

**The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**Miami Yacht Club**  
**Thursday, October 3, 2013**

**Call to Order:**

Pledge of Allegiance – Historian Dan Fitzgerald  
Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by Pres. Hugh Ryan

In Attendance: President, Hugh A. Ryan, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P., Sean Hayes, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P., Richard Welch, Rec. Sec. Judi Tierney Sherry (for Kassie Doyle), Treasurer, John Doherty and Historian, Dan Fitzgerald. Directors: Chris Kelley, Ann Eustace, Joe McManus, Sean Ferrell, Paul Reilly, Sean Ferrell and newly appointed Bill O'Brien.

Guests: Barbara McManus and Amy Law.

Excused absences: Secretary Kassie Doyle, Directors Pat Duffy, Noel McManus Stillings and Meghan Knoll.

Unexcused absences: Blair Brogan, Jeff Bailey and Don Slesnik III.

**Order of Business:**

**Good of the Order:** – Pres. H. Ryan. Pres. Ryan welcomed the above listed guests and thanked everyone for attending. Pres. Ryan announced the appointment of Bill O'Brien to Director. Two vacancies are still open.

**Secretary's Report:** - J.T. Sherry

Pres. Ryan presented the minutes of the Sept. 5, 2013 Board Meeting. Motion by J. McManus, seconded by S. Hayes, to accept the minutes of the Sept. 5, 2013 Board Meeting. **Motion carried.**

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

Discussion of the CDs. Motion by J. McManus, seconded by D. Fitzgerald to rollover the upcoming CD for 13 months. **Motion carried.** The Treasurer presented information about renewing a protection plan for the laptop. Discussion. Motion by P. Reilly, seconded by J. Sherry, for the Treasurer to renew this protection plan. **Motion carried.** Motion by J. McManus, seconded by Sean Hayes, to accept the Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried.**

**Committee Reports:**

**By-Laws** = S. Hayes: No report.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**= No report.

**Social** = P. Reilly announced the Oct. Social will be held at the Irish Times in South Miami on Thursday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm. Member David Higgins, the owner, will be our host. The November Social will possibly be held at JohnMartin's.

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

**Pub Crawl** = J. Doherty for Mary Gerhardt reported another successful event with 40 in attendance. Congrats & thank you, Mary!

**Christmas in Ireland Dinner** = H. Ryan reported in K. Doyle's absence that the invitations are printed and will be mailed shortly. The grand raffle prize will be a "Mega 50/50", and other prizes will consist of sports packages, dinners, etc.

**Membership:** A. Eustace reported a very successful Membership Meeting was held on Tues. nite, in which the new membership application is hereby presented to the Board. Discussion reference children of members over 18 living outside of Miami as a \$10. Membership fee. Discussion ref implementing into the By-Laws. Issue tabled until the next Board Meeting. A. Eustace presented for membership HELEN FINNEGAN EUSTACE: Sponsor, daughter Ann Eustace. Motion by J. Sherry, seconded by J. McManus, to accept Helen for membership. **Motion carried.** A. Eustace advised the next Membership meeting will be held on Oct. 22. All are welcome.

**Newsletter:** J. McManus reported the next Newsletter will be distributed on Nov. 3, 2013.

**Website Committee/Big Mouth:** J. Doherty reported the total number of e-mail blasts & BIG MOUTHS he distributed over the past month. A. Eustace thanked him on behalf of the Membership Committee distributions.

**Celtic Cultural:** J. McManus reported that Phil Morrissey will be the speaker at the November Celtic Cultural Series.

**Health & Welfare:** J. Sherry reported: Mary Ann Kerr is continuing with her chemo treatments. Tom Flynn is in the VA hospital.

**Unfinished Business:** Pres. Ryan distributed the "thank you letter" he is sending to the Marge Hartnett estate for the \$1000 donation to the SFES.

**New Business:** S. Ferrell reported he will submit a website custodian proposal for next year's budget.

**Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thurs, Nov. 7, 6:30 pm, at the Miami Yacht Club.**

**Motion** by C. Kelley, seconded by B. O'Brien to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

**Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Judi Tierney Sherry**