



Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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March Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by President, **Gary Pennington**. Gary introduced the club officers; **Howard Shettle**, Vice President, **Steve Cunningham**, Treasurer and **Dave Miller**, Secretary.

Treasurers Report: The current balance is approximately \$2,340.95.

Attendance: **Phil Kolocotronis** reported 46 members in attendance.

Meet the Member: There was no "Meet The Member" this month due to our Annual Auction being scheduled.

Bob Taylor: Club member and local dealer, **Bob Taylor**, brought us up to date with the current Harford County metal detecting regulations. It currently is illegal to metal detect any Harford County Parks or public lands; however the Town of Belair has given our club permission to hunt the various parks within town limits.

Monthly Club Hunt: Our March club outing was a great success, even with the rain. There were some great finds included a cannon ball friction fuse, silver coins and Indian head pennies. More information for the April hunt will be made available.

Annual Closed Member Hunt: The 2016 closed hunt is scheduled for May 7th with registration beginning at 10 AM. The cost of \$25/person will be collected at future meetings and during registration on the day of the hunt. See **Andy Cooper** to register.

Annual Open Hunt: The 2016 Open Hunt will once again be held at Sandy Point State Park on October 9th. The cost will be \$100 for the two main hunts and two other optional hunts will be available: Club members voted to have a Team Hunt Option \$30/team and Big Silver Hunt Option \$50/person. Please see our website for registration details.

Club Auction: A big thank you to **Brad Johns** for leading our Annual Auction. There were many great deals for our members and the club raised money for future hunts.

Mini Hunt Winners: Our pre-meeting mini hunt winners included **Dwayne Meanor**, **Bob Horst** and **Brad Johns**. Be sure to participate in next month's mini hunt starting at 6:30 before the meeting.

Coin Board Winners: **Brad Johns, John Manzari** and **Andy Cooper** were all winners in the coin category. **Brad Johns, John Manzari** and **Bob Horst** were winners in the relic category.

Club Favorite Find of the Month: **Leo Pollock** won the "Club Favorite Find of the Month" with his 1800's era baseball coin token. This was a great find!

Raffle Winners: 50/50 – **Dwayne Urban** Silver Round-**Scott Thomas**

Leg of Gold Winner: **Billy Romjue**

Door Prizes: **Dave Miller, Scott Horst, Nancy Sommer** and **Ed Burgee**

The Meeting was closed at 8:40 PM.

Next Meeting to be held April 28th, 2016 at 7:00 PM with mini hunt starting at 6:30 PM.