



Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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April 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.

A special thank you to **Mike** and **Gina Stinemire** who always provides a wide range of delicious food and snacks for the meeting.

Attendance: 47 members and visitors were in attendance as reported by **Dave Franz**.

Treasurers Report: \$3,605.81

Monthly Club Outing: Our club outing this month was on a property established in 1603 located on Kent Island. Many members attended but the property did not yield many great finds, as it seemed to have been hunted previously. It has been announced that our friends over at the MARS club has invited us to attend their club hunt which has been organized by **Barney Dolt**. Barney will be planting civil war memorabilia and relics for members to recover. Remember to sign up for the next club hunt at our meetings so that you can get an email invitation with the details.

2017 Open Hunt and Closed Hunt: The date for the 2017 Open Hunt will be Sunday, September 17. We will only have two main hunts and the Big Silver hunt for 2017. Among the metal detectors to be raffled will be a Garret AT Gold and a Fisher F75. Remember to get your registration forms in before July 31 so that you can be eligible for a gold coin drawing and also save \$25. See our website for more details and to receive your registration packet. The Closed Hunt, (Members Only) will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Victory Villa Community Center. The registration will be \$25.

Volunteer Needed: The club is looking for volunteers to sell tickets at the recreation center carnival located at Martin State Airport in June. Please see **Gary Pennington** if you are able to help out.

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

Gold Coin Raffle: **Wendy Huber** was the winner of the 1881 \$5 gold coin. Congratulations to Wendy.

Monthly Board Contest: **Matt St. Hours, Bob Horst and Mike McCullough** were all winners in the coin category. **Eric Ritter, Dave Franz and Mike McCullough** were winners in the relic category.

Club Favorite Find of the Month: George Washington Inaugural Button by **Bob Horst**

Raffle Winners: 50/50 – **Howard Shettle** Silver Round: **Bob Horst**

Leg of Gold Winner: **Phil Kolocotronis**

Door Prizes: **John vice, John Curtis, Andy Cooper, Chris Wisnom, Steve Contino, Chris Jacobs, Howard Shettle, Ron Higgs, Chris Davis, Don Muller, Brian Snyder, Jim Hooper, Ed Ruddlesden and Brian Green** were all door prize winners.

Next Meeting to be held Thursday, May 25th, 2017 at 7:00 PM with a mini hunt starting at 6:30PM