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June Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President, Gary Pennington. Gary introduced the club officers; Howard Shettle, Vice President, Steve Cunningham, Treasurer, and Chris Wisnom, 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: 33 members were in attendance.

Guests: Mr. David Ayers and Ms. Martha Szyska.

Treasurers Report: by Steve Cunningham: \$5,762.46

Mini Hunt: Our mini hunt held prior to the meeting, starting at 6:30 was well attended. There were multiple winners who found tokens and other coins.

Special Dedication: Mr. Bud Lamb- a charter member of the club, is donating metal detectors from his private collection, in the name of the club. Many thanks to Bud for his generosity, and history of participation. Bud was also an officer for many years.

Legal Beagle Report: No metal detecting is permitted at city parks during the months of July and August. Hunting at Sandy Point State Park is permitted from 6 to 10 AM only in the summer. Hunting at Rocky Point State park is spotty, based upon discussion with rangers.

Monthly Club Outing: Our monthly club outing, scheduled at South Mountain was rained out. A new hunt is scheduled on Saturday, June 30. It is rugged terrain, and should be conducted with caution. Members who signed up will be notified of the details via email.

On Saturday June 16, 2018, a beginner's hunt was conducted at Herring Run Park. Time and hunting tips were provided for hunters, 2 hunters attended. Steve suggested that all hunters attend future hunts. Please remember to sign up at the next meeting if you interested to in attending a club outing.

Tips for "Knocks" (permission to hunt) Discussion: With many parks closed to hunting during the summer months, hunters were encouraged to obtain private permission to hunt new sites. The floor was opened to discussion. Suggestions to obtain permission included: Begin by driving around

properties with potential as hunting sites, look for owners outside on the property, stop in for a casual discussion (do not approach geared up with digging tools, belts with gear, etc.), explain the benefits of allowing permission to hunt, i.e. cleaning up the environment, explaining finds to owners who are interested in the historical aspects of the area, donating valuable finds to the property owner (lost rings, etc.), monetary compensation for the use of the property has also yielded positive results. Showing your gratitude for permission to hunt can also be demonstrated by a small gift to the owner. If the property owner cannot grant permission to hunt on their land, perhaps they can suggest another area, or refer you to someone. Stop by when not hunting to say "hello". Do not be discouraged if the initial attempt is unsuccessful. Many people are happy to allow hunters, who follow the ethical rules of hunting access to their property. Share other "knock tips" at future meetings.

Monthly Board Contest: Eric Ritter and John Curtis were winners in the coin category. Eric Ritter and Scott Haggert won the relic category. Club Favorite Find of the Month: A Chevy Token – found by Jamie Foster.

Our Annual Open Hunt: will be conducted on September 30, 2018 at Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis, Maryland. The fee for the hunt will be \$125.00 if postmarked by July 31. Registrations received from August 1 to the day of the hunt will be \$150.00. For the big silver hunt, the cost will be \$50 if postmarked by July 31, \$75 if received from August 1 to the day of the hunt.

Our Annual Closed Hunt: will be conducted on September 15, 2018 at Victory Villa Community Center, Middle River, 404 Compass Rd, Essex, MD. 21220, 410-887-0258. It will begin at 10 AM and run until around 2PM. Your entry fee includes a cookout lunch. All payments must be made in advance. No fees will be accepted the day of the hunt.

Next Club Meeting: Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 7:00 PM, at Victory Villa Community Center, Middle River, 404 Compass Rd, Essex, MD. 21220, 410-887-0258. Mini hunt starts at 6:30 PM, weather permitting.