

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 red and white cross with a yellow and black checkered pattern in the quadrants.

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July 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 and Web Master, Chris Wisnom, Secretary and Newsletter.

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

Attendance: 32 members were in attendance.

Guest: Mr. Frank Danko. From Morgantown, WVA. A new hunter, was interested in tips for purchasing equipment, identifying locations and various techniques.

New Members: Welcome Frank Danko III to the club.

Treasurers Report: by Steve Cunningham: \$4,921.15

Mini Hunt: The mini-hunt was conducted at 6:30. Several silver coins were included 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 –no hunting in July and August in city parks due to the hot, dry conditions.

Monthly Club Hunts: No monthly club hunts will be conducted in July and August, due to the heat and dry conditions. The dry conditions make it difficult to repair holes and often leave a bleached, dead area in the grass when repaired.

Meet the Member: Mr. Steve Cunningham: Treasurer. Steve's background is in Bluegrass music and he had a music studio "Baltimore Bluegrass" that conducted jam sessions for 25 years. A few of the members remembered the studio, and one had participated in a jam session. Among Steve's current interests are microscopic organisms and he is actively pursuing it. Steve was instrumental in the growth of our club, expanding our membership from a few dozen members when he joined, to approximately

100 now. His web expertise put our club on the map. A memorable club find was his first bullet, which he found on South Mountain. His tips for new members, watch videos, for valuable hunting tips.

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.

Monthly Board Contest: Dwayne Meanor ran the Competition Board. Results are as follow: Coin contest (including jewelry items): 1st place– Mike McCullough, 2nd place Eric Ritter and 3rd place-John Curtis. Relic contest (bullets and buttons): 1st place tie– Mike McCullough. Second place Eric Ritter and 3rd place John Curtis.

Thanks to Dwayne Meanor for running our raffles.

Gold Coin Winner: Mr. Bob Rinker

Next Club Meeting: Thursday, August 29, 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.