

SVCC Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. This meeting convened at our regular meeting spot, Swanston Community Center in Sacramento.

Gold: \$2,332.35 Silver: \$ 27.88

Club Officers in attendance:

Vice President – Troy Dinin

Recording Secretary - Patrick Carpenter

Treasurer – Marlain Minardi

Assistant Treasurer – Nick Shel

Corresponding Secretary – Mike Grieneisen

Guests: We were fortunate to have had three guests at the meeting. Paul Cummings was back for his second club meeting. Paul enjoys collecting silver dollars. Jeremiah Durham escorted his son, Elias, to their fourth club meeting. Mike Smith, a former club member, was also in attendance. Welcome to all three.

Attendance – Forty-six club members, and the three guests listed above attended the meeting, for a total attendance of forty-nine people.

Past Meeting Minutes - Minutes of our last regular club meeting on March 27, 2024, were provided to club members by email several days before the meeting. There was one error in the minutes – near the end of the document the draft read “Congratulations to Marty” commenting on Doug Wells’ win of the grand prize in the raffle. The minutes have since been corrected to read “Congratulations to Doug.” The reading of the minutes of our last meeting were waived and the minutes were approved.

Spring Coin Show – Bob Shanks let folks know that all dealer tables have been sold and we are anticipating a successful coin show at the end of the month.

Marlain Minardi announced that 98 and one-half books of raffle tickets have been sold. We typically sell up to 95 books at our club meetings, so the sales for raffle tickets before the coin show is now closed. An additional 21 and one-half books of raffle tickets will be available for sale at the coin show. Because we have sold more than the base line number of eighty ticket books, more wonderful coins and collectible currency will be raffled off as prizes.

Patrick Carpenter announced that the sign-up list for coin show volunteers had one open spot and before the club meeting concluded that spot was filled with a new volunteer. Many thanks to the wonderful club members who volunteer their time and efforts in helping to make our coin shows successful.

Memorial gathering for James Brandon – Some family pictures of James Brandon, a life member of the club who passed away in early February, were displayed. Members were reminded that all friends of James are invited to an informal gathering at the Brandon family house on Saturday, April 20th, from 10 a.m. to noon. The address is 3155 Water Lily Court in Roseville.

April Newsletter – The club president remarked how the club newsletter this month included an interesting article from Rich Kelly and Nancy Oliver about a trove of historic information now available to numismatic researchers through the Newman Numismatic Portal. The newsletter also included an article about money from the Civil War era written by the team of Tim Treichelt and Mike Grieneisen. Thanks to Rich, Nancy, Tim and Mike for helping to make another great newsletter.

Financial Report – Our club’s treasurer announced that our club’s checking account has a current balance of \$30,881,44. Our “rainy day” savings fund currently totals \$6,001.43. Bob Shank’s efforts working to sign up dealers for the coin show has netted a total of \$18,050 in bourse fees. Of course, many large payments

such as to the hotel and the security team have yet to be made, but our club's finances are in very good shape.

Show and Tell

Patrick Carpenter – Patrick shared a 1919 U.S. Treasury Department medal that was awarded to federal agents selling Victory Liberty Loans. The steel medal was made from captured German cannons that had been melted down. The medal was featured in an article in the November 2023 edition of The Numismatist.

Rick Yadon – Rick shared a 1926 Canadian 5 cent coin. There are two varieties of this coin, one with the “6” in the date quite near to the maple leaf and one with that numeral a bit further away from the leaf. Coins with the “far 6” are quite valuable. Alas, Rick's coin was a “near 6”.

Kyle Miles – Kyle shared a collection of currency including notes from the Philippines just prior to, and during the Japanese occupation during WWII. Other notes included U.S. silver certificates, and currency from North Korea, South Korea and Manchuria.

Bryan Stanton – Bryan shared two examples of Continental Currency.

Glenn Stuter – Glenn shared a very worn Barber quarter.

Steve Weaver – Steve described the success he has had sorting through many thousands of half dollars that he has purchased at face value from local banks. To date, he has found 159 silver half dollars and more than a dozen commemorative half dollars.

Marty Hartzell – Marty shared a Seated Liberty half dollar from 1853. This coin included the decorative rays on the reverse, the arrows on the obverse and showed a considerable misalignment of the two sides of the coin.

Troy Dinin – Troy displayed Russian and Lithuanian coins from the period 1925 to 1938. Coins from these nations are special to Troy as his family ancestry includes immigrants from both Russia and Lithuania.

As is our club's custom, each of the Show and Tell presenters may win a nice collectable coin that is awarded in a random drawing. President Bruce Williams awarded a 1917 Walking Liberty half dollar to Marty Hartzell.

Break – Started at 7:48 and concluded at 8:00 p.m.

Auction – The club auction commenced at 8:02 p.m. with John Degen once again handling the auctioneer duties. There were fifteen donations auctioned off followed by seventy-four lots of members' items offered for bidding and purchase. The auction ended at 8:59 p.m. Many thanks to the auctioneer and all who assisted.

Raffle – The top prize in the raffle was a 1/10th ounce gold coin. This beautiful coin was won by Joe Bardon. Congratulations to Joe.

Next Meeting – Our next club meeting will be in two weeks, April 27. The meeting will feature an Expert Panel who will answer questions that the club members submitted on the topic of how to successfully negotiate selling coins to coin dealers. A drawing from among the names of folks who have bought books of raffle tickets for the coin show will occur and one lucky person will win a 1/10th ounce gold coin. Of course, we will also enjoy a raffle, an auction, and other coin collecting fun.

The meeting concluded at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, April 21, 2024
Patrick Carpenter, Recording Secretary SVCC