

The Emerald Society
November 6, 2003
Miami Yacht Club
Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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; Board members: Dan Fitzgerald, Billy Cameron, John Kane, Mary Ann Fierro, Judi Sherry, Oliver Kerr, Patrick Novak, members John Doherty, Karen Dunn, Stu Robinson, and Tom Wilson. Joe McManus was excused. A quorum was established.

Order of Business

The order of business was adopted.

Secretary Report (C. Cameron)

The secretary's report was approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report (D. Russell)

The treasurer presented several detailed reports which are attached to the minutes. The treasurer asked for direction on removing members who have not renewed from our member lists. **Motion** by T.Dunn to extend a one year grace period for dues payment, then drop the member from all roster lists. Second by O'Brien. **Motion Passed.**

Directive: O'Brien to call Chris Kelley and have him talk to Total Bank about reversing the \$15.00 service charge on both accounts.

Committee Reports

Incorporation Committee (Michael O'Connor)

O'Brien, O'Connor, & Russell reported that the Articles of Incorporation for the South Florida Emerald Society as a 501(c)(7) corporation and the St. Patrick's Day Festival Committee, Inc. as a 501(c)(3) corporation have been filed.

Membership Retention Committee (John Doherty)

The committee is developing a process for bringing new members into active involvement with the Society. When the process is developed, it will be submitted to the Board for inclusion in the Society's procedures manual.

Motion by Fitzgerald to have quarterly new member orientation beginning in January, 2004. Motion withdrawn at request of committee.

Annual Christmas Show and Dinner (Tom Dunn)

Invitations have been mailed. Tickets are not yet printed. Attendees must designate which of three entrees they want this year, salmon, chicken, or prime rib.

Raffle tickets have been mailed. This year the price is \$10.00 each or 7 for \$50.00 The grand prize is a trip to Ireland which has been purchased. The second grand prize is a cruise in the luxury suite of the Carnival Imagination, with no black out dates. Patrick Novak negotiated the cruise as a donation by the cruise line.

Directive: Doherty to advertise the raffle prizes on the website and via member emails.

John Kane submitted the press release for the Annual Christmas Show and Dinner as directed by the Board at the last meeting. The press release was approved as amended and will be sent out to the Miami Herald and other local papers on Monday, November 10. The Harling Irish Dance Academy book will not be printed in time for the Christmas Show so a good luck ad was approved instead.

St. Patrick's Festival Committee (Doherty)

- 1 The committee has broken down the costs of each part of the Festival. Selling ads in the book will determine whether or not the Festival pays for itself.
- 2 The society needs more workers for the Festival
- 3 Advertising agreements are available in print and on the website for those who sell ads.

4 All ads must be paid for at the time of the order.

Motion by Fitzgerald to reinstate the Tinker's Fair at the Festival. Second by C. Cameron.

Motion passed.

Directive: Fitzgerald to ask his wife to be in charge of the Tinker's Fair. Fierro to find workers.

Membership (Billy Cameron)

The following applicant was accepted as a new member.

Name	Sponsor
Timothy McDermott	Michael Brennan

Social Site (Bill O'Brien)

November's social is set for the Splendido, 121 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables. Date will be Nov. 19, at 6:30 PM..

Membership Decal Committee (Dan Fitzgerald, Carroll Cameron)

The window decal was presented. **Motion** by Novak to give one to everyone who attends the Christmas show. Second by Fitzgerald. Motion passed.

Membership Card Committee (John Doherty)

Directive: Doherty to talk to the printer about the design for the membership card.

Directive: C. Cameron to send Doherty the phone number and email of the printing company.

Big Mouth (Carroll Cameron)

C. Cameron has not been able to reach Louise Nolan-Batista.

Directive: O'Brien to contact Nolan-Batista and ask her to get out two messages, for the November social and the Christmas Show and Dinner. Also to make arrangements for her to turn Big Mouth over to C. Cameron.

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Billy Cameron presented Stu Robinson with a plaque for service as four-year editor of the newsletter. Stu is moving to California.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2003

Calendar

Date	Event	Place
11/19/03	Monthly Social	Splendido, 121 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables
12/4/03	Board Meeting	Miami Yacht Club
12/8/03	Annual Christmas Show and Dinner	Miami Dadeland Marriott

September Directives

Directive: Each Board member is to call designated non-renewing members on the list to encourage them to get their dues in.

Board Member	Non-renewing Member Assignment
Cooke	Schwartz, MaDan

November Directives

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