

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.

**Board of Directors' Meeting
Miami Yacht Club
Thursday, January 14, 2010 7:00 P.M.**

Minutes

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting called to order at 7:12PM

In Attendance: Oliver Kerr, President, Janice McKay, 1st V.P., Jon Lindeman, 2nd V.P., John P. Doherty, Treasurer, Hugh A. Ryan, Secretary, Dan Fitzgerald, Historian
Directors: Jeff Bailey, Patrick Novak, Sean Glynn, Sean Ferrell, Bill O'Brien, Mary Gerhardt, Christopher Kelley, Mary Ann Kerr, David "Skip" Russell, Joe McManus and Chuck Daley.

Guests: Paul Reilly, Barbara McManus
Excused absences: Judi Sherry.

Order of Business:

Secretary's Report: H.A. Ryan-

December Minutes for Review

Motion by J. McManus to approve December Minutes

2nd by Fitzgerald

Motion carried

Motion by McManus to accept June 2009 Minutes as condensed by H. Ryan

2nd by Doherty

Motion carried

Doherty- H. Ryan needs to send previously approved minutes so that they can be posted on the website

Treasurer's Report: J. Doherty

See attached report.

Motion by McManus to approve Treasurer's Report

2nd by McKay

Motion carried

FY 2010 Budget Discussion- Doherty

In short, income is up \$800, expenses are up \$1000- FY 2010 deficit is \$200.

Doherty- suggestions for the upcoming year to increase income include emphasizing the 50/50 raffle, at the “Christmas in Ireland” dinner, the raffle tickets need to be emphasized and better organized, possibly finding sponsorship for Emerald events.

O. Kerr- each committee needs to review the proposed budget

S. Glynn- myself, J. Bailey, Richard Welch, and Phil Morrissey are beginning to look for sponsors of Emerald events.

Doherty- As a historical perspective, in the past 10 years, the “Christmas in Ireland” dinner has brought in \$2000- \$5000 in income. The “Installation Dinner” has been a “break even” event. The monthly socials have produced a small negative income. Recently, the “Pub Crawl” in August 2009 was a “break-even” event.

Motion by McManus to require the “Christmas in Ireland” Committee to show a profit of at least \$2000 in future events.

2nd by Bailey

Motion passed- 2 opposed

Directive by O. Kerr- All committee heads should review and comment on the proposed budget and the need to balance the budget by January 31st.

Motion by McManus to table voting on the FY 2010 Budget until the February meeting

2nd by Bailey

Motion carried

Committee Reports:

Social Committee: B. O’Brien-

Upcoming Socials:

January 20th, 2010- Mike’s at Venetia, 9th Floor, downtown Miami

February 17th, 2010 –Scully’s, Sunset Drive, Paul Reilly will assist with this event

O'Brien- as Chairman, any assistance with organizing the social events would be appreciated by interested members.

P. Reilly, M. Gerhardt- we'll help out with the events.

Membership Committee: S. Glynn

No new members this month.

The committee is energized and focusing on collecting new members, retaining existing members, involving them in Emerald events and working together with other committees for this purpose.

Website/Big Mouth- J. Doherty

Website- Bylaws have recently been posted on the website.

Big Mouth- It has been used for various occasions in the past month.

Both need to be utilized more, they are very good tools for the Emerald Society.

Shamrock News- J. McManus

Next issue is out in February, following board meeting.

In that issue we will send out the slate of candidates for the upcoming elections

B. McManus- we need pictures of "Miss Colleens" from the St. Pat's festival for the Shamrock News.

Health & Welfare- O. Kerr

No Report

Unfinished Business- O. Kerr

The Nominating Committee for the upcoming elections will be D. Russell, B. O'Brien, M. Gerhardt

J. Lindeman- I am submitting my resignation as 2nd Vice President of the Emerald Society. I will be traveling and unable to attend meetings and fulfill my duties. Thank you and I'll send a post card.

Good of the Order/Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned approximately 9:01PM

Next Board Meeting February 4, 2010, 7:00PM at Miami Yacht Club

**Respectfully Submitted
Hugh A. Ryan**