

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 with a white cross.

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October 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 and Web Master, 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: 38 members were in attendance.

Guests: Mr. Trevor Keller who lives in Germantown, Wayne and Ross McKin, who are father and son, and are new to metal detecting, and Mr. Rick Mullen, who has been a hunter for 40 years, and is looking for a hunting buddy. Welcome to all of our guests. We hope that you will join our club and share in our many hunting adventures and comradery.

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 – City parks are open for hunting. Ron also stated that many inexperienced hunters are leaving their holes uncovered, destroying property, and are giving metal detecting a negative image in the community. He urged anyone who was aware of this behavior to educate an inexperienced hunter.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer, Mr. Steve Cunningham reported that we currently have \$1,536.80 in the account.

Monthly Club Hunts: The next club hunt will be conducted on Saturday, November 16, 2019. Members who signed up will be notified by email prior to the hunt.

Previous Club Outing at Herring Run Park: was a success with club member, Mr. Bob Rinker, finding a ½ dollar Walking Liberty, in perfect condition. Congratulations Bob!!

Members Only Hunt-was held at Victory Villa, Sunday October 6th, from 1 – 5 PM and was a great success.

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.

Club Notes: In December, elections of new officers, will take place. A committee for selecting potential candidates to run for a position were appointed. Anyone interested in volunteering for a position, should notify the committee. Officers are elected for a period of 2 years.

Mr. Gary Pennington conducted a demo for upgrading an Uquinox 600 on the computer.

Guest Speaker- Mr. Mick McCullough, a club member, provided tips for hunting. Mike stated that moving slowly, making a grid

and listening closely to sounds, have been very productive for him and many other hunters. He is finding multiple historical finds at city parks and elsewhere where were previously hunted, with this technique.

Monthly Board Contest: Dwayne Meanor ran the Competition Board. Results are as follow: Coin contest (including jewelry items): 1st place– Mike McCullough. Second place- Andy Cooper. 3rd place Gilroy. Relic contest (bullets and buttons): 1st place – Andy Cooper, Second place- Mike McColough. 3rd Place-Gilroy. Club favorite-Dan Dean for Shiva.

Thanks to Dwayne Meanor for running our raffles.

Next Club Meeting: The Club meeting for November will be one week earlier due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 21, 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 9:00 PM.