

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting
MINUTES
Miami Yacht Club
Thursday, September 4, 2014

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance – Historian Dan Fitzgerald
Meeting called to order at 6:44 pm by Pres. Don Harrington

In Attendance: President, Don Harrington, 1st V.P., Richard Welch, 2nd V.P., Sean Ferrell, Treasurer, John Doherty, Historian, Dan Fitzgerald, and Past President, Hugh Ryan. Directors: Johnette Hardiman, Joe McManus, Bill O'Brien and Judi Tierney Sherry.

Guests: Barbara McManus, Michael Fitzgerald, Mark Donnelly and Rachel Batista.

Excused absences: Kassie Doyle, Noel McManus Stillings, Meghan Knoll, Chris Kelley, Noel McManus, Blair Brogan and Sean Glynn.

Unexcused absences: Jack Thompson and Ann Eustace.

Proxies: Chris Kelley to John Doherty; Noel McManus to Joe McManus; Don Harrington to Judi Tierney Sherry (at 8:00 pm)

Order of Business:

Good of the Order: – Pres. Harrington welcomed everyone back after a good summer and expressed his commitment, as Pres., to achieve more memberships; that every member bring in one new member.

Secretary's Report: - H. Ryan for K. Doyle: Discussion of corrections of the July minutes; motion by J. T. Sherry, seconded by J. McManus, for H. Ryan to amend the July minutes per discussed and send them to the Board for an email vote. **Motion carried.** J. Doherty asked if Megan Knoll has resigned: J. Hardiman will contact her, as well as the status of J. Thompson, whom D. Harrington will contact.

Treasurer's Report: - J. Doherty – see attached

Motion by H. Ryan, seconded by J. McManus, to accept the Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

Membership: Mark Donnelly for Sean Glynn = M. Donnelly reported a Membership Meeting was held 2 wks. ago with S. Glynn, M. Donnelly, R. Batista and R. Welch in attendance. Among the ideas presented were: Story-telling event for our young members; a "Guinness Pour" fundraiser/membership drive; a Chili cook-off fundraiser/membership drive, etc. The Board commended and thanked them for their efforts and great new ideas.

J. Doherty presented three paid membership applications: Rachel Batista sponsored by S. Glynn; Court Keeley sponsored by J. Hardiman and Patty McCarthy sponsored by J.T. Sherry. Motion by J.T. Sherry, seconded by J. McManus, to accept the named applicants as members of the SFES. **Motion**

carried. J. Doherty requested a status of the membership application of James Meehan = M. Donnelly will contact J. Meehan.

By-Laws = No report.

4th of July Parade: H. Ryan reported a very successful parade was held with about 25 members in attendance.

Social: H. Ryan reported the socials at Irish Times and Scully's were very successful and well attended. J. Doherty reminded the Committee of the importance of the submission of an invoice to the SFES for payment. H. Ryan has tentaviley scheduled a social at the Miami Yacht Club on Wed., Sept. 24 at 6:30. He is also working on the Oct. 29th social to be held at either Duffy's or The Hurricane.

Installation Dinner = J.T. Sherry: No report.

Pub Crawl = None this year.

Christmas in Ireland Dinner = H. Ryan reported that he will Chair this year's event, to be held on Friday, Dec. 5, 2014 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Coral Gables. Motion by J. McManus, seconded by J. Hardiman, to send the deposit check to the venue. **Motion carried.**

Public Relations: N. McManus = No Report

Newsletter: J. McManus reported the next Newsletter will be distributed this week-end. B. McManus requested everyone to send photos for the Newsletters!

Website Committee/Big Mouth: J. Doherty – included in attached Treasurer's report

Celtic Cultural: J. McManus reported that no events have been scheduled at this time.

Health & Welfare: J. Sherry = No Report. Pres. Harrington read a thank you note from Dan and Delores Fitzgerald in appreciation of the St Patrick's Mass card the SFES sent to them for their 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration.

Unfinished Business: J. Doherty presented the issue of merging the SFES and the St. Patrick's Festival Committee. Lengthy discussion ensued with most Board members expressing the pros and cons of a merge. After almost an hour of discussion, motion by J.T. Sherry, seconded by J. Hardiman, to table the issue for a final Board vote to be held at the Oct. 2, 2014 Board Meeting, as to allow feedback from the SFES membership during the next month. **Motion carried.**

T-Shirts: S. Ferrell presented our new logo T-shirts!

New Business: None.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thurs, Oct. 2, 6:30 pm, at the Miami Yacht Club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm by 1st VP, R. Welch.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Judi Tierney Sherry