

Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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March Meeting Minutes

Virtual On-line Meeting

The virtual on-line meeting was called to order at 7:04 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. Ron Riggs was not present to give legal report. Due to health reasons, Ron will be unable to continue in this capacity. Anyone who wishes to volunteering for this, and any position, should contact an officer.

Special Announcement: Due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, Baltimore County has postponed indoor meetings until further notice. This is the tenth virtual-on-line meeting. Meetings were conducted in April, May, June, July, November, December (2020), January, February and March (2021). Next month's meeting on April 29 2021, and may be virtual. Please check your email for notice from Steve Cunningham.

Treasurers Report: Steve Cunningham reported an account balance of \$ 2,947.80.

Status of Current Meeting room: The pavilion at Victory Villa may be rented after May 1. Bring your own chairs required. Masks required in the pavilion, but not during the mini-hunt. No restroom facilities. There is no set date for re-opening the V.V. Community Center.

Attendance: 17 members attended the zoom meeting.

Leg of Gold: Monthly Winner: . Kevin Weis.

Special guests are three members of the Kent Island Heritage Society Board of Directors: Linda Collier, John Conley and Jack Broderick. John Conley, impersonating Senator Kirwan, gave a detailed history of James Kirwan's life, industry and Kent Island. Kent Island, is the third oldest English settlement in North America and was saved from becoming an Army military proving ground by Civil actions filed on behalf of the Kent Island inhabitants.

The club expressed it thanks for the open access granted to the Maryland Free-State Treasure Club. Our guests reiterated the “open door” they extend to MFSTC.

April Guest: Mac McKnight from the MHT as our guest in April to explain more about how members may become involved in the Maryland Historical Trust.

Upcoming Hunts:

1. Seeded/ natural hunt at Liberty Hall Plantation (Rixeyville, VA) April 24, 2021. \$100 fee.
2. May 15-16th Ocean City, NJ; earlybird deadline of March 31st. \$110 + \$25 for a single day. This is a two-day hunt, so similar fees apply for those hunting Sunday as well. Club member feedback on this hunt is that it was not worth the money spent.
3. June 5-6th in New Concord, OH; earlybird deadline of May 22nd. \$180 for both days.

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. At the Baltimore 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.

February & March Club Outing: Dwayne reported that February and March Club outings were held at the Kirwan property on Kent Island. Kevin Weis recovered a set of cufflinks with initials ‘SB’; his research showed a Samuel Bright was a land owner there. Another notable find was made by Anthony Bogdan, who recovered a 1/4th pistareen, dating from the early 1700s.

Members Finds for March: Gary Pennington (new permission – (finds from War of 1812), Mike McCullough (GAR medals).

New Business: please see club updates on our webpage outlined under “newsletter.”

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.

Next Club Meetings: April 29, 2021 at 7:00pm

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