

The South Florida Emerald Society
October 7, 2004
Miami Yacht Club
Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were President Tom Dunn; Second Vice President, Jim Cooney; Secretary, Carroll Cameron; Treasurer, David Russell; Board Members, Dan Fitzgerald, Billy Cameron, Joe McManus, Mary Ann Fierro, Oliver Kerr, Judi Sherry, and member Brian Eaton. John Cosgrove, Michael O'Connor, John Doherty, Bill O'Brien, and Patrick Novack were excused. A quorum was established.

Order of Business

The order of business was adopted.

Secretary's Report (C. Cameron)

Directives were reviewed. The minutes were approved as amended.

Directive: Dunn to call Bill Hartnett about Hartnett's remaining directives.

Treasurer's Report (D. Russell)

The treasurer presented several detailed reports that are attached to the minutes. He reminded the Board that our Bylaws stipulate that dues must be paid by July. **Motion** by C. Cameron to discontinue newsletters to people whose dues have not been paid. Second by Fitzgerald. **Motion tabled** until December Board meeting.

Directive: Russell to purge member list after the Christmas dinner and show to remove those who have not paid dues.

Directive: B. Cameron to continue to pursue delinquent members to encourage renewal.

Directive: Fierro to mail invitations to the Christmas event to all present and past members and to all people who have attended in recent years.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee (Bill Cameron)

The following were approved as new members.

New member	Sponsor	Status
Patricia Forde Ahr	Billy Cameron	Active
Dr. Paul Ahr	Billy Cameron	Active
Lincoln Connelly	Tom Dunn	Active
Carol Hanna Miller	Belly Kelly	Active

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Directive: C. Cameron to email information on new members and directory list to Fierro.

Directive: Fierro to add new members to newsletter list.

Directive: C.Cameron to send directories to new members.

Christmas Dinner and Show (Jim Cooney)

Place: Coral Gables Country Club Date: December 9, 2004 Time: 6:30-11:30

Entertainment: Highland Rovers Buffet: 3 entrees, charge to us of \$28.00/plate

Ticket Price: \$50.00/person 10 to a table Our guarantee: 300

Motion by B Cameron to print raffle tickets offering \$1,000 grand prize. Second by McManus. **Motion passed.**

Directive: Cooney to print Christmas raffle tickets.

Cultural Series (McManus)

The Cultural Series will resume Sunday, October 10, 2004 at John Martin's. Topic will be Northern Ireland since 1960. McManus presented a schedule of future cultural events which are attached.

Directive: McManus to send cultural series schedule to Doherty to be posted on website.

Social Site (O'Brien)

O'Brien is asking for help from any interested member. October social is not scheduled.

Directive: B. Eaton to contact the Michael Collins Pub on the west end of Lincoln Road on Miami Beach for a possible January social.

It was noted by our treasurer that our budget does not include any line items for the socials. **Directive:** Russell to include a line item for socials in next year's budget.

NEW BUSINESS

John Kane's resignation from the Board was accepted. President Dunn called for names for a replacement. Dunn will name a replacement at the next Board meeting.

Directive: Dunn to contact Bill Hartnett about using his Big Mouth system.

Directive: Dunn to appoint a replacement for John Kane, to serve until the society's next general elections.

Directive: Fierro to send thank you card for the concert at UM.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Dolores Fitzgerald and Nancy Harrington are hospitalized. **Directive:** Fierro to send get well cards to Dolores Fitzgerald and Nancy Harrington.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2004

Calendar

Date	Event	Place
10/10/04	Cultural Series	John Martin's Coral Gables
10/27/04	Social Meeting (6:00 P.M.)	To Be Announced
11/4/04	Board Meeting	Miami Yacht Club
11/24/04	Social Meeting (6:00 P.M.)	To Be Announced
12/02/04	Board Meeting	Miami Yacht Club
12/9/04	Christmas Dinner and Show (6:30)	Coral Gables Country Club

Carroll Cameron, Secretary

Directives

January Directives

Directive: McManus to send C. Cameron protocol for the Cultural Series to be included in the procedures manual.

March Directives

Directive: C.L. Conroy & Fierro to develop a marketing brochure to increase membership.

Directive: Doherty to add key word links to our site to increase the number of hits when interested parties are using search engines to find Irish events in South Florida. Suggested key words: Irish, Irish-American, Florida, Miami, Gaelic, Celtic.

July Directives

Directive: Hartnett to check if the directory listings will suffice for taking names and numbers for Big Mouth announcements.

Directive: Hartnett to prepare a page for the procedures manual on how to create and send Big Mouth announcements.

October Directives

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