



Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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June Meeting Minutes

Virtual On-line Meeting

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 months of March, April, May or June. The July meeting will be virtual as well.

Baltimore County is currently operating under a Phase 2 Plan. Individuals with underlying medical conditions are advised to “stay in and stay healthy”. However, plans are under development for a modified opening of Recreation and Parks Services. On May 27, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order further expanding the ability of political subdivisions to permit team sports activities by allowing for outdoor youth team sports; and WHEREAS, the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks (the “Department”) has created new protocols and put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Steve will notify members vis email of the plans to move forward.

This means activities may move forward pending the following provisions. Completion of the **Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19** by all members wishing to attend the meeting. (Steve will send the forms by email before the August meeting). Compliance with the protocols and policies put in place by Maryland Free-State Treasure Club and the Baltimore County Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

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

Attendance: 30 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: A total of \$2,531.43. Members who have not paid their dues for 2020, should contact Steve Cunningham. Steve sends out reminders to all members.

Virtual Members Finds: President Mike McCullough asked members to present their finds on line. Several members found treasures which included: A half cent, a Springfield 1826 lock, old pocket watch, belt buccal, 90% silver half dollar.

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- The White Company is going out of business. This is a great opportunity to purchase equipment from 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: Scott Lupro is an avid metal detector. Active in the Penn Mar club, which meets in Pa twice monthly. He has been hunting since the 90's. His hunts have been taped by a video processing movie studio for U Tube, titled "Metal Metal 314". He has a Facebook Group titled "Metal Detecting Maryland". On the site people post finds. Members vote on winners. It is a large group and participants are interactive.

Next On Line Club Meeting is planned:, Thursday, July 30, 2020, 7:30 PM. *****Please watch for the announcement on line. Steve will contact club members.

Kudos for our club: Ms. Linda Collier, curator for the Kirwan Museum on the Eastern Shore, has always been a gracious host, inviting our club to hunt on the property. In return we have donated many items to the museum. Currently the fields are planted, so field hunting is not possible until the fall. At a previous hunt, a large tree was damaged from a storm, leaving debris and a large broken branch on the property. As a token of our appreciation, and acknowledgement of her generosity, club members, cut up the large broken branch, and removed it from the property. KUDOS Maryland Free-State Treasure Club.

Next in-person, Club Meeting: To be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.