

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.

Board of Directors' Meeting

Miami Yacht Club

Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 6:45 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present:

Excused Absences:

Unexcused Absences:

Proxies:

Welcome guests:

Order of Business:

President's Report: (Don Harrington, Jr.)

Secretary's Report: (Kassie Doyle)

- Review & approve Minutes of March Board meeting

Treasurer's Report: (John Doherty)

- Review & approve Treasurer's report
- Website and Big Mouth

Committee Reports:

SOCIALS:

April Installation Social - John Martin's (upstairs room) on April 29th (2015 Membership Cards to be distributed)

May Social - Joe Healey's Hurricane Bar on May 27th

June Social - The Irish Times on June 24th

MEMBERSHIP:

5 New Members were voted in:

Franklin Cosmen, Jr.

Maureen Hickey

Nancy Harrington

Mary Marks
Sean Pendray

The 2015-2016 membership book will go to print sometime in May. The suggestion was made to solicit business card ads **NOW** for the membership book. It only costs \$25. Hugh Ryan will contact our Irish restaurant & bar sponsors to place ads as well.

Chris Kelley is in the process of planning an **Emerald Society Marlins game night**. We will select a Saturday 4 pm game in the weeks ahead.

FYI - The St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc. will have its 2015 SPD Festival wrap-up meeting this coming Tuesday, April 14th at the Sports Grill Kendall for those that would like to attend and get involved in the planning of the 2016 St. Patrick's Day Festival. All new members that want to be on the Festival Committee should attend to sign up and meet the other committee members.

The suggestion was made last night by Hugh Ryan that we should get a jump on next year's Festival by buying ads now. Pre-sales are very helpful for income projection and budgeting and takes some of the pressure off Bill O'Brien selling ads in the months prior to the Festival. If members that placed an ad in this year's Festival book would go ahead and renew their ad or place a new add **NOW** for 2016, it would be greatly appreciated by The St. Patrick's Day Committee, Inc.

We are planning an Emerald Society weekend retreat at the Sea View Hotel on the Ocean (9909 Collins Avenue, Bal Harbour) in the month of September to take advantage of reduced room rates of \$185 per room, per night, plus tax. Check-in Friday afternoon; check-out Sunday mid-day. The Sea View offers a specially discounted sit down breakfast at a rate of \$10 per person, daily, if you so desire. More info to follow as we get closer. Please RSVP to Don Harrington, Jr. if you would like to attend the weekend retreat at the Sea View Hotel.