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September Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President, **Gary Pennington**. Gary introduced the club officer; **Howard Shettle**, Vice President, **Steve Cunningham**, Treasurer and **Chris Wisnom** who substituted for **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: 43 members and visitor **Mr. John Bancroft** were in attendance as reported by **Dave Franz**.

Treasurers Report: \$165.00, all funds expended to providing prizes, food, etc. for the open and closed hunts.

Mini Hunt: Our mini hunt held prior to the meeting, starting at 6:30 was well attended. The winners who found tokens were **Wendy Huber** and **James Foster**.

Gold Coin Raffle: was won by **Mike Stinemire**. 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 1.

Monthly Club Outing: Our monthly club outing was held again on Kent Island and it was well attended. The Club Outing: For October is being discussed with The Hancock Resolution, a historical mansion in Anne Arundel County, open on Sunday from 1-4. Hunt site pending, further information forthcoming.

A Federation Hunt is planned in Gettysburg on October 28 & 29.

2017 Open Hunt and Closed Hunt: The 2017 Open Hunt was conducted on Sunday, September 17. 78 hunters from several states participated. The club collected \$700.00 in raffle tickets. We had two main hunts and the Big Silver hunt for 2017. 7 metal detectors were raffled off. See our website for more pictures and details of the hunt.

2017 Open Hunt Feedback: President Gary Pennington asked for hunt feedback from the members who attended the Open Hunt at Sandy Point. Comments indicated that this year's hunt went more smoothly than last year. One reason was the decision to award prizes for tokens immediately following each hunt, verses at the end, which contributed to a more confluent program.

Special Thanks: President Gary Pennington, announced the names of all volunteers who worked in the 2017 Open Hunt and personally thanked them for their support. The MFTC members would also like to personally thank each of the officers, and their families, who work tirelessly all year to make our club a success.

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 or Garrett Pin Pointer. Keys for 2 treasure chests and many other prizes will be awarded. The registration is \$25.

Meet the Member: **Eric Ritter**, discussed his history with metal detecting, favorite find, a large gold class ring, his techniques, and displayed several of his finds. Thanks to Eric for his interesting presentation.

Monthly Board Contest: **Eric Ritter, Bill Hill, Matt St. Ours, Mike McCullough** were all winners. Club Favorite Find of the Month: A Civil War Breast Plate found by **Bill Hill**.

Raffle Winners: 50/50 – **Frank Ziemski**: Silver Round: **Chris Wisnom**: Leg of Gold Winner: **Mike Stinemire**.

Nominations for Officers: Nominations for officers will be conducted in November. President **Gary Pennington** read the Bylaws relating to nominations and elections. Elections will be conducted in December.

Door Prizes: **Chris Wisnom**, among others were door prize winners.

Next Meeting to be held Thursday, October 26th, 2017 at 7:00 PM with a mini hunt starting at 6:30PM