

**The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.**

**Board of Directors' Meeting**

**Miami Yacht Club**

**Thursday, November 6, 2008, 6:30 P.M.**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

In Attendance: Oliver Kerr, President, Jon Lindeman, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P., Janice McKay, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P., Secretary Hugh A. Ryan, Historian Dan Fitzgerald, Directors: Mary Gerhardt, Chris Kelley, Judy Sherry, Sean Ferrell, Joe McManus, David (Skip) Russell, Bill O'Brien and Jan Paris. Also in attendance were members: Billy Cameron, Barbara McManus, Mary Ann Kerr, and member Chuck Daley.

Excused absences: John P. Doherty, Nabil Salem

**Order of Business:**

**Secretary's Report:** H. A. Ryan

Minutes of October Meeting were reviewed.

**Motion** to approve minutes is carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** O. Kerr (for Doherty)

Financial Reports submitted for review

**Motion** by McManus to allow Treasurer to use his discretion as to the status of certain CD, which is maturing on 12/01/08.

2<sup>nd</sup>- J. McKay

Motion Passed

**Motion** to approve Treasurer's Report is carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

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### **Social Committee:** O. Kerr (for B. O'Brien)

Report on October Social at Uva in Coral Gables:

J. McKay- There were 35 people at the social, a nice event, the people there were lovely, and however we have concerns with the food.

D. Fitzgerald- Drinks were good

J. Lindeman- Service was inefficient, but they were nice there.

Upcoming Socials:

November 20<sup>th</sup>- Mr. Moe's, Coconut Grove

December- Christmastime in Ireland

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### **Christmastime in Ireland-** M. Gerhardt (for E. Ashley)-

-The Dublin City Ramblers are booked at a Miami Beach Hotel for the night of the event.

-We are beginning to receive checks for admission tickets.

-Door Prizes right now are a piece of Waterford Crystal, a basket, and a dinner.

-The intention is to sell raffle & door prize tickets in advance and to have them as separate tickets.

Fitzgerald- We should be in control of the music chosen to be played during the dinner

Ryan- If we don't pick the music as something appropriate to the event, we may get stuck with salsa music.

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### **Membership Committee: B. Cameron** (for Carroll Cameron)

New Members- James G. Worth

Sponsored by John Sorgie

New Member- Christopher Patrick Quinn

Sponsored by Billy & Carroll Cameron

**Motion** to accept by C. Kelley

2<sup>nd</sup> by J. McManus

Motion Passed

The Third member approved at October's meeting, Marina Jimenez, sponsored by B. O'Brien, is still pending paperwork and a check.

All members have been sent renewal notices this month for membership dues.

**Motion** by C. Kelley to refrain from sending out a second notice until after Christmastime in Ireland dinner.

2<sup>nd</sup> by J. McManus

Approved

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**Installation Dinner-** J. McKay

Recommendation- after searching and investigating other possible locations, it is my recommendation that we should have the Installation Dinner again at Jungle Island.

**Motion** by C. Kelley for the Emerald Society to have the upcoming Installation Dinner at Jungle Island, and the treasurer pay the deposit at this time.

2<sup>nd</sup> by O'Brien

Approved

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**Website/Big Mouth-** O.Kerr (for Doherty)

No Report

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**Shamrock News-** J. McManus

Announcement- There will be an early December newsletter, because the editors will be away during December. We will send it to the President in advance for his proofreading.

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**Unfinished Business:**

Membership Polo Shirts- J. Sherry

**Motion** by C. Kelley to order Polo Shirts, at \$33 a shirt with embroidered name, from John Sherry.  
2<sup>nd</sup>. McKay  
Approved

**Health & Welfare-**

A get well card was sent to Gloria Cooke.

A sympathy card was sent to Stu Robinson (for son Angus)

A congratulations card was sent to Hugh & Erin Ryan for the birth of son Vincent Augustine Ryan.

Ed McCormick will receive a card for the illness of his wife

**Announcements:**

**Ann McShane-** I am working on gifts for the prizes at the Christmastime in Ireland Raffle.

2 tickets on Gulfstream Airlines, 2 tickets on Spirit Airlines, and a dinner at Fleming's.

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**J. McManus-** Why have our members received three notices with requests for payment with three different return addresses? The notices included the membership renewal, tickets for the dinner and ads for St. Pat's bulletin.

**J. McKay-** All three addresses are legitimate with the St. Patrick Day Committee and the Emerald Society.

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**Ryan-** I have a concern about consistency with using membership e-mails for other uses than what has been defined as appropriate by this board (referring to recent advertisements for outside events sent to his e-mail).

**Good of the Order/Adjournment**

**Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:01 PM**

**Next Board Meeting December 4, 2008, 7:00PM at Miami Yacht Club**

**Respectfully Submitted  
Hugh A. Ryan**

