

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 and a white background, with a yellow and red striped banner across it.

# Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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## **October Meeting Minutes**

**The meeting was called to order** at 7:12 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 third 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. New rule: **NO WATER BOTTLES WILL BE PROVIDED. BRING YOUR OWN WATER.** 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.

**Club Gift:** Bud Lamb, a charter member of MFSTC, donated \$20.00 to our club. We thank Bud for his ongoing support for the club. Bud's actions reflect the character and philosophy of our club.

**Treasurers Report:** We have a total of \$ 2,021.60 in the bank. having recently purchased coins for the Members-Only hunt in October. President Mike McCullough paid \$265.00 counsel fee for the club's use of the facility.

**Members-Only Hunt:** The Members-Only hunt was conducted on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The entry fee was \$35, due to higher silver prices (60% higher than this time last year). 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. Bud was

awarded a silver coin as a token of the club's appreciation for his generosity. Which he re-donated to the club. Thank you for your continued support of our club. 879 targets were placed, and 40 tokens, which were exchanged for prizes.

**New Business:** Mike was notified that as of 2021, the large conference room that is currently being using for meetings, will no longer be available to us on Thursday evenings. The nights that the large room will be available are Monday and Friday nights. The small meeting room will be available on Thursday night, but that would place restrictions on the number of members who could attend. A discussion and vote by the members must be conducted prior to that time to decide on the room and the night for the future meetings of 2021.

Baltimore City Parks were closed in July and August, and reopened on 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:** 21 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:** Normally scheduled before meeting have been postponed due to darkness.

**Monthly Club Outing:** On October 16, 2020, 20 members hunted at Fort Howard in Edgemere, MD. Finds included coins, bullets and miscellaneous military items. The next club outing is scheduled Sunday, November 22, 2020. Steve will email the details.

**Guest Speaker:** President Mike McCullough discussed Recycling. The equipment required, methods of cleaning, techniques for separation, price for metals. Many members participated and added their tricks.

**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. Dwayne Meanor and Dennis Powers; Bullets and Buttons: 1. Mike McCullough 2. Dennis Powers and Kevin Weis; Club Favorite: Spring Field Clip by Andy Cooper. Leg of Gold: Ron Riggs; plus 8 door prizes given away. Thank you to Dwayne Meanor who ran the Competition Board.

**Next Club Meetings:** November 19 and December 17.

**Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

