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June Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 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: 45 members and visitors were in attendance as reported by **Dave Franz**.

Treasurers Report: \$3,868.61

Mini Hunt: Our mini hunt held prior to the meeting, starting at 6:30 was well attended. We had 3 winners who found tokens in our seeded field. They each received Silver Half Dollar's as their prize.

Gold Coin Raffle: Wendy Huber was awarded the 1881 \$5 gold coin that she won from the club raffle. A new raffle will begin next month for another gold coin with tickets selling at \$1 each.

Monthly Club Outing: Our club outing this month was once again well attended. Some special coins that were found were a 1860 Indian head penny, 1887 Indian Head Penny, 1840 Large Cent. Other finds were a partial denture plate and a picker's check. There will be no Club Hunt in July due to dry conditions.

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.

Legal Beagle Report: **Phil Kolocotronis** was unable to make our meeting but reminded us through proxy that Baltimore City Parks will remain closed to metal detecting until September.

Meet the Member: This month's meet the member is **Matt St. Ours**. Matt is 24 and loves music, video games as well as being very passionate about metal detecting. He started last year and learned the

basics from watching metal detecting you tube videos, namely, the Hoover Boys and Nuggett Noggin. He hunts everything, water, relics, coins and he goes often. His first metal detector was a Garrett Ace 400, but he soon graduated to the AT Pro. His favorite find is a Fells Point Token which is dated back to the late 1700's, and a US Air Force Gunner Badge. His favorite hunt was a hill located in a public area which was full of silver coins. His bucket list is a Drape Bust Silver, and like everyone, a Gold Coin. He utilizes Google Maps and Historic Aerials.com to provide his research. His advice for a beginner in the hobby is to "Learn Your Machine" and as you hunt, try to guess what your signal is. This helps you concentrate on the tone and you will learn more quickly your machine is telling you and how it relates to what you are digging up.

Ice Cream Social: Our President, **Gary Pennington**, surprised us all with an unscheduled, Ice Cream Social. The club provided ice cream and all the toppings, which everyone much enjoyed.

By Laws: The bylaws as presented and slightly modified, were approved by majority vote of the present members.

Monthly Board Contest: **Kurt Franz, John Curtis and Mike McCullough** were all winners in the coin category. **John Curtis, Mike McCullough** and **Nancy Jelich** were winners in the relic category.

Club Favorite Find of the Month: A Militia Belt Buckle Plate, circa 1810 found by **Kurt Franz**. Of all of Kurt's treasures that he has found, he said this is his favorite.

Raffle Winners: 50/50 – **Frank Ziemski** Silver Round: **Bob Horst**

Leg of Gold Winner: **Bill Kalwa** – Gary announced that if there is no winner prior to December's meeting, all monthly winners names will be put in a hat and a winner will then be drawn.

Door Prizes: **Dwayne Samuels, Nancy Jelich, Samuel Rosario, Ed Ruddlesden, and Mike Stinemire**, were all door prize winners.

Volunteers: A special thanks to **Scott Hoggard** who volunteered to be the club photographer and **John Vice** who volunteered to be the club librarian.

Next Meeting to be held Thursday, July 27th, 2017 at 7:00 PM with a mini hunt starting at 6:30PM