred Hartnet Park, Coral Gables
4/24/03	Social	Tuscany, Coconut Grove

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2003

December Directives

Directive: Cooke to write letter to Gov. Bush requesting a declaration naming March as Celtic American Month.

January Directives

Directive: Fitzgerald to contact Nolan to make plans for accessing Loudmouth when she is not available to program the announcements. **Complete.** Nolan can continue to operate Loudmouth if we get word to her 1 week in advance of when the announcement is needed.

Directive: C. Cameron to prepare a procedure manual as officers and directors codify functions and email them to her. **On going.**

Directive: O'Brien to negotiate with the Taurus and Tuscany for April and May. **On going.**

Directive: B. Cameron to call the two members who owe for St. Patrick's book and ask for payment.

Collected from one.

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.

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