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SVDB Web Site <http://www.sacramentovalleydetectingbuffs.com/>

SVDB Meeting Minutes February 6, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Bill Caldwell, Acting President, and the Pledge of allegiance was said. 51 members signed in and there were 4 guests: *James Brandon, Elizabeth Brandon, Tom Trimberger, Steve Keleher*

President's Report — *Bill* welcomed all club members and introduced the guests.

Secretary's Report — *Sharon* reminded all members to sign in so as to be eligible for the membership drawing as well as for record keeping purposes. She explained that our music at our Christmas buffet was compliments of *Mike McCartney* and his band, Sons of the Golden State, added some spirited holiday music to the evening. Please see *Mike* for information on future gigs if you want to hear more. Let's all support our talented members! *Sharon* thanked *Janon Mirabella* for taking the January minutes as *Sharon* was ill.

Treasurer's Report — *Al* was in Belize—no treasure report.

Membership Report — George took names and money for our Annual Hunt at Lake Minden on May 16. The club is appreciative that *George* has park connections which provides us access to this great hunt sight. He reminded all that the Hunt will be held "Rain or Shine." Attendees might remember getting pretty wet the last two years. *George* then asked *Mike McBurney* to tell us about some of the hunt prizes he had volunteered to pursue. *Mike* explained his goal is quality not quantity and that he has some great prizes coming from Garrett and a tremendous package coming from Predator Tools. He asked if anyone had additional prize ideas to please see him. *Mike*, Thanks for stepping up!

Huntmaster's Report — *Mike McCartney* updated us on our next Mini-Hunt March 7, with just \$10 to participate. Many members have already signed up, anticipating another fun hunt planned with a St Patrick's Day theme. We will be hunting \$400 in silver (nickels, dimes, and quarters) and a special prize for the lucky hunter who finds the "gold fiddle." Kudos to *Mike* and *Shirley* for their efforts!

Speaking of hunts.....*Mike McBurney* is working with *Scott Newens* to get an idea of actual findings for the weekend hunts this year versus last year. In comparing this year's hunt attendees to last years, they determined that number has more than doubled with a 120% increase. With more attendees the amount of coins and treasures are up substantially as well.

Web Master Report — *Bob Meneely* was not present-no report.

Library Report — *Clyde Schroeder* continues to check on prices to change out some of our library books to CD's.

Search & Recovery — *Clyde* reported a lady in Oroville had contacted him looking for assistance in finding a lost item. He said if anyone wanted to go, he would share her email address. *Bill* volunteered to follow-up as he is often in that area.

Laws and National Report — *Lee Wiese* provided more interesting stories: one being of a gold ring found with a name and the year 1834. Part of the search included checking in with Face Book. It was concluded that it was a memorial ring and although he had no children, his siblings joined the search ultimately finding a great-great-granddaughter. More coins have been found in England ...as a matter of fact about 70,000 coins some dated 50 B.C. They are estimated to be worth about 13 million dollars.

Old Business — *Bill* asked for volunteers to help with oversite and management for the refreshments at our Annual Hunt. *Linda Newens* agreed to do this. *DeeAnn Chan* and her husband are grilling again. The club will provide hot dogs, burgers, sodas, and bottled water. Thank-you to all for stepping up to the plate (pardon the pun).

New Business — *Lee* proposed that all members wear their name badges to meetings. It was decided to make this effective in 60 days. It's a good idea and should help promote us all getting to know one another more readily.

Day in the Park Results — 2289 coins were found in the parks for a total of \$180.90, a great and prosperous way to start the year! Winners of silver quarters were: *Bill Caldwell, Linda Newens, Brian Hoopes, Mike McBurney, and DeeAnn Chan.*

Show & Tell — Members shared their findings AND their discovery stories...always fun to hear what others are finding! Clyde was the winner of the shiny silver quarter!

Raffle and Drawings —
 Membership Quarter-*Burl Brown*
 50/50 Drawing brought in \$99 for the club...the split going to
 Raffle Brought in \$725 for club activities
 Gold Coin Winner was *John Hainlen* pictured



Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Permanent Notes:

- SVDB bylaws can be found on the club website. Any suggestion or clarifications should be directed to a board member via email.
- Silence phones during the meeting (airplane mode)
- SVDB has a Facebook account, please search Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs and request an invitation.
- Club name badges should be worn at all meetings and events; allow new members to know who you are.
- The Club will buy from any member gold or silver bullion or coins at 90% market value; members get a better price than selling at retailer and

BE VERY CAREFUL HUNTING NATIONAL PARKS

Make sure you totally understand the rules of the location you wish to hunt. Contacting the park ranger before starting is recommended; penalties could be fines and loss of equipment.

National parks *** Indian Reservations *** Federal Lands *** Bureau of Land Management *** National Monuments *** Most State Parks {CA – Salt Water Beaches – OK; Inland Beaches – No, unless park ranger (in triplicate) signs off.}

Day-In-The-Park Gatherings:

There are 5 to 7 day-in-the park gatherings per month. The gatherings are on each Sunday and the last two Saturdays of the month. November 1 to May 31: We meet between 8am and 9am, leaving exactly at 9am for our destination. June 1 to October 31: the schedule will change to meeting between 7 and 8 leaving exactly at 8am, all hunts last for 3 hours with approx. ½ hour to sort and review finds. There is a weekly random raffle for club participants, winners receive a silver quarter from the Quarter bag at the monthly meeting. Locations to search are determined at the meeting locations.

- First Sunday: Denny's Restaurant parking lot 3520 Auburn Blvd. Sacramento
- Second Sunday: Denny's Restaurant parking lot 2474 Sunrise Blvd. Rancho Cordova
- Third Sunday: Waffle Square Restaurant parking lot 1825 10th Street Sacramento
- Forth Sunday: Dennys Restaurant parking lot, Sunrise south of Douglas, Roseville
- Fifth Sunday (if there is one): Waffle Square Restaurant parking lot 1825 10th Street Sacramento
- Forth Saturday: : McDonalds Restaurant parking lot 8225 Calvine Road Sacramento
- Fifth Saturday (if there is one) : Dennys Restaurant parking lot, Sunrise south of Douglas, Roseville

There will usually be a get together after the event for lunch (pay your own)

Charities:

Pull Tabs go to Ronald McDonald House – see **John Hainlen** – www.rmhc.org

Cell Phones and other electronics with computer boards go to **George Magann** for SVDB benefit.

Zinc pennies, mangled coin, and all types of keys go to **Al Woltman** for SVDB benefit

Scrap Metal goes to **Scott Newens** for Habitat for Humanity

Foreign Currency – See **Bill Caldwell** to cash it in for club benefit.

CRV and paper from meeting (or something brought from home) to go to SVDB, containers provided at doorways – See **Bill Caldwell**.

Anyone else sponsoring a charity – see the Secretary.