

## SVCC Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM

Gold: \$1,918.18                      Silver: \$ 22.85

### **Club Officers in attendance:**

President – Bruce Williams	Vice President – Troy Dinin
Treasurer – Marlain Minardi	Corresponding Secretary, Mike Grieneisen
Recording Secretary, Patrick Carpenter	Assistant Treasurer, Nick Shel

**Guests:** Four guests attended the meeting. John Berg introduced himself and when asked what he liked to collect he replied “coins” – he came to the right place. Michael Green returned for his second meeting and Jackson DeMos, returned for a third meeting – welcome back! Another guest, Jenifer Peterson, signed in but did not introduce herself.

**Attendance** – Forty club members and the four guests listed above attended the meeting, for a total attendance of forty-four.

**Past Meeting Minutes:** Minutes of our last regular club meeting on July 26, 2023, were provided to club members by email several days before the meeting. The reading of the minutes of our last meeting were waived and the minutes were approved.

**Great Coin Giveaway** – The club’s treasurer noted that thirty-seven books of tickets for the upcoming Great Coin Giveaway have now been sold. In response to questions, Patrick Carpenter explained that up to 95 books of tickets will be available for purchase at club meetings prior to the coin show. At the coin show, at least 2,500 tickets will be available for purchase by those attending the show.

**Coin Show** – Patrick Carpenter passed out sign-up list for those interested in doing an exhibit in our next coin show. Another sign-up list for folks to work various volunteer slots at the coin show was also passed around.

**Picnic** – The club’s annual picnic will be August 13 at Tempo Park in Citrus Heights. Patrick Carpenter circulated the sign-up list one last time. It should be a fun outing with forty-eight folks indicating that they will be attending.

**Coin Fair** – John Degen let our membership know that our annual Coin Fair will be on October 25. This is an opportunity for members to display coins they have for sale. Full sized 6-foot rectangular tables will rent for \$20 and smaller 3-foot square card tables will be available for \$10. John let folks know they can sign up as they pay the club’s treasurer for their table rent.

**Newsletter** – Bruce Williams encouraged members to contribute an article for the club’s monthly newsletter. Any topic associated with coin or currency collecting would be great. Anything from a half of a page to two pages, including photos, would be about the right size.

**Full Day of Coin Fun** – The NCNA / CSAN Joint Educational Forum will be on Saturday, November 18. It will once again be at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum and run from 9:30 a.m. to about 3:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend. The topics of the presentations include:

The Coins of Alexander the Great	The Coins of Emperor Octavius
From Real to Peso	

A sign-up list for those interested in car pooling will be available at an upcoming meeting.

## Show and Tell

**Rick Yadon** – Rick displayed an English 1820 Sovereign. This gold coin was from the last year of the reign of King George III, the same king that was on the throne during the American Revolution. Rick also showed a much more modern coin from Great Britain: a two-pound coin with the recently crowned King Charles III on the obverse.

**Troy Dinin** – Troy showed off a one-dollar silver certificate from 1886. This large note's design includes a portrait of Martha Washington on the obverse. This note celebrates the first woman to appear on U.S. currency.

**Marty Hartzell** – Marty displayed a medal that commemorates the 2006 dedication of the U.S. Air Force Memorial. The design on the medal includes the three spires of the memorial which evoke the three contrails from a trio of Air Force Thunderbirds as they peel back in a precision maneuver known as a "bomb burst". The memorial is located near The Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.

**Mike Grieneisen** – As projected on the big screen at the front of the meeting hall, Mike was able to give club members a good look at a 1942 Costa Rica 5 centimos coin that was overstruck on a 2 centimos coin that had been made at the U.S. Philadelphia mint in 1903.

**Robert Lizarraga** – Robert showed off part of his collection of anti-slavery coins including a 1788 "slave penny" token from Barbados; a slave auction merchant token from the W.W. Wilber Auctions of Charleston, South Carolina; and two KKK tokens.

**Tim Treichelt** – If we could go back in time, we might be amazed at the low cost of collectable coins. Tim tantalized us with prices from a coin price catalogue dated 1975 that listed a U.S. Trade Dollar for just \$27.50. "Those were the days!"

**Rick Astorino** – Rick had two interesting items to share. A five-pound coin produced as a memorial by the Royal Mint in Great Britain that features King Charles III on the obverse and two portraits of the late Queen Elizabeth II on the reverse, along with the dates of her birth and passing. Rick's second item was a 1941 piece of currency from Malaysia that bore the portrait of King George VI, Elizabeth's father. This note was produced just before that island colony was overrun by Japanese forces during World War II.

**Bill Walden** – Showed off a collection of quarter-ounce silver coins that celebrate the "Queen's Beasts". The "beasts" are the ten heraldic statues that are seen as the Royal supporters of England. These statues stood at Westminster Abbey in 1953 for the Queen's coronation in 1963. Each coin features one of the ten "beasts". Bill noted that the cost of the coins is far greater than their silver value.

**Glenn Stuter** – A great story came with the 1961 one-franc coin from Katanga that Glenn brought to share with the club. That coin was purchased at a coin club meeting by Glenn's father when Glenn was just about 14 years old. Glenn's father knew about the nation of Katanga, that was independent from Congo for just three years, and knew his son would enjoy the coin. The coin has a banana tree depicted on one side and a symbol representing traditional money on the other. All these years later, Glenn is certainly enjoying this gift from his father, and so did our club.

Bruce Williams awarded a 1935 Walking Liberty half dollar, randomly selected from among those presenting an item during "Show and Tell", to Bill "Two-Buck-Bill" Waldon.

**Break** started at 7:45 p.m. and was over at 7:55 p.m.

**Auction** started at 8:00 with John Degen, once again, expertly handling the gavel as our club's auctioneer. There were more than a dozen donation items in the auction, including five coin cases that the coin club no longer uses. Fifty-four lots were offered in the auction by members selling some part of their collection. The auction concluded at 8:46.

**Raffle** – Mary Anne Miller was the winner of the grand prize, a lovely bullion 1/10<sup>th</sup> ounce gold piece.

**Next Meeting** – Bruce let the membership know that our next meeting will be on August 23. It will feature an educational presentation by Patrick Carpenter that he is calling “The Art of Your Favorite Coin Artists.” Of course, there will also be a lively auction, door prizes, member prizes and a raffle with wonderful coins that will be awarded to lucky club members.

The meeting ended at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, August 12, 2023  
Patrick Carpenter, Recording Secretary SVCC