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Minutes from Meeting of April 30, 2008

❖ **President:** John Duffy

Alan Wagner, past president was in attendance along with his brother.

❖ **Vice President's Report:** Peter Johnson

❖ **Secretary's Report:** Bob Harrison

Bob provided a revised copy of the new SVDB By-laws to members. In the June meeting there will be a vote on the changes for acceptance.

❖ **Treasurer's Report:** Allan Woltman

Beginning Balance: **\$3525.49**

Expenses: **\$47.08**

Income: **\$717.00**

Ending Balance: **\$4195.41**

❖ **Hospitality:** Al Ezell

Al came through with his usual outstanding refreshments for tonight's meeting. Thanks Al!

❖ **SVDB Membership Report:** George Magann

George reported we have _____ members and reminded everyone of 2008 dues. Name tags are now available for those who renewed.

Membership Drawing: Winner was **Don Jong**.

Don received a 1921 Morgan Dollar

❖ **Hunt Master Report:** Rick Costello

Rick gave an update on the Daytona Beach hunt and discussed the up coming hunt scheduled for May 17th @ Feather River

❖ **Librarian Report:** Tom Schweppe

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Message from John Duffy, SVDB President

Swing low, sweet chariot goes the opening lines of an old gospel song - and herein is contained some good advice for us metal detectorists. On a recent Club hunt at the Yuba River sand beach I noticed two things that I wish to comment on. First of course is related to the gospel song. As we all learned from a recent presentation made by our very own Lee Weise, signal penetration is approximately equal to coil diameter. And I suspect this is under "ideal conditions" - which we may not always have. What I noticed at the hunt is that many of the participants were swinging their "chariots" (search coils) anywhere from two to five inches above the sand surface! While this probably did not affect the outcome of the beach hunt as all the targets had been planted that morning and so were not particularly deep if that is one's normal practice it can have a big effect on success in the "real world" of metal detecting. Every inch above the ground is an inch lost in depth of detection - and for many of the more valuable targets (think silver coins) it is those "bottom inches" that spell the difference between a good hunt and a great hunt.

So, next time you are swinging your chariot, take a look at how low you are going - and work to incorporate low swings into your consciousness.

Next I briefly want to note that I picked up quite a few bottle caps and other assorted pieces of metal trash that were lying on the surface of the sand - by appearance they had been detected, dug up and then just dropped back to the sand. While I didn't actually see anyone doing this I just want to remind us all that one of the good behaviors of a detectorist is "If you dig it, pick it!" - even if it's just trash, please remember to pick it up and dispose of it properly. Thanks for thinking about this also.

Good Hunting, **John Duffy**

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING!!

- SVDB Meetings are held at the North County Corporate Yard (Formerly SMUD Building) 5026 Don

Julio Blvd. North Highlands, The meeting is held on the first Thursday of each month and starts at 7:30 pm.

Old Business:

- **Do you have metal detecting related equipment** taking up space and not being used? Why not place it on the SVDB web-site classified section for sale? Just send an e-mail to SVDB with your ad – one picture is allowed. You can also bring items to our meetings to sell on the “for sale” table.

SVDB Club Patches and Decals

- Lee had our SVDB club logo put on a patch and is selling these patches at our meetings for \$5 each. Patches are still available—**profits support SVDB**

SVDB April 3, 2008 Raffle & Auction:

- We received **\$483** for this month's Raffle.
- Gold Coin raffle winner was **Kyle Miles**.

SVDB Finds of the Month (FOM):

- Winner of April's show and tell finds was **George Misovsky**.

SVDB Santa Cruz Beach hunt

Held on June 21, 2008 @ 6:00 am

This Santa Cruz Beach Hunt is a one day hunt only. You will need to be there at 6:00 am with a kick off warm up coin planted hunt on the beach. The hunt will be over by 10:45 - 11:00 am. Instructions on how and where to hunt the beach will be offered by Lee after the warm up hunt. This Hunt will take place on the main beach in Santa Cruz. I suggest getting up and driving in on Saturday Morning. It takes about 2 hours and 45 minutes, leave a little extra time for a breakfast stop. We will meet on the right side of the wharf in the usual spot.

The cost for the beach hunt is \$15. The money goes for the warm up hunt and prizes for: Most Coins, High Dollar amount, Best Silver jewelry, Best Gold Jewelry, Best Find of the Day, Oldest Coin.

SVDB Santa Cruz Beach Hunt Rules

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1. Entrants must provide their own metal detector and beach digging tools (sand scoops, baskets, headphones, etc.).
2. All holes made in the sand must be filled to avoid injuries to beach goers.
3. Keep a distance of 15-20 feet from all beach goers sitting on the beach.
4. Keep everything you dig. TRASH should be kept and deposited in Trash Containers.
5. All detectorists are requested to signup in advance, and pose for a group picture the day of the hunt.
6. Must be a current SVDB Member.

Contact: Rick Costello or Lee Wiese to Signup

SVDB Day-In-The-Park:

There are two day-in-the park hunts per month. The hunts are on the first Sunday and the third Sunday of each month. Breakfast is at 8:00 am with the hunt starting at 9:00 am. See the following for meeting place:

- 1st Sunday Hunt: Meet at Denny's at Watt and Auburn
- 3rd Sunday Hunts: Meet at Pancake House at 21st and Broadway

April's SVDB's Day-in-the-Park hunt results:

- 1st Sunday at Del Campo, Six members found 102 coins.
Oldest coin **James Neely**, prize was a 1964 Quarter
- 3rd Sunday at Laguna, four members found 206! coins.
Oldest coin **Ivan Miller**, prize was a 1964 Quarter

SVDB's Saturday, May 17th Metal Detecting Hunt

There were 22 - SVDB members that signed up for the metal detecting hunt on the Feather River but only 16 or so actually were at the hunt. Rick did an outstanding job at laying out the field and getting the coins planted. James cleaned up the trash on the hunt field before the event began which was a big help. It was a great day to be outdoors and cool enough at 10:00 am to make the hunt very enjoyable.

Here is the SVDB group picture just before hunt start



The Hunt Field at Feather River



There were 400+ coins & six token prizes



The Hunt is well under way



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Quote of the Month

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing what they could and should do for themselves." Abraham Lincoln

April 24, 25, 26 Daytona, Florida Beach Hunt

This metal detecting hunt was in Daytona, FL and has been held for the last six years. This year there were four in attendance from SVDB, three participated in the three day metal detecting event. There were four paid hunts and two free hunts for the adults and a free kids hunt with many trying their luck.

The prizes were \$11,000 in coins for the hunts, and also silver jewelry for one of the hunts. Cash prizes total at least that number again and 32 metal detectors valued from a couple of hundred dollars to well over a thousand dollars each. There were also many gold coins and silver rounds available for prizes plus much, much more.

This is a partial display of the detectors available for prizes.



Members from SVDB were:
Rick & Ann Costello
Lee & Lois Wiese

Lois did not participate in the hunts but cheered us on.



There were 203 Metal Detecting Hunters on the beach for each hunt.



This is a photo of Ann Costello winning an ACE 250 with her token that she found on Sunday.



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For your reading enjoyment are the REVISED & PURPOSED By-laws for SVDB. They will be reviewed and voted on at the next meeting. Lets give the By-laws committee (Bob Harrison, Jim Milbrat, Lee Wiese and John Duffy) a big thank you.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY DETECTING BUFFS BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME and OBJECTIVE

A. The name of this non-profit corporation, hereafter referred to as the club, shall be the Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs.

B. The objective (purpose) of this club is to bring together in good fellowship individuals interested in the Earth sciences as a hobby including the use of detectors, dowsing, natural findings of gold, silver, fossils, coins, rocks, mineralogy, geology, geocaching and archaeological pursuits.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP and DUES

A. Membership shall be open to any person and his/her family interested in the objective and purpose as stated in these by-laws.

B. Membership is established by payment of dues.

C. Dues are for the calendar year and shall be at such a rate as established by vote of members. Renewal of dues by current members shall be completed by December 31st for the next full calendar year. There is no grace period.

D. New members joining during the first three quarters of the year shall pay dues in full for that year. New members joining during the last quarter of the year shall pay dues prorated for that quarter plus full dues for the following year.

E. Honorary Membership may be awarded to any individual for outstanding service or assistance to the club. Honorary members shall have all rights and privileges of members except the right to vote and shall be exempt from payment of dues. Honorary members are awarded according to notification and

voting by the members.

F. Any member may have his membership terminated without cause by a two thirds vote of the members in attendance at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

A. Meetings shall be held on a day selected by membership vote at the August meeting, subject to meeting room availability from the County, beginning at 7:30 PM.

B. A quorum of 25 members must be present to conduct a regular business meeting.

C. Only items approved by the Board may be brought to meetings for solicitation purposes.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

A. The elected officers of the club shall be president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. This constitutes the board of directors.

B. The term of office shall be one year.

C. A nominating committee shall be appointed at the September meeting by the president. Nominations are to be announced at the October meeting with additional nominations accepted from the floor. All names placed in nomination must have prior approval from the nominee as to willingness to serve.

D. Election of officers by secret vote to be held at the November meeting when there is more than one candidate running for office. If only one eligible candidate has consented to serve that candidate shall be elected by acclamation.

E. Officers are to assume duties at the first meeting in January. Following the installation of new officers the preceding board of directors (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) shall be honorary members of the board of directors for one year.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. President: The president of the club shall preside over all meetings and perform all duties customary to the office including appointing all committees and

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filling any vacancies to complete an officer's term for the remainder of the year.

B. Vice President: The vice president shall be the public affairs officer of the club and would prepare press releases and arrange media coverage about events open to the public. In the absence of the president the vice president shall assume the duties of the office.

C. Secretary: The secretary shall be responsible for recording and reporting the activities of the club at the regularly scheduled meetings.

D. Treasurer: The treasurer shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the club funds and their proper disbursement. Funds shall be kept on deposit in a financial institution approved by the club officers. Checks for disbursement must be signed by one (1) of the two officers (treasurer and president) authorized to sign checks for the club. The treasurer shall report the current bank balance and all expenditures and deposits at each meeting of the club. Any expenditure exceeding \$150.00 for general use or \$1,500 for coin purchases must be approved by prior vote of the membership. All expenditures for the general running of the club are to be approved by the board of directors. In January of each year, both the old and new treasurer and the new president will audit the club books upon take over by the new board. The treasurer shall annually provide the board with an analysis of membership dues ability to support club activities.

ARTICLE VI: DISSOLUTION

A. The club may be dissolved only by a majority vote of the membership at a scheduled meeting after all members have been notified in writing of this intent including proposed disposal of assets.

B. In event of dissolution of the club, it's assets shall be disposed of to a charitable organization in accordance with the wishes of the majority of the membership and the laws of the state of California relating to incorporated non-profit organizations.

ARTICLE VII: CLUB LIABILITY

A. In case of loss or injury of any kind to any member or his / her family while at a club meeting, field trip, or any other event involving the club said member agrees NOT to hold the club responsible in any way.

ARTICLE VIII: BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

A. Any member desiring to amend the by-laws shall present in writing the proposed change(s) at a regular scheduled meeting.

B. All members must be notified in writing of the proposed change(s) and the date of voting relating to the change(s).

C. A Majority vote of the membership at the scheduled meeting is required for passage of the amendment.

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 5, 1986

AMENDED: 3/90, 10/90, 1/92, 1/93, 3/95, 6/02, 7/08