

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting

Miami Yacht Club

Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Richard Welch, Jr.; John Doherty; Kassie Doyle; Chris Kelley; Dan Fitzgerald; Ann Eustace; Judi Tierney Sherry; Blair Brogan; Pat Duffy (by proxy)

Excused Absences: Hugh Ryan; Phil Morrissey, Sean Hayes, Meghan Knol; Don Slesnick III; Paul Reilly; Sean Hayes; Jeff Bailey; Joseph McManus

Unexcused Absences: Sean Ferrell; Noel McManus; Chuck Daley

Welcome any guests: Ed Cooke

Order of Business:

President's Report: (Hugh Ryan)

For the Good of the Order

- No update. H. Ryan not present.

Secretary's Report: (Kassie Doyle)

- Minutes of April Board meeting
 - o Motion to approve April Meeting Minutes by J. Tierney Sherry. Second by B. Brogan. Motion passes.
- J. Tierney Sherry: Requests Secretary include Unexcused Absences on Meeting Minutes
- J. Doherty: There are Board members who never come to meetings. The board should address this per by-laws

Treasurer's Report: (John Doherty)

- See Treasurer's April Report for details.
 - o C. Kelley moves to approve April Treasurer's Report. Second by J. Tierney Sherry. Motion passes.
- Treasurer is concerned Emeralds do not have 100 members paid. Board should be concerned. 57 members still unpaid.
- Treasurer advises the Emeralds need income. In addition to low membership and low membership renewals, we have low directory sales.
- B. Brogan: Suggests setting up Pay Pal Account for instant, online payments.
 - o J. Doherty: Pay Pal has been researched in the past. Erin did analysis. It was decided not to set up Pay Pal because expense was not justified b cost.

Committee Reports:

Socials- (Paul Reilly) – Not present.

Christmas in Ireland plans-(K. Doyle)

- Planning on first Christmas Committee Meeting in June
- E. Cooke: Christmas success depends on two people (The Kerrs and P. Novak). Christmas's success is on very thin ice.

St. Patrick's Day 2014- talk with St. Pat's Festival Chair Charlie Davis

- C. Davis and H. Ryan in discussion regarding next year's festival. Nothing substantial to report yet.
- J. Doherty: If Emeralds wants a 2014 St. Pats festival, planning needs to begin in June 2013. Without volunteers from the Emerald Society St. Pats will fold and J. Doherty will suggest no 2014 festival.
- J. Tierney Sherry: There will be no St. Pat's festival if Emeralds do not volunteer
- E. Cooke: The absent St. Pats festival went unnoticed this year.
- C. Kelley: Directive for H. Ryan to meet with St. Patrick's Day Committee to discuss next year's festival
- E. Cooke: Suggests President Hugh Ryan deputize people to take on committees

Membership – (Ann Eustace)

- Sean Hayes – See his memo with new members & renewal count
- Judi Tierney Sherry: Suggests B. Brogan, K. Doyle, and A. Eustace get together to discuss young people's perceptions of social clubs in effort to improve young membership
- A. Eustace:
 - Wants guidelines for membership. C. Kelley to provide.
 - Membership committee invites all constructive criticism and opinions
- New Members –
 - Johnette Hardiman – from Galloway and County Court; sponsored by J. Tierney Sherry
 - Paulejtte Flores – County Court; sponsored by J. Tierney Sherry
 - Matthew James Feily ("Matt") – sponsored by Bill Gregory
 - D. Fitzgerald moves to approve all three potential new members. Second by A. Eustace. Motion passes

Installation Dinner-(Judy Tierney)

- J. Tierney Sherry asks Membership to please email all new members from Marci 2013 to present to advise them of Installation Dinner. Only 11 RSVPs so far. The guaranteed count to Jungle Island is 60 persons. Only 99 members have renewed to date, so not expected to hit 60 person guarantee. Jungle Island Must be paid \$33.25 per person x 60 person guarantee = \$1995 + \$200 fee for bagpiper = \$2195. Need 60 RSVPs to break even.

Marlins Game- (C. Kelley)

- C. Kelley announces Emerald Marlins Game will be June 15 – Marlins v. St. Louis. More details to come. Questions? Email cpklaw@bellsouth.com

Website and Big Mouth –(J. Doherty & D. Slesnick III)

- D. Skesnick III working on Big Mouth. Trying to think of ways to improve usage and function
- Website: Still have trouble finding a webmaster to run website
- BigMouth is a tool. J. Doherty asks users to please craft message for him to read.

Shamrock News –(Joe & Barbara McManus) – Not present

Health & Welfare- (J. Tierney)- M.A. Kerr update & Don Harrington Sr. funeral

- Mary Ann Kerr – starting chemotherapy Monday.
- D. Harrington Sr. – Many Emeralds attended funeral. Emeralds sent flowers.
- K. Doyle moves for budget to by cards in order fir Secretary to send cards on behalf of Emeralds to members who are not well, etc. J. Tierney Sherry joins in motion. Second by B. Brogan.

Unfinished Business

- E. Cooke advises board of Celtic Cultural Series. Bloomsday is June 16th. Also Father's Day. The Kerrs usually organize events, but due to Mary Ann has not been well recently. We need an update from the St. Patrick's Day Committee regarding what is being organized.

New Business- None

Good of the Order/ Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn by K. Doyle. Second by J. Tierney Sherry. Motion passes.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 6, 2013-6:30 PM Miami Yacht Club