

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

Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Present: John Doherty, Sean Hayes, Kassie Doyle, Judi Tierney Sherry, Richard Welch Jr., Sean Ferrell, Ann Eustace, Paul Reilly, Bill O'Brien, Meghan Knol, Noel McManus Stillings, Joe McManus, Dan Fitzgerald, Blair Brogan,

Excused Absences: Hugh Ryan

Unexcused Absences: Chris Kelley, Pat Duffy

Guests: Sean Glynn, Barbara McManus, Michael Fitzgerald

Order of Business:

Note – Sean Hayes presiding over meeting as acting president in Hugh Ryan's absence

President's Report: (Hugh Ryan) For the Good of the Order – No report as H. Ryan absent

Secretary's Report: (Kassie Doyle)

- Minutes of January Board meeting sent out for review and commentary. Motion to approve January Meeting minutes by Joe McManus. Second by Dan Fitzgerald. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report: (John Doherty)

- Total combined bank balance \$44,173.42.
- See January Treasurer's report for details.
- Motion to approve January Treasurer's report by Dan Fitzgerald. Second by Joe McManus. Motion passes.
- Per January meeting, a \$5150 check was to be paid to St. Patrick's Day Festival.
  - o J. McManus: What is purpose of check?
    - J. Doherty: for specific items such as rental of tent, tables, chairs and pages in Festival book
  - o Motion to approve \$5150 check to St. Patrick's Day committee by J. McManus. Second by D. Fitzgerald. Motion passes.
- 46 votes have been cast online as of 2/4/14.

Committee Reports:

- Socials-(vacant) – Sean Hayes reporting for Hugh Ryan
  - o Report on January social by Sean Ferrell – there was a good turnout with 30-35 people. Good food. A little chilly but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.
  - o Hugh Ryan is working on February Social at Duffy's

- Membership – (Sean Hayes & Ann Eustace)
  - Active month with renewals (which were due on Jan. 31)
  - Ann to gather/tally all renewals to reach a total number. She will also send reminders to people who have not paid yet
  - Online payment for membership renewal still open
  - Several reinstatements (persons who did not pay in 2013 but have paid in 2014) this year!
  - As of February 4, 2014:
    - Out of 120 total possible members, we have
      - 64 unpaid members still
      - 52 paid renewals
      - 4 reinstatements
      - Plus online renewals/reinstatements which have not been totaled yet
  - Emeralds will have a booth at St. Patrick’s Day Festival – Membership is looking for volunteers to staff the booth on March 8
  - New Member – Christina Ramos
    - Friend of Emeralds
    - Sponsor = Sean Glynn.
    - Christina is young energetic, interested in many committees. She is the manager of marketing and promotions at the Orange Bowl Committee. “She is exactly what we need.”
    - Judy Tierney Sherry with a motion to approve Christina’s membership as Friend of the Emeralds. Second by Meghan Knol. Motion passes.
- Nominations Committee- election update (Dan Fitzgerald)
  - Chris Kelley, Dan Fitzgerald, and Judi Tierney Sherry make up the committee
  - 46 votes as of Feb 4, 2014
  - Reminder email has been sent
  - Hoping to get 70 out of 120 people to vote
  - No known glitches on voting website.
  - Voting is open until February 21, 2014
  - John Doherty will aggregate votes and send to Dan Fitzgerald and Chris Kelley to present to board at March meeting.
  - Newsletter will include ballot. Votes postmarked on or before February 21, 2014 will be counted.
- Installation Dinner- (J. Tierney)
  - Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at Jungle Island -- \$35 per person
  - No free bagpipers this year because Security Event did not reschedule at Jungle Island.
- Celtic Cultural Series
  - After January meeting, review of past meeting minutes reflect Ed Cooke was voted Committee chair in January or February 2013, but by June it is clear that Joe McManus took over committee chair post.
  - Discussion regarding appointment of committee chairs and review of Board. Sean Ferrell advises the committee chairs are appointed by the President, though some bylaws require board approval for certain positions.

- Sean Hayes, acting as President at meeting in Hugh Ryan's Absence, moves to create a Celtic Cultural Series Committee as a committee of the South Florida Emerald Society and further moves to appoint Joe McManus as head of the Emerald Society's Celtic Cultural Series Committee.
  - Motion to approve by Judi Tierney Sherry. Second by Meghan Know. Motion passes.
- Next Celtic Cultural Series event: Sunday, February 16 at 4:00 p.m. at John Martin's
  - A discussion of two books, "The Great Hunger" and "The Famine Plot"
- Website and Big Mouth –(J. Doherty)
- *Shamrock News* –(Joe & Barbara McManus)
  - Hope to get next issue out by noon on Saturday
  - Barbara McManus – the Newsletter is inviting suggestions for Classic Irish movies
    - D. Fitzgerald noted that, if the upstairs room at John Martin's is available, we have equipment to show movies. This could be great in the future.
- Health & Welfare- (J. Tierney)
  - Chuck Harty passed. Service in on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. He will be missed.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business – none

Good of the Order/ Adjournment by 7:30PM - Motion to adjourn by J. McManus. Second by D. Fitzgerald. Motion passes.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 6, 2014-6:30 PM Miami Yacht Club