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March Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President, Gary Pennington. Gary introduced the club officers: Howard Shettle - Vice President, Steve Cunningham – Treasurer, Chris Wisnom, Secretary and News Letter. We would like to thank Mike McCullough for substituting for Secretary, Chris Wisnom.

A special thanks to the Stinemire family who always provide a wide range of delicious food and snacks for our meetings

Attendance: 25 members were in attendance.

Guests: No guests attended.

Treasurers Report: by Steve Cunningham: \$4,372.28

Mini Hunt: The first mini-hunt of the season was conducted at 6:30. The club provides approximately \$91 in coins monthly for the hunt. Every hunter is a winner and takes home some coins. One of the many perks of being a member. Mini hunts will be conducted monthly beginning at 6:30, weather permitting, on the lawn at Victory Villa Community Center (no dig). Steve Cunningham will provide email reminders to members.

March Club Outing: was held at Druid Hill Park. Attendance was low, but hunters found treasures and always enjoy sharing the experience. The next planned hunt at Druid Hill Park will be in an area of the park that has been rarely hunted, and should yield some good finds.

Next Monthly Club Outings will be held Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Sandy Point State Park, beginning at 10:00 AM. Coffee and donuts will be provided. It is a partially seeded hunt, provided as a courtesy by our president Gary Pennington. The club would like to thank Gary for his dedication and generosity during his presidency. Steve Cunningham will inform all who signed up, by email, of the details for the upcoming hunt.

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 \$30.

Our New Metal Detecting Dealer- is Joe DeMarco. Joe is graciously granting all club members a 10% discount on purchases, 15% to veterans. Shipping is also provided free, as is sales tax. Please consider purchasing your equipment and supplies from Joe. We are fortunate he is supporting our club, and we look forward to working with him for many years.

Meet the Member: Mr. Gary Miller, a Re/Max realtor has been metal detecting for about 2 years. His previous pastime was bass fishing, but hasn't been fishing since he began detecting. He likes Civil War hunts, and finds prime hunting locations through his real estate background. He has approximately 10 machines, but his "go to" metal detector is his Garrett AT Pro. His favorite find is a coin of undetermined identity. He is also a member of Maryland Diggers Club. He has traveled as far as North Carolina on a hunt.

Hunting Tips- Mr. Howard Shettle, our V.P., shared a tip for bottle hunting and displayed a vintage Baltimore bottle that he found. Careful, slow excavation of the site, once discovered, is the key to the successful removal of a bottle. Bottle values vary greatly, and anyone could be a prize.

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 – John Vice, and 3rd place –Andy Cooper. Relic contest (bullets and buttons): 1st place – John Vice, 2nd place – Mike McCullough. Club favorite – Mike McCoulough-1864 Campaign Token.

Thanks to Dwayne Meanor for running our raffles.

Next Club Meeting: Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM, at Victory Villa Community Center, Middle River, 404 Compass Rd, Essex, MD. 21220, 410-887-0258.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.