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Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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April 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.

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

Attendance: 37 members were in attendance.

Guest: Ms. Charlotte Couch, who recently purchased a Garrett AT Max. Welcome to our club Ms. Couch.

Treasurers Report: by Steve Cunningham: \$4,628.00

Mini Hunt: The mini-hunt was conducted at 6:30. Several coins were presented as prizes for members finding bullets and other unique items. 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. Steve Cunningham will provide email reminders to members.

Legal Beagle report: Ron Riggs discussed a situation that was occurring in Jersey, Channel Islands, off the coast of France, around the point from Omaha beach. Jersey is the largest producer of oysters and mussels, has called on the government to ban metal detecting in Grouville Bay. Armature detectorists have found munitions from WW2. The owner of the Jersey Oyster Company claims that shock waves from the controlled explosion of the munitions are causing his stocks to die. The president of the Jersey Metal Detecting Society stated that they had agreed not to search with 25 meters of his oyster beds. These unexploded munitions are found on the surface as well as underground, most people are unaware of their presence. A question to ponder about this situation, is does he really want his tractors and trailers running over these munitions? Removal would be more prudent.

March Club Outing: scheduled at Sandy Point State Park was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Next Monthly Club Outings will be held Saturday, May 18, 2019. 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.

Hunting Tips- Mr. Gary Pennington, our President, shared tips for hunting with an Equinox 600 & 800. He displayed various accessories i.e. shaft attachment for the pin pointer, fiberglass vs. plastic shaft (advantages of the fiberglass shaft, strength and weight); small, medium and large size coils and counterweights (applied to the top of the handle when using the large coil). He discussed numerous settings, and the advantages and disadvantages of each setting. He displayed his finds with the Equinox in a 2-week period, which included cups full of coins, costume jewelry and other interesting items. Gary graciously shared a cup of bullets with club members and donated the bullets remaining in the cup as a door prize. We would like to thank Gary for his time, effort, expertise and generosity to our club. His dedication to our club has exceeded all expectations.

Monthly Board Contest: Club Vice-President Howard Shettle ran the Competition Board. Results are as follow: Coin contest (including jewelry items): 1st place tie – Mike McCullough, 2nd place John Vice and 3rd place – Harry. Relic contest (bullets and buttons): 1st place tie– John Vice and Mike McCullough, 3rd place Harry Morrison. Club favorite – John Vice-U.S. Belt buckle.

Thanks to Dwayne Meanor for running our raffles.

Next Club Meeting: Thursday, May 30, 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 8:30 PM.