

## Maryland Freestate Treasure Club

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### April Meeting Minutes

#### Virtual On-line Meeting

**The virtual meeting was called to order** at 7:36 PM by President, Mike McCullough. Mike introduced the club officers: Gary Pennington - Vice President, Steve Cunningham - Treasurer and Web Master, Chris Wisnom - Secretary and News Letter. Mike acknowledged all of the volunteers and thanked them for their service.

**Special Announcement:** Due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, no "in-person" meeting was conducted in the month of March. The state is currently operating under a "Shelter in place" order, with citizens ordered to "stay in and stay healthy". No one is to travel for any non-emergency purpose, and the recreation center is closed until further notice. The state may be operating in Phase one by the end of May, however, due to the fact that many club members have certain conditions that may predispose them to serious complications from COVID-19 infections, the executive committee has recommended that the May meeting be conducted on line, in the best interest of their members. A vote was conducted at the meeting, and the members supported the decision.

**New Members:** Two new members joined our club. We welcome Kevin Weis and John Carr.

**New Business:** several upcoming hunts are planned in Virginia. Details are available on line.

**Attendance:** 19 members attended the on line meeting. A few members attempted to join, but had technical difficulties.

**Mini Hunt:** On hold until further notice.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Steve Cunningham reported that we have \$2,256.35. Members who have not paid their dues for 2020 should contact Steve Cunningham. Steve sends out reminders to all members. However, due to extenuating circumstances, with unemployment being at an all-time high, the club will be extending the deadline for paying dues for 2020.

**Virtual Members Finds:** President Mike McCullough asked members to present their finds on line. Several members found treasures which included: metal airplanes, coins and brass stirrups.

**Legal Beagle report:** – Cecil County parks are closed to metal detecting. Permission must always be obtained when hunting in construction or on private property.

**Monthly Club Hunts:** will be cancelled until further notice.

**Old Business: Special Hunt:** The 2020 Barney Dolt Appreciation Hunt, a two-club challenge, (Mars/Maryland Free-State) hunt was conducted on February 29 at 9:00am at The Leakin Park

mansion (Friends of Orianda House), 1901 Eagle Dr., Baltimore, MD 21207. 12 members attended, the price was \$10 per hunter, so \$120.00 was donated to the club.

**Seeded Hunt:** in Bel Air was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. It may be included in the planned September hunt. Details to follow.

**Club auction:** planned for March 30 was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. It may be included in the first meeting back at the recreation center. Details to follow.

**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.

**Next On Line Club Meeting is to be announced, tentatively planned:** Thursday, May 28, 2020. \*\*\*\*\*Please watch for the announcement on line. Steve will contact club members.

**Next in-person, Club Meeting:** Thursday, June 25 2020 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 8:34 PM.