

The logo is circular with a blue border. Inside the border, the words "MARYLAND FREE-STATE" are written in a semi-circle at the top, and "TREASURE CLUB" is written in a semi-circle at the bottom. In the center of the logo is a shield with a red cross on a white background, and a yellow and red striped field. The shield is set against a blue background.

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May Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 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 Pennington family for providing a wide range of delicious food and snacks for our meeting. As a special surprise an “Ice Cream Bar” was provided at break time.

Attendance: 29 members were in attendance.

Guest: Kenny Regiec, has an interest in history. He hunts with a Garrett AT Max. He worked on the water for many years, and enjoys bottle collecting.

Treasurers Report: by Steve Cunningham: \$4,565.94

A Tribute: Former club president and lifetime member, Mr. Archie Ray passed away this month. Archie and his wife served the club for over 20 years. We owe him, and his family, our gratitude for their time and service to our club. Our condolences to his family. Mr. Gary Pennington, current President, on behalf of our current club.

Mini Hunt: The mini-hunt was conducted at 6:30. Several coins were presented as prizes for members. 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 the Ethics changes to The Federation of Metal Detector and Archaeological Clubs, Inc. The focus was “filling holes” stating that the ground should look like it did before the target was removed. In addition, a section was added stating that hunters should not remove targets if ground conditions are too wet, dry, or if removing the target will damage the sod. The use of shovels to remove targets in grassy areas, should also be prohibited.

April Club Outing: Coins and tokens were found at Sandy Point State Park. The weather was great, and a good time was had by all.

Next Monthly Club Outings will be held Saturday, June 15, 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.

Florida Hunting - Bud Lamb, Bill Pfaff and Bruce Custer went on a metal detecting trip to West Palm Beach and South Beach; and found 162 coins, and numerous pieces of jewelry. A great trip overall.

Chris Wisnom, club secretary, discussed metal detecting in fresh water lakes in Florida. Finds included rings and coins. A gator watch, made it an interesting and safe day for hunters.

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 Curtis and 3rd place-Jamie Foster. Relic contest (bullets and buttons): 1st place tie– Mike McCullough and John Curtis, 3rd place Jamie Foster. Club favorite – Jamie Foster-Ship Building Badge.

Thanks to Dwayne Meanor for running our raffles.

Next Club Meeting: Thursday, June 27, 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.