

The logo is circular with a blue border. Inside, there's a red and white cross on a yellow background. The text 'MARYLAND FREE-STATE' is written along the top inner edge, and 'TREASURE CLUB' is at the bottom.

Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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July Meeting Minutes

In-person Meeting

COVID-19 Screening/Temperature monitoring was conducted in the lobby prior to entering the meeting room. Food and drinks only in closed containers were permitted. Face masks were optional, everyone respected social distancing.

Mini Hunt was conducted at 6:30, no masks were required. Coins and tokens were seeded in the rear picnic area.

The in-person 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 Webmaster, Chris Wisnom, Secretary and News Letter. Mike acknowledged all of the volunteers and thanked them for their service. **Mr. Bud Lamb graciously volunteered to be the new “Legal Beagle.”**

*******Special Announcement:** Updates: everyone is now required to wear a mask in the meeting room, regardless of their vaccine status. Social distancing is still in place. No food or drinks are permitted. No limit on the number of attendees. In person meetings will be conducted on the last Thursday of each Month at 7:00 PM at Victory Villa. Proceeded by the mini hunt.

Treasurers Report: Steve Cunningham reported an account balance of \$ 3,406.70.

Attendance: 20 members attended.

Leg of Gold: Monthly Winner: Amy Cooper.

Club Outings: State parks are closed in the summer, due to athletic fields being used by school groups. Notices of further summer outings will be announced.

Members Only Hunt: Our big party of the year. October 2, 2021. \$30.00 for pre-registration, \$35 for walk-ins. Lunch and hunts included. 10:30-2:30. A family day. Raffles, door prizes, tokens and hundreds of coins. Registration in advance recommended.

Donation: We would like to thank David White for a \$100 donation. Club members attempted, unsuccessfully, to find his wife's diamond ring. Which, we are happy to say, was later found.

Upcoming Hunts:

DIV 50, a 1-week hunt, is being held in Culpepper, Va. From Nov 8 through the 12. Five Civil War farms are included in the hunt sites. The cost is \$300 for the week. Information is available on line. Spots may still be open, based upon cancellations.

Monthly topic: How to develop a hunt map. Mike McCullough presented Maprika. An app that can be loaded on your phone and used to design a map for hunting with highlights of specific areas. www.maprika.com/designer/MaprikaMakDesigner.msi

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.

Members Finds for July: President Mike McCullough found numerous antique coins including a large cent and half real. Congratulations Mike, hunt on.

Background Checks: Thank you to our officers and volunteers who have submitted their information for background checks through the BCRP website. Only one person has not completed the background check.

Board Winners: Coins, first place Gary Pennington, Second Mike McCullough. **Club Favorite:** Gary Pennington **Relics:** Mike McCullough.

Next Club Meetings: August 26, 2021.

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