

**Emerald Society**  
**May 8, 2003**  
**Miami Yacht Club**  
**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 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; Immediate Past President, Ed Cooke; Historian Dan Fitzgerald, Board members: Billy Cameron, Mary Ann Fierro; Joe McManus; Judi Sherry; John Kane; members John Doherty and Dorothy Kane. A quorum was established. The president led a salute to the flag of the United States

**Order of Business**

The order of business was adopted.

**Minutes**

The minutes were approved as amended. The secretary passed out a page for the procedures manual providing instructions on handling donations. The procedure page was approved by the Board.

**Treasurer's Report** (D. Russell)

The treasurer's financial reports and proposed budgets are attached to these minutes. **Motion** by Dunn that we negotiate with the Gables fire department for a reduction in costs for emergency personnel. Second by B.Cameron. **Motion passed.**

**Motion** by Fierro to have all nonbudgeted items in excess of \$50.00 paid directly by Emerald Society, instead of by reimbursement to members for personal checks. Second by Fitzgerald. **Motion passed.**

**Motion** by Fitzgerald to reimbursement Ed Cooke for expenses for St. Patrick's festival. Second by Russell. **Motion passed.**

**Motion** by C. Cameron to pay rest of St. Patrick's expenses to Cooke. Second by B. Cameron. **Motion passed.**

**Motion** by Russell to make the disputed reimbursement check for postage and printing of the newsletter out to both Stu Robinson and Ed Cooke. Second by C.Cameron. **Motion passed.**

**Committee Reports**

**Christmas Festival**

The date chosen is December 4, 2003. T. Dunn presented an estimate from the Coral Gables Country Club for the cost of the dinner. (Attached). The dinner will cost the club \$24.00 per plate, with drinks at \$6.00 each.

The headliner will be Andy Cooney, with Noel Ginity as the comedian. We have a contract. We supply flood lights. They supply sound system. We will not pay the agent. Cost for the entertainment will be \$3600.00

**Motion** by C. Cameron to accept Dunn's report and recommendations. Second by Kane. **Motion passed.**

The treasurer stated that the Society still has a \$500.00 rebate owed to us from the Tony Kenny concert without Tony Kenny.

**Directive:** Dunn to appoint a committee to work out other details for Christmas festival, including prices for tickets, prizes, printing, with a goal to have raffle tickets ready by early summer.

**Installation Dinner** (Judi Sherry)

Installation will be held at Christy's in Coral Gables, May 28, 2003. **Motion** by Sherry to charge \$30.00 for the dinner to cover costs. Second by C. Cameron. **Motion passed.** **Motion** by Dunn to mail invitations. Second by B. Cameron. **Motion passed.** **Motion** by C. Cameron to give Sherry and Fierro authority to advertise installation in newsletter. Second by Fierro. **Motion passed.**

**Membership** ( Billy Cameron)

The following applicants were accepted as new members.

Name	Sponsor
Lawrence Furlong	Billy Cameron
James Wilkinson	Ed Cooke
Ron Henry	Ed Cooke
John W. Thornton, Sr.	Deborah Hasty

**Decal Committee** (Carroll Cameron, Dan Fitzgerald)

The committee presented several bids for decals. **Motion** by Fierro to table bids and ask Dick Doyle if he can match the bid by Pen and Ink. Second by Russell. **Motion passed. Directive** to Fitzgerald to contact Dick Doyle about the price bid for decals. The organization's name for the decals will reflect that of the new articles of incorporation, projected to be South Florida Emerald Society.

**Social Site** (Bill O'Brien)

May's social will be installation of officers.

**Health & Welfare** (M. O'Conner)

Stu Robinson is improving and moving to Melbourne.

**New Business**

Fierro brought to the Board's attention the Iris Echo newspaper available by subscription. Also reminded the Board that an Irish Famine Ship is docked in Palm Beach County and can be toured. The current Emerald Society is delivered electronically, with only 57 members receiving it by postal delivery. Electronic delivery is saving the Society about \$50.00 per month. **Directive:** Sponsors should provide e-mail addresses for all new members for their applications.

Bloomsday, June 16, to commemorate James Joyce's Ulysses will be noted with several activities involving Books & Books and John Martin's. Interested members are urged to take part.

Members who are interested in the Irish plays in the live theatre in Delray Beach are invited to sign up for a carpool. Contact Mary Ann Fierro.

**Old Business**

**Directory:**To go to print as soon as new Corporate papers are ready and name is registered.

**Registration of Emerald Society:** The following members volunteered to work with Bill Owens to file new articles of incorporation for the South Florida Emerald Society: Michael O'Conner, Carroll Cameron, Bill Cameron, Dave Russell, and Bill O'Brien.

**Website:** John Doherty reported that all changes have been made including updated membership application and roster and online minutes and newsletter. Doherty reminded the Board to provide data for other changes to make the site interesting for browsers. He is exploring links to our vendors and supporters.

**Big Mouth**

**Motion** by Russell to move it to the Cameron's and cancel the line. Second by Kane. **Motion passed. Directive:** C. Cameron to contact Louise Nolan about moving Big Mouth to the Cameron's house.

**Cultural Series** (Ed Cooke)

The series is over until October.

**Motion** by Cooke to add new Board members and remove officers from the Board. The Bylaws were read. They do not allow this. **Motion failed** for lack of a second.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM. NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2003

## Calendar

Date	Event	Place
6/5/03	Board Meeting	Miami Yacht Club, 6:30 PM
6/16/03	Bloomsday Activities	Coral Gables: Books & Books, John Martins
7/4/03	Independence Day Parade	Key Biscayne, 9:30 AM

### February Directives

**Directive:** Kelly to insert penalties for failure of lead performers to show in all contracts.

### April Directives

**Directive** to D. Fitzgerald to make the Emerald Society scrapbook available at social events. This is ongoing and will no longer be listed.

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