

**The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.**

**Board of Directors' Meeting**

**Miami Yacht Club**

**Thursday, October 2, 2008 6:30 P.M.**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:59PM

In Attendance: Oliver Kerr, President, Jon Lindeman, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P., Janice McKay, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P., Secretary Hugh A. Ryan, Directors: Mary Gerhardt, Chris Kelley, Judy Sherry, Sean Ferrell, Joe McManus, David (Skip) Russell, Bill O'Brien and Jan Paris. Also in attendance were members: Barbara McManus, Mary Ann Kerr, and Erin Ashley, new chairwoman of Christmas in Ireland event.

Excused absences: Patrick Novak, John P. Doherty, Bella Kelly, Nabil Salem

**Order of Business:**

**Presidents notes prior to meeting:**-O. Kerr

1. Timeliness- Many would like to see Vice Presidential debates at 9:00PM, so we need to be efficient in this meeting.
2. Civility in meetings- We need to treat each other with respect & courtesy as members in this society.

**Secretary's Report:** H. A. Ryan

Minutes of September Meeting were reviewed. Corrections noted.

**Motion** to approve minutes is carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** O. Kerr (for Doherty)

Financial Reports submitted for review, also sent in entirety by e-mail

Presented to Board by J. Doherty

See attached

**Motion** by McManus to allow Treasurer to use his discretion as to the status of certain CD, which is maturing this month.

2<sup>nd</sup>- C. Kelley  
Motion Passed  
**Motion** to approve Treasurer's Report is carried.

**Committee Reports:**

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**Social Committee:**

Upcoming Socials:

October 30<sup>th</sup>- UVA, Ponce de Leon Blvd, Coral Gables  
November 20<sup>th</sup>- Mr. Moe's, Coconut Grove  
December- Christmastime in Ireland

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**Christmastime in Ireland-**

O.Kerr- Salem resigned as committee chairman, Erin Ashley is now the chairwoman. We need to get the prizes finalized in the next ten days so we can start printing and selling tickets.

E. Ashley- we are getting a great deal on printing

J. McManus- Dublin City Ramblers have us as a link on their website pertaining to the Christmas in Ireland event

**Directive to E. Ashley-** have an announcement on Emerald website with contact info for the event.

**Directive to M. Gerhardt-** give Dublin City Ramblers the authority to use our contact information on their website with regards to this event.

Gerhardt- We have been pricing different lodging accommodations for the band for the night of the event.

**Motion** by J. McManus to authorize up to \$400 for the band's lodging the night of the event.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Kelley

Motion Passed

E. Ashley- the committee still needs volunteers

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**Membership Committee: Gerhardt**

New Members- John Kenney  
Sponsored by Joe Healey

New Member- Phillip F. Morrissey  
Sponsored by Bill Owens

**Motion** to accept by Kelley  
2<sup>nd</sup> by McManus  
Motion Passed

O'Brien has one more new member candidate but will get the paperwork to the membership committee as soon as possible

New Member- Marina Jimenez  
Sponsor- O'Brien  
**Motion** to accept by Kelley  
2<sup>nd</sup> by O'Brien  
Motion Passed

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**Website/Big Mouth- O.Kerr (for Doherty)**

**Directive to E. Ashley** to work with Doherty to explore the possibility of the Emerald Society using Facebook, on the Internet, as a means of communication with past members, current members, and potential members

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**Shamrock News- B. McManus**

Please send your photos of all Emerald events; they are very useful to the newsletter.

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**Unfinished Business:**

J. Sherry- We have a price on shirts for \$33 a piece, cheaper when purchased in bulk. They are Polo style shirts, with the member's name embroidered

Ryan- We should buy the shirts in bulk at a lower price and present them all at the installation dinner instead of ordering a few at a time when members sign up.

J. Sherry- Installation dinner locations have varied in price from over \$70/per person at a few hotels, to around \$40/ person at the Miami Yacht Club. Possibly the Elks Club?

All discussion and decisions on the Installation Dinner will be tabled until the November board meeting.

**Motion** by Kelley to waive annual dues for those who host socials at their residences

2<sup>nd</sup> by O'Brien

Motion Passed

### **Health & Welfare-**

Condolences to the Family of Emerald Gordon Arora, who recently passed away.

J. McKay- We need to show up to the funerals of Emeralds and show support to their families.

Thank you to Joe and Linda Healey for the September social at the Hurricane in Miami Springs.

Get well soon and a speedy recovery to John Doherty.

### **Announcements:**

Oliver Kerr presents a gift to the Dave Russell as a gesture of appreciation for the time and hard work as the immediate past Emerald President.

**Motion** by H. Ryan for the Emerald Society to support Florida State University in this weekend's game against the Miami Hurricanes.

There was no 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion Failed

### **Good of the Order/Adjournment**

**Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:11 PM**

**Next Board Meeting November 6, 2008, 6:30 PM at Miami Yacht Club**

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Hugh A. Ryan**