

# Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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## October Meeting Minutes

**The meeting was called to order** at 7:25 PM by President, Gary Pennington. Gary introduced the club officers; Vice President, Steve Cunningham, Treasurer, and Chris Wisnom, Secretary.

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

**Attendance:** 24 members were in attendance.

**Guests:** None

**Treasurers Report:** by Steve Cunningham: \$4,448.50

**Mini Hunt:** Our mini hunt held prior to the meeting, starting at 6:30, and was well attended. It will be the last mini hunt of the year, due to night conditions.

**Legal Beagle Report (in absentia):** On September 1, 2018, hunting will be permitted at city parks.

**Monthly Club Outing:** Was conducted on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at a city park. Members found a variety of treasures, both old and new.

**Next Monthly Club Outings** will be held Saturday, October 20 at Bennet's Point in Queenstown, on the Eastern Shore; and Saturday November 17. Steve Cunningham will inform all who signed up, by email, of the details for the November hunt.

**Scheduled Speaker:** Marty Pratt, from the Eastern Shore Treasure Club, presented a U.S. Coin raffle ticket to our club in appreciation for our support of their endeavors. The winning numbers will be the evening Maryland, 3-digit straight, lottery number drawing. The raffle will run from January 1, 2019 until January 31, 2019. Our club number raffle ticket is No. 671. One collectible coin will be raffled off each day.

**Monthly Board Contest:** No contest due to low attendance.

**Winners:** 50/50 won by Steve Rosario, jackpot of \$61.00; Leg of Gold ticket won by Richard Campo.

**Our Annual Open Hunt:** was conducted on September 30, 2018 at Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis, Maryland. Free lunch was provided for everyone. Gary thanked all of the volunteers who helped to make it happen. 63 hunters participated and 12 children. The raffle raised \$826. President Gary Pennington announced that the primary objective of the open hunt was to raise funds to sponsor the closed hunt. Since membership has increased, and raffles have successfully raised funds, the open hunt will not be necessary next year. Planning for the Annual Open hunt requires approximately one year. It is a monumental endeavor, that Gary, his family, and many club volunteers have been conducting for our club for many years. We owe our success, and current status of our organization, to these efforts. And, as a club, we extend our collective thanks to all who supported these efforts, primarily our President Gary Pennington.

**Our Annual Closed Hunt:** was conducted on September 15, 2018 at Victory Villa Community Center, Middle River, 404 Compass Rd, Essex, MD. 21220, 410-887-0258. It began at 10 AM and closed at 2PM. A lunch was provided. Many members and their families enjoyed a great day together.

**Board Contest** was not conducted due to low attendance.

**Auction:** planned for the October meeting was postponed due to low attendance. But will be conducted during the November meeting. Please bring all Metal Detecting related items to the November meeting. Help us raise funds and gain new treasures.

**Next Club Meeting:** Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 7:00 PM, at Victory Villa Community Center, Middle River, 404 Compass Rd, Essex, MD. 21220, 410-887-0258. December 27 will be our holiday party. Please bring your find of the year. It must be an items on the table during the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.