

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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September Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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. This is the second in-person meeting. Due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, no” in-person” meeting was conducted in the months of March, April, May, June or July.

Special Announcement: Until further notice, all club meeting will be in person, with specific stipulations. The large auditorium, located immediately to the right as you enter the building, will be our meeting place. With social distancing, chairs spread 6 feet apart, it can accommodate approximately 36 people. Members will be required to wear masks, sanitize their hands, maintain social distancing, have temperatures monitored and COVID-19 symptoms evaluated, no food will be provided, water bottles will be provided. For safety, members should not congregate in groups prior to, or after the meeting, outside the building. Waiver forms and screening forms must be completed. Both forms have been emailed and distributed at the meetings as well. Screening for members who wish to participate in the mini-hunt will begin at 6:00 PM. The mini hunt will begin at 6:15 PM, and end at 7:00 PM. The field will be spread in a larger area, to allow members to maintain 6 feet between them when hunting.

Club guest: Jack Bulak, a resident of Ocean City, is a relative new detectorist, with 2-years’ experience. He is excited to join our club, and is looking forward to future hunts. Welcome Mr. Bulak.

Club Gift: In order to show our gratitude to Bud Lamb, a charter member of MFSTC, for his generous donation and words of wisdom; President Mike McCullough presented him with a 1922, graded Peace Dollar. Bud again demonstrated his generosity, and support, by re-donating his gift to the club. Requesting that it be used in the Members only hunt. Bud’s actions reflect the character and philosophy of our club.

Treasurers Report: We have a total of \$987.60 in the bank, having recently purchased coins for the upcoming closed Members-Only hunt in October.

Members-Only Hunt: The Members-Only hunt has been moved to Saturday October 3rd, and the entry fee will be \$35, due to higher silver prices (60% higher than this time last year). Members are welcome to sell coins or prizes to the club at a discounted rate for use in the hunt. Contact one of the officers if you are interested. Past President, current V.P. Mr. Gary Pennington, generously donated multiple relics from his private collection to the hunt. As well as Mr. Bud Lamb, who generously donated \$500.00. Thank you for your continued support of our club. Steve Cunningham will email details. Members should report early to allow time for pre-screening.

New Business: Baltimore City Parks are closed in July and August, open again September 1. Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia parks are open for metal detecting. Always check with the Rangers for permission. President Mike McCullough informed members that parks in Baltimore County that have athletic fields are considered off limits to metal detecting.

Attendance: 30 members attended the meeting.

Upgrade Metal Detectors: V.P. Mr. Gary Pennington is available at meeting to upgrade your metal detector on-line.

Mini Hunt: To be held prior to the meeting from 6:15 to 7:00 PM. The hunt is starting earlier due to decreased visibility.

Monthly Club Hunt: On Saturday, September 19, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., seventeen members hunted on twelve acres (most under crop at this time) on a mid-1800's property located on Mount Carmel Road. Finds included a hem weight, silver coin, pocket watch, a silver spoon, and brass buckle. The owner kept most finds and stated that he wished to make a donation to the club. Mike announced that we have received permission return for a future hunt. More information to follow.

Guest Speaker: President Mike McCullough demonstrated the technology, available on Amazon, capable of transforming a wired (earphones attached via a wire to the detector) detector, to a wireless detector. The process attaches a transmitter to the machine, which then transmits a signal to a Blue tooth headset. A variety of different products are available, dependent upon your individual machine and the availability of transformers. Wireless units allows for much less cumbersome hunting.

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. Joe announced that the White Company is currently out of business, making this is a great opportunity to purchase equipment.

Monthly Board Contest: Board Contest Results: Coins: 1. Mike McCullough, 2. Jamie Foster, 3. Dwayne Meanor; Bullets and Buttons: 1. Dwayne Meanor 2. Mike McCullough 3. Andy Cooper.; Club Favorite: Cannon friction primer found by Chris Wisnom. Leg of Gold: Will Stoffel; plus 8 door prizes given away. Thank you to Dwayne Meanor who ran the Competition Board.

Next Club Meetings: October 22, November 19 and December 17.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.