

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

**Board of Directors' Meeting  
Miami Yacht Club  
Thursday, June 4, 2009 7:00 P.M.**

**Minutes  
(Condensed by H. Ryan 12/22/09)**

**Call to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Meeting called to order at 7:20PM

In Attendance: Oliver Kerr, President, Janice McKay, 1st V.P., Jon Lindeman, 2nd V.P., Treasurer John P. Doherty, Historian Dan Fitzgerald, Directors: Mary Gerhardt, Erin Ashley, Sean Ferrell, Judi Sherry, Bill O'Brien, Joe McManus and David(Skip) Russell, Christopher Kelley, Chuck Daley. Also in attendance were members: Mary Ann Kerr and Barbara McManus.

Excused absences: Secretary Hugh A. Ryan & Jeffrey Bailey.

**Order of Business:**

O. Kerr announced the appointment of M.A. Kerr to the board, filling a recently vacated position.

**Motion** by J. McManus to approve the appointment of M.A. Kerr as a Director  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** by D. Russell

**Motion Carried**

**Secretary's Report:** President O. Kerr-

J. McManus will fill in for the absent Secretary at this meeting.

May Minutes were sent to all board members for review.

Comments:

J. McKay said that the May Minutes were lacking a financial discussion that needed to be included, specifically the second paragraph in the Treasurer's Report.

**Directive:** To absent Director J. Bailey- Please comment on how and to what extent the SFES as a 501(c) 7 organization is financially limited?

**Motion** by J. Sherry for D. Russell to send the “8 questions”- a summary of these financial concerns of the Board- to J. Bailey for his opinion on this matter and for J. Bailey give a report at a future Board Meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** by D. Fitzgerald

**Motion** carried

**Motion** by Sherry to approve May Minutes

**2<sup>nd</sup>** by Fitzgerald

**Motion** carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** J. Doherty

11 page report has been e-mailed for the Board Members to review.

**Motion** by O’Brien to allow Treasurer to use his discretion in rolling over 2 expiring CD’s

**2<sup>nd</sup>** by D. Russell

**Motion** carried

**Committee Reports:**

**Installation Dinner-** J. McKay

Report- 60 attendees at this year’s event

C. Kelley did a great job filling in for Judge Kelly, who was unable to attend, due to her mother’s illness.

J. McManus- we need to have more new members attend next year, we only had 6 of 18 new members at the initiation.

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**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade- e-mail from C. Cameron**

Food & candy donations for the brunch & parade will be greatly accepted.

Please let the Membership chair know what you plan on donating so we can organize the brunch.

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**Christmas in Ireland-** E. Ashley

We are looking at many locations and the prices that they can offer right now for December’s event.

Ideas from the committee have included a repeat of The Rusty Pelican restaurant and the Key Biscayne Yacht Club. We have begun pricing things out.

J. Sherry- I recommend looking at the Marriott in Doral and the Miami Shores Country Club.

E. Ashley- other ideas are a possible Saturday date in Dec., entertainment options, and skipping the sit-down dinner. We will discuss these as a committee and report back to the Board next month.

**Motion** by M. Gerhardt to obtain 2 round trip tickets to Ireland, not to exceed \$1500, for the raffle at the dinner.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** by J. Sherry

**Motion** carries

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**Social Committee:** B. O'Brien-

Upcoming Socials:

**June 24-** La Palma Restaurant- Coral Gables-

**July-** 4th of July Parade- Key Biscayne

**August-** To Be Determined- usually a quiet month- maybe – maybe not- we'll let you know

M. Gerhardt- I propose a "Halfway to St. Patrick's Day" pub crawl for September. It would be with trolleys and go to Irish Pubs on Miami Beach returning to the Miami Yacht Club.

E. Ashley- I think that idea is great and it would attract younger people to the Emeralds.

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**Membership Committee:** O. Kerr for Carroll Cameron

- Summary of Membership Committee e-mail sent to the Board of Directors-
- see e-mail for details-

Proposed new Members for vote:

Phil Humphries- sponsored by J. Bailey

John Mangan- sponsored by M. Gerhardt

Shayne O'Connor- sponsored by Dick O'Connell

**Motion** to accept by Fitzgerald

**2<sup>nd</sup>** by Kelley

**Motion** carried.

J. Doherty suggested that sponsors take a more active role in the initiation & early introduction of the new members.

J. Sherry suggested that the Membership committee prepare a welcome letter for new members and send that to the President.

**Motion** by J. McKay to distribute to either new members or to St. Patrick's Day Festival volunteers, specific "Emerald Logo- shirts" that were donated by Gordon Aurora

**2<sup>nd</sup>** by M. Gerhardt

**Motion** carries

M. Gerhardt & J. Bailey have tried to contact the 28 members that are delinquent with dues in a final attempt for collection.

**Motion** by B. O'Brien to designate members Martin Lynch & Maurice Grondin as lifetime Emeralds & to waive all future membership dues.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** by C. Kelley

**Motion** carries

**Motion** by J. Sherry to remove previously discussed 20 unpaid members from Membership Lists

**2<sup>nd</sup>** by J. McKay

**Motion** carries

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**Website/Big Mouth**- J. Doherty

Big Mouth- Phone Tree Data has been updated with one year service agreement.

Website- A recent security flaw in the access to the members section on the website was diagnosed and repaired.

Utilization is not what it could be. Each committee should think about how big mouth & the website could help them.

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**Shamrock News**- J. McManus

Shamrock News will be sent out this weekend!

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**Health & Welfare- M.A.Kerr**

Patricia Kelly, mother of Judge Carroll Kelly, is ill.

**Good of the Order/Adjournment**

**Meeting Adjourned approximately 9:35 PM**

**Next Board Meeting July 2, 2009, 7:00PM at Miami Yacht Club**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Hugh A. Ryan (for J. McManus, for H. Ryan)**