

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
*Miami Yacht Club*  
Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. sharp  
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Present: Hugh Ryan, Sean Hayes, John Doherty, Dan Fitzgerald, Kassie Doyle, Richard Welch, Jr., Paul Reilly, Ann Eustace, Noel McManus Stillings, Joe McManus, Blair Brogan, Bill O'Brien, Sean Ferrell, Chris Kelley
- Excused Absences: Judi Tierney Sherry, Meghan Knol,
- Unexcused Absences:
- Guests: Barbara McManus, Tommy Dunn and Karen Dunn

Order of Business:

President's Report: (Hugh Ryan) For the Good of the Order- Farewell Address

- Hugh would like to thank every body after two years of being President. Thank you to all for participating and for your constructive criticism and all. He hopes that others in the room will consider rising through the ranks. Sean is going to do a great job as President and Hugh is looking forward to his enthusiastic tenure. Hugh had a great job as President and reminded everyone that the main goal is to have fun.
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Secretary's Report: (Kassie Doyle)

- Minutes of February Board meeting
  - o Joe McManus – Correction to Celtic Cultural Series – the “Famine Plot”
- Motion to approve February minutes after above-referenced modification is made. Second by D. Fitzgerald. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report: (John Doherty)

- See February Treasurer's Report for details
- Combined balances: \$40 087.71
- Christmas in Ireland Follow-up – Tom Lynch still owes us for two dinners - \$150. If someone knows him, please raise this issue and ask for money
- We have a \$10K budget deficit and presently we are running at a difference of just over \$2200 between intake and outtake
- Motion to approve February Treasurer's Report by J. McManus. Second by D. Fitzgerald. Motion carries.

Committee Reports:

- Marlins Game- (April 5) tickets \$\$\$- (C. Kelley)
  - o April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. - San Diego versus Florida Marlins
  - o \$25 per ticket
  - o Possible tailgate at Hugh Ryan's house before game
- Socials-(vacant) H. Ryan-

- February social was very successful. Wayne at Duffy's was thrilled – he wants to do it again. Over 50 Emeralds & Friends in attendance
- No social in March due to St. Patrick's Day Festival
- New administration can appoint Social chair
- Membership – (Sean Hayes & Ann Eustace)
  - Current issue of newsletter has invitation for Emerald members to International Police Association's Annual Picnic on March 29 from Noon to 4 pm. This is a family-oriented event. See March newsletter for details
    - John Doherty suggests a Big Mouth announcement to get Emerald attention
  - Still collecting dues for 2014
  - March 31 = cut-off date for payment to be included in Directory
    - Joe McManus – requests this deadline to be moved back a week or 10 days so information can be included in April Directory
      - Ann agrees – deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - 84 paid members so far, including 7 reinstatements.
  - Online payments still available
  - Festival Booth – Still need volunteers to take a shift at the Festival to cover booth
    - Accepting donations for Raffle. Plan is to collect names and addresses and contact them in the future about membership
  - New Member Application: Duane Cunningham
    - Nurse practitioner at Homestead Correctional Institute
    - His family originates from Dublin. He has three kids and he wants to join because he is teaching kids about his heritage and would like to participate in this club.
      - Motion to approve by Dan Fitzgerald. Second by Joe McManus. Motion passes. Welcome!
- Nominations Committee- election update-Dan Fitzgerald
  - 53 online votes and two paper ballots for a total of 55 votes
  - Results:
    - President = Sean Hayes
    - First VP = Donald Harrington
    - Second VP = Richard Welch, Jr.
    - Treasurer = John Doherty
    - Historian = Dan Fitzgerald
    - Recording Secretary = Kassie Doyle
    - 3 Year Director Positions:
      - Dan Fitzgerald
      - Sean Gynn
      - Johnette Hardiman
      - Don Harrington
      - Chris Kelley
      - John Jack Thompson
  - Voting went very well without complaints.
- Installation Dinner- (J. Tierney) - Judi is excused from meeting.
  - John Doherty – no contract yet so far as he knows.
  - Jungle Island on May 21 at 7:00 p.m. Invitations to come in April

- Celtic Cultural Series (J. McManus)
  - o Event on March 23 – Ed Cooke will conduct a discussion on the book “The Gangs of New York”
- Website and Big Mouth –(J. Doherty)
- *Shamrock News* –(Joe & Barbara McManus)
  - o There may be some confusion as to next Celtic Cultural Series date in Newsletter. To clarify, the date for the next Celtic Cultural Series is March 23
- Health & Welfare- (J. Tierney)
  - o Congratulations to Blair Brogan! She is recently engaged.
  - o John Sorgie has cancer. He is undergoing chemotherapy
  - o Oliver Kerr is now staying at St. Ann’s Convalescent home

#### Unfinished Business

- Emerald Society Shirts?
  - o Sean Ferrell says the logo is ready. All we need to do is order shirts. Tell the company how many shirts we want.
    - Ann Eustace wants to be included in this communication
  - o Shirts being offered to members for purchase
  - o Not sure how much shirts will cost. Depends on how many shirts we get.
  - o Sean and Ann will work together to try to determine

#### New Business

Good of the Order/ Adjournment by 7:30PM

- Motion to Adjourn by J. Doherty. Second by Dan Fitzgerald. Motion carries
- Next meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2014-6:30 PM Miami Yacht Club