

The Emerald Society
December 4, 2003
Miami Yacht Club
Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were President Michael O'Connor, First Vice President, Tom Dunn, Second Vice President & Board Member, Bill O'Brien; Secretary & Board member Carroll Cameron; Treasurer & Board Member David Russell; Board members: Dan Fitzgerald, Billy Cameron, John Kane, Mary Ann Fierro, Judi Sherry, Oliver Kerr, Patrick Novak, Joe McManus, Ed Cooke and member Maurice Grondin. John Cosgrove was excused. A quorum was established.

Order of Business

The order of business was adopted.

Secretary Report (C. Cameron)

The secretary's report was approved.

Treasurer's Report (D. Russell)

The treasurer presented several detailed reports which are attached to the minutes. Concern was expressed over long distance charges to the Big Mouth line. **Directive:** Russell to investigate charges and discontinue the line if necessary.

Directive: C.Cameron to continue to try to reach L. Battista to have the Big Mouth machine moved to Cameron's house.

Committee Reports

Incorporation Committee (Michael O'Connor)

The filing of corporation papers with the U.S. treasury to establish the organization's tax status has been accomplished.

Membership Committee (John Doherty)

The committee has developed a process for bringing new members into active involvement with the Society. Presentation was deferred because Doherty could not attend.

Directive: Dunn to take charge of a printed directory, approaching printers for competitive bids and present his findings at the next meeting.

The following were approved a new members.

New member	Sponsor	Status
Govardhan (Gordon) Arora	Michael O'Connor	Friends of Emeralds
Patricia Clancy	Marge Hartnett	Active

Discussion by O'Connor. Arora owns a shop in Cutler Ridge Mall and embroiders memorabilia on the Society's tee shirts. He will expand the available items and work directly with individual members.

Directive: Fierro and Kerr to put information about availability of Emerald tee shirts in the newsletter.

Annual Christmas Show and Dinner (Tom Dunn)

Motion by O'Brien to tell the hotel to expect 260 and cut off sales when that number is reached. Second by Fierro. Motion passed.

Bea Moss will carry a last minute article about the Christmas Show in her column in Sunday's Neighbors section of the Miami Herald. The Community news wants a photograph of the players in the show to run in their newspapers. Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets.

Directive: All Board members are to ask friends and family to sell raffle tickets at the Christmas Dinner and Show.

We Love Kids Annual Christmas Party (Maurice Grondin)

The annual party given at Dodge City, 16330 SW 147 Ave. is now under the direction of We Love Kids, a new corporation which has applied for 501(c)(3) status. Maurice Grondin is a principal organizer. The party is expected to host more than 2,000 disadvantaged and disabled children on Sunday, December 21. A flyer advertising the event is attached to these minutes.

Motion by Dunn to donate \$1,000 to the We Love Kids organization for the party. Second by Russell. **Motion passed.**

Directive: Fierro and Kerr to put information about the We Love Kids event in the newsletter, encouraging members to volunteer to serve food.

Invitation from Grondin to an open house at his home on Superbowl Sunday.

Social Site (Bill O'Brien)

December's social is the Christmas Dinner and Show at the Dadeland Marriott. January's will be at La Palma in Coral Gables.

Cultural Series (McManus)

Cooke turned over some books to help McManus get started. He has written a protocol for organizing the programs.

Directive: Cooke to send C. Cameron a copy of the protocol for the Cultural Series to be included in the procedures manual.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.
NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2004

Calendar

Date	Event	Place
12/8/03	Annual Christmas Show and Dinner	Miami Dadeland Marriott
1/8/04	Board Meeting	Miami Yacht Club
1/28/04	Monthly Social	La Palma, Coral Gables

September Directives

Directive: Each Board member is to call designated non-renewing members on the list to encourage them to get their dues in.

Board Member	Non-renewing Member Assignment
Cooke	Schwartz, MaDan

November Directives

Directive: O'Brien to call Chris Kelley and have him talk to Total Bank about reversing the \$15.00 service charge on both accounts.

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