



Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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January Meeting Minutes On-line Meeting

The virtual on-line meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by President, Mike McCullough. Mike introduced the club officers: Gary Pennington, Vice President, Steve Cunningham – Treasurer and Web Master, not present, 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, Baltimore County has postponed indoor meetings until further notice. This is the eighth virtual-on-line meeting. Virtual-on line meetings were conducted in the months of March, April, May, June, July, November, December and January. Next month's meeting will be held on February 25, 2021, and may be virtual-on line as well. Please check your email for notice from Steve Cunningham.

Treasurers Report: Steve Cunningham reported an account balance of \$2597.72.

Annual Club Dues: Steve is collecting \$25.00 membership dues for 2021. If you have not paid your dues, please mail a \$25 check made out to MFSTC to: Steve Cunningham, 4900 Walther Ave., Baltimore, MD 21214.

Generous Member Donation: The club would like to recognize Mr. Robert Corn, for his generous donation in the amount of

\$200. Robert, we all thank you for this gift. It will be well used for the benefit of the membership and utilized in the Members Only Hunt later this year, so thank you very much!

Status of Current Meeting room Balto. Co. Rec and Parks activities are on hold until May 3rd. At that time, we may receive notification to resume outside activities on June 5th." Mike requested the use of the Pavilion at Victory Villa. His request was denied.

Attendance: 24 members attended the zoom meeting.

Leg of Gold winner for 2020 will be chosen at February meeting and **Volunteer awards** will be issued virtually.

Guest Speaker: Lisa Kraus, Ph.D. an archeologist with the Maryland State Highway Administration. She discussed the Caulker's houses project in Fell's Point, the Bruin slave pen in Alexandria, and the Herring Run Project. Lisa stated that metal detectors who located artifacts can report finds on an online form provided by the Maryland Historical Trust designed for that purpose, and stressed that the intent is information sharing and not to take away sites to detect.

Monthly Club Outing: On Sunday, December 19, 2020, the monthly outing was conducted at Leakin Park. Members meet at 9:00 am. The ground was frozen and snow covered, 2 members attended. Finds were minimal.

Upcoming Hunts:

1. James property in Upperco, MD may proceed if owners can have farmer disc fields (approx 8 acres). Club is welcome to detect. Owners have first right to finds.
2. Kirwan property in Chester, MD (Kent Island) will come available after hunting season.
3. Seeded/ natural hunt at Liberty Hall Plantation (Rixeyville, VA) on April 24, 2021. \$100 fee.

1 Year Metal Detecting Permits for Baltimore County-are now available on-line and will be sent to members by Steve Cunningham for completion and return via email.

Metal Detecting Permits for Baltimore City are done online. The Boston St office is not open to walk-ins. Login to City Rec and Parks website. Your user name is your email address. You are assigned a temporary password. You select the permit renewal and then pay for that item in your cart. For information contact the permit office by email at Park.Permits@baltimorecity.gov to Shawnte. She will help you navigate the process.

January Club Outing Dwayne Meanor organized an outing for Saturday, January 30, 2021 in the Winan's Meadow area of Leakin Park. Members are to meet at 9:30 am. Finds to be presented at the February meeting.

New Business: please see club updates on our webpage outlined the Minutes.

Detectorists of the Year for 2020: Talled from score sheets by Gary.

Coins: Mike, Gary, Dwayne, Andy and Eric

Relics: Mike. Gary, Dwayne, Andy and John Vice wins

Detectorist of the Year for Coins -Mike McCullough

Detectorist of the Year Relics - Gary Pennington

Great job members!!!

New Business; Background Checks: Thank you to our officers and volunteers who have submitted their information for background checks through the BCRP website. For those who have not completed, please contact Mike for assistance.

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.

Next Club Meetings: February 25, 2021.

Adjourned: The virtual meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.