

The South Florida Emerald Society
January 6, 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, Tom Lynch, Mary Ann Kerr, Oliver Kerr and member Michael Geyer. John Cosgrove was excused. A quorum was established.

Order of Business

The order of business was adopted.

President's Report (T. Dunn)

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

Secretary's Report (C. Cameron)

Directives were reviewed and updated. Minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report (D. Russell)

The treasure gave detailed reports that are attached to these minutes. Three late membership renewals were accepted, one for 2004, two for 2005. The two renewals that were applied to 2005 were for people who have not received any services during 2004. 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. Website improvements are ongoing. Big Mouth has been tested and is up and running.

Directive: All Emeralds who want to send a message to members via Big Mouth, should email a script to Doherty.

Directive: Kerr and Kerr to place a notice in the newsletter advising members to expect Big Mail messages and give directions for submitting scripts to Doherty.

The following was approved as a new member with dues waived for 2005.

New member	Sponsor	Status
James McCormick	Dr. James McCormick	Active

Cultural Series (McManus)

On Sunday, January 9, 2005 the Cultural series will stage a reading of "The Irish Divorce" by Anna Mae Burke. On Sunday, February 13, Jim Cuddy will present "Seven Generations of One Irish Family."

Social Site (O'Brien)

The January social will be Wednesday, January 26, 2005, 6:00 PM. Place will be the La Palma in Coral Gables. For the next several months, proposed places include: Miami Yacht Club for February, John Martin's for March, and Hurricane Bar for April. May will be Installation of Officers.

Directive: M. Kerr and Sherry to plan Installation of Officers in May.

Nomination Committee

O'Brien, Doherty, Fitzgerald, O'Connor were appointed to the nomination committee.

Directive: Kerr and Kerr to place a notice in newsletter asking for interested parties to submit their names for Board or Officer positions.

Christmas Dinner (Cooney)

Cooney submitted a final report on the Christmas Dinner which is attached to these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

McManus submitted information on an Irish cultural program at Nova Southeastern University which is attached. Motion by O. Kerr to donate \$100.00 to the program. Second by Fitzgerald. Motion passed pending the receipt of proof of 501(c)3 status.

Directive: Kerr and Kerr to place a notice in newsletter urging members to donate to the charities of their choice for the victims of the Christmas Tsunami.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Gloria Cooke is in the hospital. M. Kerr will send her a card. Dunn sent flowers to Nancy Harrington. O'Connor sent flowers to Shannon O'Brien.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2005

Calendar

Date	Event	Place
1/9/05	Cultural Series-The Irish Divorce	John Martin's
1/26/05	Monthly Social	LaPalma
2/3/05	Board Meeting	Miami Yacht Club
1/23/05	Monthly Social	LaPalma
2/3/05	Board Meeting	Miami Yacht Club
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