

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.
Board of Director's Meeting
Miami Yacht Club
Thursday, March 7, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: H. Ryan, J. Doherty, D. Harrington, Jr., K. Doyle, S. Hayes, C. Kelley, W. O'Brien, S. Ferrell, D. Slesnick III, J. McManus, B. McManus Stillings, R. Welch, D. Fitzgerald, M. Gerhardt

Members Excused: Phil Morrissey, Pat Duffy. P. Reilly

Welcome any Guests: Barbara McManus

Order of Business

President's Report (H. Ryan)

- For the Good of the Order
 - o Mr. President is taking meetings and organizing executive meetings
- Election Results
 - o More votes than last year (18% increase) but only 74 totals members voted this year
 - o Winners:
 - President: Hugh Ryan
 - 1st VP = Sean Hayes
 - 2nd VP – R. Welch Jr.
 - Treasurer: John Doherty
 - Historian: Dan Fitzgerald
 - Secretary: Cassandra Doyle
 - Directors:
 - J. Doherty
 - K. Doyle
 - B. Brogan
 - M. Knol
 - A. Eustace
 - J. Bailey
 - C. Kelly moves to validate the election results. 2nd by D. Harrington Jr. Motion passes.
 - J. McManus moves to recognize former Officers and Directors to thank them for their service
 - D. Harrington, C. Bailey, M. Gerhardt, W. O'Brien, and E. Lynn Sieber. 2nd by D. Fitzgerald. Thank you!!!

- Green Jackets
 - o No longer available at Peter Kent. Former salesman is at Austin Burke. Forest Green jackets may be found online (roughly \$100 each)
 - o H. Ryan is looking for new jackets and polos.
- Dave Russell's Passing - At least 20 Emeralds present at funeral.
- Thank you Board Members for all of your years of service

Secretary's Report (K. Doyle)

- Motion to approve February minutes by C. Kelley. 2nd by D. Harrington. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report (J. Doherty)

- Monthly report reviewed. Total combined accounts: \$42,860.67 (\$20,792.65 checking and \$22,068.62 CD)
- J. Tierney Sherry: several recently elected persons have not paid their annual dues
- 63 unpaid members as of March 7
- C. Kelly moves to approve Treasurer's Report. 2nd by J. McManus. Motion passes

Committee Reports

- Celtic Cultural Series (Ed Cooke)
 - o E. Cooke asked R. Welch to speak about the CCS.
 - o February 16 event
 - 22-25 people at event present
 - Presentation on History of Irish Economy by P. Morrissey
 - o J. McManus – Martin Lynch of John Martins advised the CCS will no longer be held upstairs. Now it is going to be held in the Library (downstairs at John Martins)
 - o J. McManus – at the last meeting we all agreed that Emerald members attending the CCS would not be required to donate. At last meeting there were \$0.50 in donations
 - o March CCS Flyer
 - No mention of So. Fla Emerald society or any other sponsors
 - No approval of what has been thrown out
 - CCS has own email address and own mailing list.
 - The line-by-line Calendar for the CCS in the March flyer feels condescending about the Festival that is not happening.
 - H. Ryan - If CCS is going to produce anything it needs to be approved before being sent out
 - o S. Hayes – CCS changed to “Irish Cultural Series”
 - o Discussion about closing down CCS. Current chair is not following board mandates.
 - o D. Fitzgerald – only CCS committee members should speak to this. There are ES rules in place.
 - o D. Slesnick III – The Board intention is that the Emeralds present a unified effort. The tone of the email seemed very un-unified.
 - o D. Harrington – we don't like how this is being run but this year, but we have no other presence in the community. We should give CCS chair a slap on the wrist, but we cannot pull the plug.

- J. Doherty – disagrees. CCS died due to lack of ownership. Mr. Cooke made a proposal. The Board responded with a very clear proposal. Mr. Cooke has not followed the very clear mandates of the Emerald conditional lien. J. Doherty suggests we not give any funding for the past month(s). Attempting to micromanage CCS is a waste of time and resources.
 - D. Fitzgerald agrees with J. Doherty except his conclusion. We can nip this in the bud without reimbursements
 - J. Tierney Sherry – This is the reason why Janice McKay left the organizations (i.e. due to failure to follow through with CCS procedures)
 - D. Slesnick III: CCS has zero value to Emerald Society given the total lack of advertising and promoting.
 - S. Flynn – there is no reason not to fund March CCS because there was no motion to fund March even prior to event presented to Board.
 - J. McManus – CCS needs to receive a copy of the minutes and the Order on CCS from last month. No mailings sent to Emerald members/newslists without Emerald Board approval.
 - Current CCS chair should be replaced if he will not follow Board directives
 - Request to the Secretary – Please reflect average time spent on the CCS issue
 - February 2013 meeting – spent 30 – 40 minutes discussing this issue
 - March 2013 meeting – Spent 45 minutes discussing issue before motion
 - C. Kelley moves
 - CCS chair has not followed directives of the board. H. Ryan to send written notice to CCS chair that he has not provided budget for next (or past) CCS meetings. Absence conformity with rules and regulations of Board Directive then no funds will be allowed for March 2013.
 - 2nd by D. Fitzgerald. Motion passes (opposed by S. Hayes due to untimely notice to CCS chair; opposed by J. Doherty who believes CCS should receive no future funding)
- Social (M Gerhardt)
 - No March social because not in budget.
- By-Laws (S. Hayes)
 - In light of new administration, we should get proper individuals matched up with proper committees. This is related to the idea that there are not enough people carrying the load. One person cannot carry the load; we need delegation potential.
- Possible Picnic Site (S. Hayes)
 - USCG Communication Center (near MetroZoo) – possible picnic site for future events
- St. Patrick's Day 2013
 - M. Gerhardt – Suggestion with a blast for people to meet at X location.
 - Should we have a meeting spot?
 - Meeting places at noon on Sunday, March 17:
 - Hurricane Bar
 - John Martins
 - Irish Times
- Membership (H. Ryan. & C. Kelley)
 - D. Harrington Jr.: Moves to nominate his father, D. Harrington, Jr. for a lifetime membership as an Emerald. He was a Past President and strongly involved.

- C. Kelley there is a mechanism to do what D. Harrington Jr suggests.
 - C. Kelley – on belief that D. Harrington Jr. qualifies for lifetime membership in the Emeralds, then he should be admitted as such. 2nd by D. Fitzgerald.
 - H. Ryan to write congratulatory letter welcome D. Harrington Jr. to lifetime membership
- New members
- Renewal count
- Installation Dinner (J. Tierney Sherry)
 - May 22 – invitations next month
 - Ken Pines (Emerald member) agreed to donate centerpieces.
- Website & BigMouth – use it more
 - D. Slesnick III will donate his time to website promotion. Will need assistance from members for monthly events etc. to make Website Calendar more accessible and helpful.
- *Shamrock News* (J. & B. Mcmanus)
- Health and Welfare (M.A. Kerr) – Not present

Unfinished Business

New Business

Good of the Order// Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by S. Ferril. 2nd by D. Harrington III