

Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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February Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 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.

Many thanks to Mike Stinemire for providing bounteous food for tonight's meeting.

Attendance: 32 were in attendance, comprised of 30 members and 2 guests.

Guests: Tom (from Hampden) (Bounty Hunter 505), and Dennis Powers (Minelab Excalibur

Treasurer's Report: Club Treasurer, Steve Cunningham, reported the current account balance to be \$4,930.70.

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

Legal Beagle Report: Ron Riggs reported that Cecil County has an unofficial ban on metal detecting in county parks, though there is no established county code specific to a ban. Apparently an existing code that speaks to defacing/disturbing vegetation is cited as the applicable regulation. Ron will seek to clarify existing relevant ordinances and inquire as to cause for recent action.

Bill Hill reported: that Baltimore City Park and Rec is now taking credit card payment for annual permit, that 30 individuals were permitted last year, that there is more active patrolling of parks, and that Baltimore County's Park and Rec office in Dundalk is permitting for one-year terms.

Monthly Club Outings: Steve Cunningham reported that Club hunts scheduled for January and February were cancelled due to weather conditions. Next Club hunt is to be held March 16th in at Druid Hill Park.

Gold Coin Raffle: Seth Gunther received the 2-1/2 dollar gold coin, won by raffle held at the December meeting.

Club Program: Mark Kresel presented a personal biography in explanation of how he came to serve as a supply volunteer during Israel's Six-Day War in 1967, and how from friendships formed during that time he came to be invited on an archeologic dig in the 1990s. Mark brought as a display two "B.C. vintage" pottery pieces.

Gary shared that Joe Demarco Metal Detectors has partnered with MFSTC to offer 10% discount to members; a 15% discount is available to veterans.

Additionally, Gary gave details on the Club Members Only hunt to be held at Victory Villa, Sunday October 6th, from 1 – 5 PM with hunt starting at 2 PM; fee to members \$25.

Kris Neely mentioned a GoFundMe website for Veterans with PTSD.

Bud Lamb reported on two metal detectors he has for sale: Whites DFX and a Minelab CTX 3030, both with numerous accessories/coils.

Monthly Board Contest: Club Vice-President Howard Shettle ran the Competition Board. Results are as follow: **Coin contest** (including jewelry items): 1st place – Mike McCullough, 2nd place – Andy Cooper, and 3rd place – Harry Morrison. **Relic contest** (bullets and buttons): 1st place – Andy Cooper, 2nd place – Mike McCullough, and 3rd place – Kris Nealy. **Club favorite** - by popular vote, **milk token**, found by James Foster.

Raffle Winners: **50-50** - \$45.50 went to Harry Morrison; **Silver Round** – Nathan; **Leg-of-Gold** - name drawn – Anthony Bogdan. Thanks to Dwayne Meanor for running our raffles.

Next Club Meeting: Thursday, March 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 8:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mike McCullough on 3/17/2019.