

The South Florida Emerald Society
February 3, 2005
Miami Yacht Club
Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were President Tom Dunn; First Vice President, Bill O'Brien; Second Vice President, Jim Cooney; Treasurer David Russell; Secretary, Carroll Cameron; Board Members, Dan Fitzgerald, Judy Sherry, Billy Cameron, Joe McManus, John Doherty, Michael O'Connor, Mary Ann Kerr, Oliver Kerr and members Michael Geyer, Karen Dunn, and Dolores Fitzgerald. New member Mike O'Hara also attended. John Cosgrove and Patrick Novack were excused. A quorum was established.

Order of Business

The order of business was adopted.

President's Report (T. Dunn)

The president led the Board in the salute to our flag.

Secretary's Report (C. Cameron)

Directives were reviewed and updated by Doherty. Minutes were approved as amended. Procedures manual: C. Cameron presented written procedures for taking minutes at Board meetings.

Treasurer's Report (D. Russell)

The treasure gave detailed reports that are attached to these minutes. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports

Membership, Website, and Big Mouth Committees (John Doherty)

The membership report is attached to these minutes. The following were accepted as new members.

Name	Sponsor	Status
Mike O'Hara	Dan Fitzgerald	Active
Jimmy McMillan	Bill Owens	Active
Tim Sullivan	Billy Cameron	Active
Barry McHugh	Marge Hartnett	Active

Website forms and rosters have been updated. Big Mouth has been is up and running. Attendance at Emerald Society functions have increased since these messages have been used to support the newsletter. Doherty is prepared to make any Board announcements, pending the submission of scripts.

Cultural Series (McManus)

On Sunday, Sunday, February 13, 2005 the St. Patrick's Festival Cultural series will present Jim Cuddy who will talk about "Seven Generations of One Irish Family" and provide instruction on genealogy research.

Social Site (O'Brien)

The February social will be Wednesday, February 23, 2005, 6:00 PM. Place will be the Hooligan's and 95 Street and South Dixie Highway, just south of Dadeland.

Directive: T. Dunn to check with Joe & Linda Healy to find out if there is a pub crawl planned for St. Patrick's Day in Miami Springs.

Nominating Committee (O'Connor)

Slate of Officers

President	Carroll Cameron
First Vice President	Jim Cooney
Second Vice President	Mary Ann Kerr
Secretary	Judi Sherry
Treasurer	David Russell

Directive: Nominating Committee to finish the slate by nominating members for upcoming vacancies on the Board of Trustees by the end of this week.

Directive: O'Connor to email the completed slate to M. Kerr.

Directive: M. Kerr to prepare and mail ballots to all active members.

NEW BUSINESS

Officers and Directors liability insurance expires in April.

Directive: Treasurer (Russell) to fill out Officers and Directors liability insurance renewal application.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Nick Valeriani passed away after a long illness. Nancy Harrington will be in a nursing home indefinitely and would appreciate phone calls.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2005

Calendar

Date	Event	Place
2/23/05	Monthly Social	Hooligans
3/3/05	Board Meeting	Miami Yacht Club
3/12/05	St. Patrick's Festival	Fred Hartnett (Ponce Circle) Park, Coral Gables
3/17/05	St. Patrick's Day	Miami-Dade County
3/23/05	Monthly Social	TBA
4/7/05	Board Meeting	Miami Yacht Club
4/27/05	Monthly Social	TBA

Carroll Cameron