

The Emerald Society
January 8, 2004
Miami Yacht Club
Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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; Board members: Jim Cooney, Dan Fitzgerald, Billy Cameron, John Kane, Mary Ann Fierro, Judi Sherry, Oliver Kerr, Patrick Novak, Joe McManus, John Cosgrove and member John Doherty. A quorum was established.

Order of Business

The order of business was adopted.

Secretary Report (C. Cameron)

The secretary's report was approved. Directives were reviewed. **Directive:** McManus to send C. Cameron protocol for the Cultural Series to be included in the procedures manual.

Treasurer's Report (D. Russell)

The treasurer presented several detailed reports which are attached to the minutes. Discussion of policy for dropping members for nonpayment of dues. **Directive:** Russell to remove all people who have not paid dues in one year from member list.

Committee Reports

Nomination Committee (Michael O'Connor)

C. Cameron and J. Cooney were appointed to the nomination committee. **Motion** by Dunn to suspend rules to allow Cameron to serve on nomination committee when she will be on the ballot for secretary. Second by McManus. **Motion passed.**

Membership Committee (John Doherty)

Doherty called a committee meeting to follow the Board meeting to refine process for bringing new members into active participation.

The following were approved a new members.

New member	Sponsor	Status
Stephen James	Bill Gregory	Active
Carol Kelley	John Cosgrove	Active

Cultural Series (McManus)

The first meeting of the Cultural Series will be Sunday, January 8, 2004 at John Martins. Presenters will be Mary Ann Fierro and Oliver Kerr on recent travels in Ireland.

Social Site (Bill O'Brien)

January's social will be Wednesday, January 28, 6:30 PM in the garden at La Palma in Coral Gables. **Motion** by Dunn to help membership committee develop a schedule for honoring new members at the monthly social. Second by B. Cameron. **Motion passed.**

Newsletter Directives: Fierro and Kerr to place the following notices in the newsletter

- (a) the cultural series renewal, with dates, times, and topics
- (b) request for suggestions for people who can make presentations for the cultural series
- (c) request members who can perform for Irish events to identify themselves for Doherty to include on website <dohertyjohn@bellsouth.net>
- (d) invitation to Maurice Grondon's home for a superbowl Sunday party from 3:00 PM until the game is over
- (e) a call for nominations for officers and directors

GOOD OF THE ORDER

B. Cameron congratulated John Cosgrove on his appointment to the Miami-Dade Citizens Independent transportation trust.

The Board congratulated Tom Dunn on his excellent work as chair of the Christmas festival.

Directive: O'Brien to send written thanks to the Caymen Airlines and Sandals Resort for their door prizes.

Directive: Dunn to send written thanks to the donors of other door prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2004

Calendar

Date	Event	Place
1/28/04	Monthly Social	La Palma, Coral Gables
2/1/04	Super Bowl Party	Maurice Gronden's
2/5/04	Board Meeting	Miami Yacht Club
2/8/04	Cultural Series – Ireland Off the Beaten Path	John Martin's/Kerr-Fierro speakers
3/6/04	Scottish Games	C. B. Smith Park 900 N. Flamingo Road , Pembroke Pines
3/13/04	St. Patrick's Festival	Hartnett/Ponce Circle Park
3/14/04	Cultural Series	John Martin's/Brian Gillis
3/14/04	St. Patrick's Parade	Noon: Downtown Hollywood FL
3/17/04	St. Patrick's Day	Slainte!

December Directives

Directive: Dunn to take charge of a printed directory, approaching printers for competitive bids and present his findings at the next meeting.

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