

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 shield in the middle.

# Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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**May Meeting Minutes**

**Virtual On-line Meeting**

**The virtual meeting was called to order** at 7:36 PM by President, Mike McCullogh. 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 months of March, April or May. Baltimore County is currently operating under a Phase 2 Plan. Individuals with underlying medical conditions are advised to “stay in and stay healthy”. On June 13, 2020, the Governors Order stated that all Recreation and Parks Buildings in Baltimore County will remain closed, until further notice. Please see the attachment at the end of the newsletter. Steve will notify members when we receive notice that the recreation center is open. A tentative plan for a “safe opening”, was developed to comply with the CDC COVID-19 Guidance, and emailed to all members. It provides a framework in which the club could safely conduct meetings. The number of attendees to be permitted in the facility will be determined by the Phase under which we are operating, and orders by local and state authorities. It may be necessary to have a live meeting with a web link, for online attendance. An outside meeting is also an option. Please stay tuned as this situation evolves.

**New Business:** Baltimore City Parks are closed to metal detecting in July and August, open again September 1.

**Attendance:** 20 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 cents more this month than last month. A total of \$2,256.37. 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: A large cent, 2 Cent piece and a seated quarter.

**Monthly Club Hunts:** May be possible at the end of June, dependent upon our operational Phase. Steve will notify members of any developments.

**Old Business:** The last in person meeting was conducted on February 27, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the club closure.

**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.

Garrett has a new PI machine, the Garrett Apex, sale price, apox. \$496.00.

**Guest Speaker:** Bob Funk is a member of the Deep Search Metal Detecting Club. The oldest club in N.J. Bob described the Deep Search Metal Detecting Hunt, to be conducted on October 23-25, 2020, in Culpepper Virginia. The hunt site is Andora Farm, which is an active cattle ranch, and the site of Civil War activity. PI machines are required because the soil is highly mineralized. Complete details can be obtained online.

**Next On Line Club Meeting is to be announced, tentatively planned:** Thursday, June 25, 2020, 7:30 PM. \*\*\*\*\*Please watch for the announcement on line. Steve will contact club members.

**Next in-person, Club Meeting:** To be announced, see June 13, 2020 notice attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

## Current Operating Status

June 13, 2020 1:04 PM

Modified

To assist in keeping staff, volunteers, participants and residents safe and minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Department of Recreation and Parks will be following all State Executive Orders related to youth sports activities. All Department of Recreation and Parks **buildings are closed to the public until further notice**. All playgrounds, basketball courts, roller hockey courts, picnic pavilions and

gazebos, picnic groves and areas, stages, water fountains, comfort stations and portable toilets are closed.

Open to the Public:

- County parks
- Trails
- Open space
- Boating
- Recreational fishing
- Disc golf courses
- Pickleball courts
- Tennis courts
- Dog Parks
- Community gardens **Note:** Some community gardens may not have water or be prepped at this time.
- Skate Parks **Note:** In an effort to keep our members safe, we ask that skaters wear masks, practice social distancing and that there are less than 10 skaters at a time in the park.