

Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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January 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. Mike McCullough as substitute for Secretary, Chris Wisnom. Volunteers were introduced by their separate functions.

Attendance: 31 were in attendance, comprised of 28 members and 3 guests.

Guests: Mark Trestle (Garrett), Clint Davis (no machine), George Umberger (Garrett GTAx750).

Treasurer's Report: Club Treasurer, Steve Cunningham, reported the current account balance to be \$4,384.36.

Mini Hunt: No mini hunt was held; these will resume in 2019 at a Spring meeting.

Legal Beagle Report: None this month. Thanks to Phil Kolocotronis for serving as the Club's "Legal Beagle". Gary informed the members that Phil is unable to continue in this capacity. Ron Riggs volunteered to serve.

Monthly Club Outings: Steve Cunningham reported there was no Club hunt in December and announced a Club hunt on Feb. 9 to be held at Druid Hill.

Gold Coin Raffle: Gary mentioned that Seth Gunther won the 2-1/2 dollar gold coin, raffled off at the December meeting.

Club Program: Club members presented items found over the past year:

Bill Hill – unexpected find of a silver bullion bar and other cache items on a woods hunt,

Andy Cooper – a trime and a half a trime in the same hunt; numerous silver coins from "Coinstar",

Dave Franz – 1773 Virginia half penny, 1776 KG3, 1830 half dime, 1808 half cent, 1936 half dollar,

Mike McCullough – a pair of lady's sash buckles and men's cuff links (Victorian era),

Eric Ritter – 2 real pistareen found at a Virginia Civil War site,

Terry Miller – 3 one-reale coins, 2-cent piece and a police button,

Gary Pennington – 1852 trime (found with his Equinox),

John Vice – reported on notable finds from an NDL hunt in Virginia,

After a 30 minute break, Nathan presented highlights of a North South Traders detectorist seminar he attended in Orange, Virginia. A similar seminar will be held April 2-5.

Monthly Board Contest: Club Vice-President Howard Shettle ran the Competition Board. Results are as follow: **Coin contest** (including jewelry items): 1st place – Eric Ritter, 2nd place - Mike McCullough, and 3rd place - James Foster. **Relic contest** (bullets and buttons): 1st place – Eric Ritter, 2nd place – Andy Cooper, and 3rd place – John Vice. **Club favorite** - by popular vote, **an eagle breast plate**, found by John Vice.

Raffle Winners: **50-50** - \$45.50 went to Keith; **Silver Round** – Anthony Bogdan; **Leg-of-Gold** - name drawn – Bud Lamb

Next Club Meeting: Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Rd., Essex, MD 21220, 410-887-0258.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mike McCullough on 2/9/2019.