



Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Club President, Mike McCullough in the large auditorium. Mike introduced the club officers: Gary Pennington - Vice President, Steve Cunningham - Treasurer and Webmaster, Andy Cooper (Acting Secretary, sitting in for Chris Wisnom, Secretary and Newsletter). Mike acknowledged all of the additional volunteers and thanked them for their service, including:

- Bear Meanor – finds board & club outings, Abby and Bev – Raffles, Bud Lamb – legal beagle.

He then welcomed everyone to the meeting, and noted the following:

- Raffles at tonight's meeting include a 50/50, silver one-ounce round and civil war relics.

New Members & Guests: We welcome Bob Grigg as a new member. Guests were Mark and Conner Krieger, and Evan Werner.

Attendance: 25 members attended the meeting.

Treasurers Report: We have a total of \$2,049.41 in the bank, recovering nicely from the Members-Only hunt in October.

Legal Report: No report this month.

Old Business:

- Patterson Park – Mike has continued an ongoing discussion with Parks & Rec. regarding reopening of the park for detecting. Hope to schedule a meeting in early December.
- Baltimore County Detecting Permit – bring the completed application (available at the meetings or from the website) to the meeting, and it will be submitted to the County for approval.
- Contest Board Rules – Mike reviewed the new rules including no one is able to win more than 1 category, and reminded members that there will be no contest board in December, so 2 months of finds can be used at the January 2022 meeting.

New Business:

- Nomination of Officers for 2022-2023. Andy Cooper and Eric Ritter volunteered as the nominating committee. The following nominees are offered for the next term, to be confirmed at the December meeting:
 - President – Mike McCullough
 - Vice President – Gary Pennington
 - Treasurer – Steve Cunningham

- Secretary – Tom Burleson

THANKS to Chris Wisnom for her years of service as Club Secretary!

- October Outing – Heritage Park in Frederick (reported at the previous meeting). November outing is scheduled for the weekend following this meeting.
- Possible December Outing – Bonaparte property. Has been hunted before, but Mark Kressel has a chance to secure permission for a hunt. The original house burned down in 1933, but there is a lot of history associated with the property.

Program: Club President Mike McCullough presented on recent hunt in Civil War Country where several club members attended, and represented our club very well:

- Old Dominion Relic Dig (Hanover Metal Detecting Club) – attended by Mike, Bear, Bob, John V., Hugh, Ed, John C. on 11/6. This was a seeded hunt with buried relics and tokens for nice prizes. Bob R. recovered a token.
- Digging in Virginia (DIV50) in Culpepper – 8 farms included over 5 days on 11/7 to 11/12, could dig from 7am to 5pm. Attended by Chris, Amy, Bob C., Hugh, and Mike. Mike used his Minelab GPX and recovered a J-hook and Spencer Carbine cartridge.
- Several displays were on display of relics that were recovered at these hunts.

Board Contest Results: Coins: 1. Andy C., 2. 3-way tie for 2nd (Jamie, Steve, Kevin); Bullets and Buttons: 1. Mike McC.; Club Favorite: Complete shoe buckle found by Eric Ritter; Clad: 1. Jamie F., 2. Andy C., 3. Tim M.

Raffle Results: 50/50: Abby.; Silver Round: Bear Leg of Gold: Dennis Powers; Civil War relics and proof set: Tim Mazz; Cup of Civil War bullets: Tim Mazz, plus many door prizes given away.

Next Meeting: December 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Meeting will include find of the year (must have been placed on the contest board during 2021). Unfortunately, no food is allowed at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM, with thanks to the attendees.