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August Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Vice President, **Howard Shettle**.

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

Attendance: 41 members and visitors were in attendance as reported by **Dave Franz**.

Treasurers Report: \$1,195.14

Mini Hunt: Our mini hunt held prior to the meeting, starting at 6:30 was well attended. The winners who found tokens were **Leo Pollock**, **John Vice**, and **Zack Brewer**.

Gold Coin Raffle: A new gold coin raffle has begun. Tickets can be purchased for a future drawing for \$1 each.

Legal Beagle Report: **Phil Kolocotronis** reminded us that Baltimore City Parks open September 1st for the winter hunting season and Sandy Point is now open all day for beach hunting.

Monthly Club Outing: Our monthly club outing was held again on Kent Island and it was well attended.

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 7 metal detectors to be raffled off are a Garret AT Gold and a Fisher F75. Remember to get you 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. This hunt promises to be loaded with lots of silver coins and your admission will qualify you for chance to win a Fisher F75. The registration will be \$25.

Member News: **Paul Sweeney**, who has had history with helping the Prince George's County Police Department in the past, was asked recently to help find a murder weapon. The police were told based on their investigation that there was a gun that was used in a crime 8 years ago and buried by the suspects. The PG County police as well as the FBI have been searching for over 4 years for the weapon. They didn't quite know the exact location but were given an area to search. Paul and a couple of his detecting buddies were able to recover the gun which was buried about 10" deep.

Member Favorite Finds: **Howard Shettle** – Muzzle Loaded Boot Pistol, **Darry Fallis** – Cache of Silver found in a mason jar, totaling 71 coins, **Terry Miller**- Early 1800's cigar cutter, **Matt St. Ours** – Baltimore Token circa 1835, **Rob Rinker** – 1875 dime, **Chris Wisnom**, - French silver coin from the 1700's (French Revolution), **Phil Kolocotronis** – 1721 2 Reale Pistareen, **Nancy Jelich** – Spanish Commemorative Coin and 1819 Large Cent.

Monthly Board Contest: **Kurt Franz, Matt St. Ours, Mike McCullough** were all winners in the coin category. **Mike McCullough** and **Dave Franz** were winners in the relic category.

Club Favorite Find of the Month: A Colonial Shoe Buckle found by **Kurt Franz**.

Raffle Winners: 50/50 – **Samual Rosario** Silver Round: **Howard Shettle**

Leg of Gold Winner: **Cirilo Costilla** – If there is no winner prior to December's meeting, all monthly winner's names will be put in a hat and a winner will then be drawn.

Door Prizes: **John Vice, Matt St. Ours, Phil Kolocotronis** were all door prize winners.

Special Thanks: A special thank you to **Barney Doht** for his donation of civil war bullet displays which will be prizes in the Open Hunt next month.

Next Meeting to be held Thursday, September 28th, 2017 at 7:00 PM with a mini hunt starting at 6:30PM