

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.

**Board of Directors' Meeting
Miami Yacht Club
Thursday, September 11, 2008 6:30 P.M.**

Minutes

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

Moment of Silence for Memory of 9/11/01

In Attendance: Jon Lindeman, 1st V.P., Janice McKay, 2nd V.P., Treasurer John Doherty, Secretary Hugh A. Ryan, Historian Dan Fitzgerald, Directors: Mary Gerhardt, Chris Kelley, Judy Sherry, Sean Ferrell, Bella Kelly, Joe McManus, and Jan Paris. Also in attendance were members: Carroll Cameron, Billy Cameron, and Barbara McManus.

Excused absences: Oliver Kerr, Nabil Salem, Bill O'Brien, Skip Russell,

Order of Business:

Secretary's Report: H. A. Ryan

Minutes of June Meeting were reviewed. Corrections noted.

Motion to approve minutes is carried.

Ryan announces that he will not be in attendance for the October meeting

Treasurer's Report: J. Doherty

Financial Reports submitted for review

Presented to Board by J. Doherty

See attached

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report is carried.

Motion by McManus to roll over full amount of CD (Principal & Interest)

2nd - C. Kelley

Motion Passed

Committee Reports:

Social Committee:

Upcoming Socials:

September 25th, Joe Healey's Hurricane Bar & Grill, Miami Springs

Upcoming possible locations:

October 25th- Monty's, South Beach

November 20th- Soyka, Biscayne Blvd.

December- Christmastime in Ireland

Doherty- the last social at Maurice Grondin's was very nice with 50 or more guests

Motion- by J. McManus to waive next year's dues for Grondin as a thank you gesture.

2nd- C. Kelley

Motion passed

Motion-by C. Kelley to waive annual dues whenever a member hosts an event similar to last months social at Grondin's

Motion Tabled for further discussion at October meeting

Directive-To Social Committee to prepare this discussion of compensation of events at members houses as policy.

Installation Dinner 2009- McKay:

Location decision for 2009 has been to stay at Jungle Island, for now.

The tentative date is on May 20th 2009.

There has been no deposit given.

J. Sherry will join committee to choose new location.

Motion by J. McManus- If there is not a new location, then the deposit needs to be given later than January 8th meeting.

2nd- Doherty

Motion Passed

Christmastime in Ireland- Gerhardt:

There have been 2 committee meetings- July 29th and August 20th

Motion by McManus to not reimburse any expenses for the flyer presented tonight advertising the event.

2nd- Ryan

Motion Passed

Motion by McManus for the event timing & details to be as follows:

- There will be one ticket price at \$75 with dinner.
- There will be no program printed
- There will be advertising of the event
- The cash bar will begin at 6:30PM
- The dinner will start at 7:30 PM
- The entertainment will begin around 8:00PM

2nd - Fitzgerald

Motion Passed- Unanimously

Directive- to Gerhardt- find competitive hotel rated for the entertainment-
“Dublin City Ramblers”

Motion by C. Kelley to ratify the contracts with the Dublin City Ramblers

2nd - McManus

Motion Passed

Membership Committee: Carroll Cameron

New Member- Ken Pines

Sponsored by Paul Reilly

Motion to accept by Fitzgerald

2nd by Ferrell

Motion Passed

The New Emerald Directories are here

Recommended Membership category changes- see report

Further discussion is tabled until next meeting.

Please send all comments/suggestions to C. Cameron

Website/Big Mouth- Doherty

Calendar has been updated. Please send comments. Big Mouth is not being utilized. It is cheap, \$75/ month for mass communications.

Motion by J. Sherry to send out Big Mouth announcements for Board meetings and Socials.

2nd by McManus

Motion passed

Shamrock News- B. McManus

Announcement of the Macy's fundraiser on Sept. 20th, we need Emeralds there.

New Business:

S. Ferrell- we are on the MYC Calendar for Thursday Board meetings. When things change, please notify.

Announcements:

Peter O'Connell is still recovering from surgery

John Hourihan is still recovering from surgery as well.

Good of the Order/Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:59 PM

Next Board Meeting October 2, 2008, 6:30 PM at Miami Yacht Club

**Respectfully Submitted
Hugh A. Ryan**