

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.

**Board of Directors' Meeting
Miami Yacht Club
Thursday, July 10, 2008 6:30 P.M.**

Minutes

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:48PM

In Attendance: Jon Lindeman, 1st V.P., Janice McKay, 2nd V.P., Treasurer John Doherty, Secretary Hugh A. Ryan, Historian Dan Fitzgerald, Directors: Mary Gerhardt, Chris Kelley, Judy Sherry, Bill O'Brien, Sean Ferrell, Bella Kelly, Joe McManus, and Jan Paris. Also in attendance were members: Carroll Cameron, Billy Cameron, Barbara McManus, Sean Glynn, Chuck Daly and Ann McShane.

Excused absences: Oliver & Mary Ann Kerr (in Ireland).

Order of Business:

Secretary's Report: H. A. Ryan

Minutes of June Meeting were reviewed. Corrections noted.

Motion to approve minutes is carried.

Treasurer's Report: J. Doherty

Financial Reports submitted for review

Presented to Board by J. Doherty

See attached

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report is carried.

Doherty reports that 28 unpaid members on the list will now be removed from the membership list

Motion by McManus to roll over full amount of CD (Principal & Interest)

2nd- C. Kelley

Motion Passed

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Carroll Cameron

Report: Dick O'Connell, who has been ill for 7 months, is now doing better.

Motion by McManus to send a Good Wishes card to O'Connell
2nd Cameron
Motion Passed

Delinquent members: Deadline for payment of dues is tomorrow July 11.
Previously, there were 68 delinquents, as of this meeting there are 28.

C. Cameron- We will send invoices with directories to all members.

S. Glynn & B. Kelly have been appointed to the membership committee.

Possible Membership restructuring:

New membership category recommendations are to be presented to the Board of Directors at the September meeting by the Membership Committee, then, possibly sent to By-Laws Committee. All suggestions are to be sent to the Membership committee by phone or e-mail. All suggestions are welcome.

Social Committee: Bill O'Brien

Upcoming Socials:

July 24th, Novecento, Brickell,
August 24th, Sunday afternoon, Maurice Grondin's Residence 2355 South
Miami Avenue
September 25th, Joe Healey's Hurricane Bar & Grill, Miami Springs

Key Biscayne 4th of July Parade Report- Carroll Cameron:

A success! However next year we need more kids, grandkids, little ones!!
The food was all eaten up.

Motion by McManus to send Louis Clark \$100 to help pay for the Antique Fire Engine used in the parade.
2nd Gerhardt

After further discussion,
Previous motion was withdrawn.

Motion by C. Kelley to present Louis Clark with two tickets to “Christmas in Ireland” Dinner as a sign of the Society’s appreciation for the use of the Fire Engine in the parade.

2nd Sherry

Motion Passed.

Christmas in Ireland- Gerhardt:

No Report

Doherty- We are officially committed to the space & the band.

Rusty Pelican, Rickenbacker Causeway, December 11, 2008

\$75 per ticket

Dublin City Ramblers will perform.

Hopefully 200 tickets to be sold.

Installation Dinner 2009- McKay:

We need a form a Venue Committee to find a new location for the dinner, perhaps a location more centrally located to the bulk of the membership

Emerald Shirts

Gerhardt will meet with shirt company regarding new Emerald Shirts. Will have a report at the September meeting.

Cultural Series- Lindeman

Bloomsday- Called one of the “Best Attended Events”; there were great write-ups & photos in the Miami Herald and Coral Gables Gazette.

Website/Big Mouth- Doherty

Website & Big Mouth is available for Society Uses- all committees need to take advantage of this service.

Website- up to date- no problems to report

Shamrock News- B. McManus

We need photos. We will gladly send out photos of the 4th of July parade & members Ireland vacation photos.

New Business:

Motion by B. Cameron to waive the current dues of Martin Lynch, of JohnMartins Pub.
2nd- B. Kelly
Motion Passed

S. Ferrell to communicate with the Miami Yacht Club as to the arrangement of future Board meetings.

Good of the Order/Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:20 PM

Next Board Meeting September 11, 2008, 6:30 PM at Miami Yacht Club

**Respectfully Submitted
Hugh A. Ryan**