

**The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**Miami Yacht Club**  
**Thursday, June 6, 2013**

**Call to Order:**

Pledge of Allegiance – Pres. Ryan

Meeting called to order at 6:37 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), and Treasurer, John Doherty.

Directors: Ann Eustace, Joe McManus, Sean Ferrell, Paul Reilly and Noel Stillings.

Guests: Barbara McManus, Clodagh Michel, Bill Cameron and Bill O'Brien.

Excused absences: Historian Dan Fitzgerald, Directors Pat Duffy, Chris Kelley, Kassie Doyle, Noel McManus Stillings, Blair Brogan, Jeff Bailey, Phil Morrissey and Meghan Knoll.

Unexcused absences: None

**Order of Business:**

**Good of the Order:** – Pres. H. Ryan. Pres. Ryan welcomed the above listed guests and thanked everyone for coming.

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

J. T. Sherry presented the minutes of the May 2, 2013 Board Meeting. Motion by J. T. Sherry, seconded by J. McManus, to table the acceptance of the May 2, 2013 Minutes until the July 11, 2013 Board Meeting. **Motion carried.**

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

Motion by J. McManus, seconded by N. Stillings, to renew the CD for one year at current rate. **Motion carried.** Motion by J. Sherry, seconded by Sean Hayes, to accept the Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried.**

**Committee Reports:**

**By-Laws:** S. Hayes reported the definition of “excused absences” in the current By-Laws. Discussion. Will report back to the Board more information at the next Board Meeting.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:** Hugh read C. Cameron's email report of the status of food and information on the Parade. H. Ryan will compose both Big Mouth and email blasts encouraging attendance and details of the event. J. Doherty reminded the Board there is no current approved budget for the Parade, but we will cover the expenses and proceed with it again this year

**Social:** P. Reilly announced the next Social will be held at Waxy's on the River on Thursday, June 20 at 6:30 pm. The July Social is TBA.

**Installation Dinner:** J.T. Sherry reported the attendance (45), the awards and the expenses of the Dinner.

**Christmas In Ireland Dinner:** H. Ryan reported in K. Doyle's absence that the Committee will be meeting before the end of June.

**Membership:** A. Eustace reported the membership cards have been mailed and distributed. S. Hayes announced the concept of a family picnic for the membership to be held March, 2014 at the Coast Guard Base by the Zoo. J. McManus requested the Committee to send him the information on the last 3 members. J. Doherty reminded the Committee the Membership Directory is traditionally mailed by June, and the cost of an ad is \$25.

**Marlins Game:** H. Ryan for C. Kelley – Marlins vs Cardinals Game will be held on Sat., June 15 at 7:10 pm. We have 20 tickets for sale to membership. Email Chris for tickets.

**Newsletter:** J. McManus reported the Newsletter will be sent out this week-end. Motion by J. Doherty, seconded by A. Eustace, for J. McManus to purchase the updated version of "Publisher" for the continuance of our Newsletter. **Motion carried.** The Board congratulated and thanked Joe and Barbara on a job well done for 5 years on the Newsletter.

**Website Committee/Big Mouth:** J. Doherty reported he received a waived fee for the website for three months! J. McManus requests we explore more ideas ref Big Mouth and email distribution list.

**Celtic Cultural:** J. McManus reported on a potential speaker for the Oct. CC Series. Motion by J. McManus, seconded by N. Stillings, to budget \$150. for this speaker. **Motion carried.**

**Health & Welfare:** J. Sherry reported: Mary Ann Kerr is halfway through with her chemo with 2 more in the next 2 wks. She is truly appreciating the cards and phone calls. Oliver Kerr thanks all for the condolence cards (sent by the ES) regarding the death of his brother, Jim. A Memorial Mass will be held for Jim on Sat., June 14 at 10:00 am at St. Maurice's in Ft. Lauderdale. D. Fitzgerald spent a few days in hospital from dehydration and is now home. John Sorgie is home recuperating from hernia surgery (ES sent card). H. Ryan reported that he spoke with Tom Flynn who is recuperating slowly from shingles.

**New Business:** None

**Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thurs, July 11, 2013, 6:30 pm, at the Miami Yacht Club.**

**Motion** by S. Hayes, seconded by S. Ferrell to adjourn. **Motion carried.**  
**Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**  
**Judi Tierney Sherry**