

## SVCC Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. This meeting convened at our regular meeting spot, Swanston Community Center in Sacramento.

Gold: \$2,308.83                      Silver: \$ 27.33

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

President – Bruce Williams  
Treasurer – Marlain Minardi

Recording Secretary - Patrick Carpenter  
Corresponding Secretary, Mike Grieneisen

### **Club Officers Absent:**

Vice President – Troy Dinin

Assistant Treasurer, Nick Shel

Filling in for Troy in the role of the Vice President was John Bither with assistance from Rick Yadon. Filling in for Nick in the role of the Assistant Treasurer was Marty Hartzel. Many thanks to Marty, John and Rick who all did a great job.

**Guests:** We were fortunate to have had six guests at the start of the meeting. Ahmad Khawaja, son of Ubaid, attended, bid on auction items and showed a coin during Show and Tell. Flavio Huizar attended our recent coin show and was invited to attend a club meeting by John Bither at our Club Table. Before the end of the club meeting Flavio had joined the club. Kevin McGuire attended our recent coin show working as a dealer with Americana Rare Coins. Before the end of the meeting, Kevin joined the club as a Life Member. Other guests who signed in are Prestinna Miles, Thomas Cain and Vincent Garramore. Welcome to all!

**Attendance** – Forty club members, including our new members Kevin McGuire and Flavio Huizar, and the other four guests listed above attended the meeting, for a total attendance of forty-four people.

**Past Meeting Minutes** - Minutes of our last regular club meeting on April 24, 2024, 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.

**Financial Report** – Our club’s treasurer announced that our club’s checking account has a current balance of \$25,665.32. Our “rainy day” savings fund currently totals \$6,001.33. Several large payments associated with our recent coin show have yet to be made, but our club’s finances are in very good shape.

**Picnic** – The membership was reminded that our club’s annual picnic will happen on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Tempo Park in Citrus Heights. There will be games, prizes, hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and other goodies. Members are asked to bring along a salad or dessert to share. A sign-up list for the event was passed around. 32 folks have indicated that they plan to attend the picnic. It should be a wonderful afternoon.

**Future Expert Panel** – A list of possible topics for our next Panel of Experts was distributed. Members were asked to vote for the two topics that they were most interested in learning about. Of the 14 topics to choose from, the most popular were:

- Hard Times Tokens – What are They and Why Should I Collect Them
- Odd Denomination U.S. Coins – Half Cent, Two Cents, Three Cents & Twenty Cents
- Civil War Tokens – What are They and Should I Collect Them
- What is the Future of Coinage in the USA and the World
- Tax and Inheritance Issues – How to Prepare Your Coin Collection for When You Kick the Bucket

**May Newsletter** – The Club President noted the excellent club newsletter this month. Interesting articles

included a survey of Prospector themed coins by Rick Yadon, an explanation of the new SVCC Kid's Bucks by Glenn Stuter and a history of ANA's Coin Week coins by Mike Grieneisen. Members were encouraged to submit articles for future editions of the newsletter.

**Coin Show Recap** – Patrick Carpenter gave a short summary of the club's recent coin show. There were 618 guests at the show, which is up from last Spring's show count of 552, and down a bit from last Fall's show when we welcomed 732 guests.

The club volunteers did an amazing job. A big smile and many thanks to some of our newest club members who worked at the show – Kyle Miles, Deborah Shields, Wade Parshall, Michael Rek, Barbra Wackford, Rick Christensen, Karen Truelove, and Bryan Stanton. Thanks also to Bob & Suzanne Lusk, Ken Roggenkamp, Madaline Machado, 2\$Bill Walden, Jim Lunsford, Bette Barr, Scott Newens and Rod McKenzie. Special thanks goes out to some great folks who volunteered to work two shifts – Steve Weaver, George Magann, Joe Bardon, and Toni Minardi. Kathy Petersen and Nancy Bither went above and beyond once again by working all three days of the show – our thanks to these two great ladies.

There were six interesting coin exhibits and a total of 431 votes were cast in the "People's Choice" competition. The coveted award, a slabbed Morgan dollar, went to Lou Padgug for his excellent exhibit on Fractional Currency. All the exhibitors did a great job and all received a "thank you" gift from the club of a slabbed Walking Liberty half dollar.

The Kid's Table was hoping on Saturday with more than fifty young folks enjoying the treasurer hunt, and receiving lots of encouragement and some gifts from Glenn Stuter and Christine Spring. A new feature was the distribution of SVCC Kid's Bucks to the youth that visited the Club Table. Speaking of which, the Club Table was again a "must see" destination at the coin show with excellent exhibits created by John Bither.

The Great Coin Giveaway broke all previous records with a total of 12,931 tickets sold, with nearly three thousand of those purchased at the coin show. There were 28 prizes awarded – again, a new record. Bob Shanks did an excellent job in coming up with a whole new assortment of prizes.

The club members in attendance were asked to indicate what show schedule is their preference, between the two-day shows of the past, the three-day shows we held last year and the two-and-a-half day show we just completed. At least ninety percent of those indicating a preference most enjoyed our recent show with the half day on Thursday.

Bob Shanks, who oversaw and managed the show, did excellent work having more than thirty coin dealers fill our hall showing of all sorts of coins and currency. Thanks to Toni Minardi for starting off our hourly prize case with more great donations. Doing top-notch work keeping the money straight, and coaching our volunteers at the front table, were Marlain Minardi and Marty Hartzel. Helping in so many ways were Nelson Sagastume, Wesley Stepp, John Degen, Rick Yadon and Bruce Williams.

## **Show & Tell**

Tim Treichelt – Tim showed the club an 1873 octagonal half dollar California gold piece. This coin has been graded MS67 with a "proof-like" finish. This interesting coin is the highest certified coin by the grading company and so it is a favorite of Tim's.

Bryan Stanton – Two coins made in 2001, each with 2-1/2 ounces of gold, were shown by Bryan. These coins were made with gold from the 1857 reck of the SS Central America.

Bruce Williams – Our club president displayed a curious gold medal from 1976 with a design of Lady Liberty on the obverse and the Seal of the President on the reverse. Only 423 of these 1/3-ounce gold coins were made by the US Mint. Bruce's has been graded PR68 with deep cameo. It is tied for the Top of Pop along with three other coins.

Glenn Stuter – Have you ever seen a coin with a “funky chicken”? This description drew Glenn to investigate this coin. The “chicken” turned out to be a peacock and so this beautiful gold coin, with a denomination of one Mu from 1970 Myanmar, made it into Glenn’s collection.

Patrick Carpenter – Patrick showed a 1910 half eagle coin that has been in his family for four generations. The coin was the first monthly salary, five dollars, that his grandmother earned teaching high school in Eureka, Nevada. It is Patrick’s favorite coin.

Ahmed Khawaja – This was Ahmed’s first time sharing a coin with our club. He displayed a one-dollar gold piece from 1851. This coin’s design is the first type, with Lady Liberty wearing a coronet.

Ubaid Khawaja – For the last coin in our Show & Tell, Ubaid showed the club a 1924 coin from the Princely state of Bahawalpur, that is part of current-day Pakistan. It is always a thrill to see a coin that comes down through time to remind us of a very different past.

A drawing from among the various presenters resulted in Glenn Stuter winning a nice Walking Liberty half dollar.

**Break** – Started at 7:40 and concluded at 7:53 p.m.

**Auction** – The club auction commenced at 7:59 p.m. with John Degen again expertly handling the auction gavel. For the last eight lots of the auction, we had a surprise rookie auctioneer take on the podium and the gavel. Tim Treichelt did a great job and that allowed John Degen to act as a newbie auction runner. There were six donations auctioned off followed by sixty-six lots of members’ items offered for bidding and purchase. The auction ended at 8:44 p.m. Many thanks to two auctioneers and all who assisted including both Marty Hartzel and Rick Yadon filling in for some of our regulars.

**Raffle** – The top prize in the raffle, a 1/10<sup>th</sup> ounce gold coin, was won by John Degen. Congratulations to John!

**Next Meeting** – Our next club meeting will be in two weeks, May 22. The meeting will be our annual “Other Hobby Night.” Members are encouraged to share with the crowd some hobby they enjoy other than numismatics. Of course, we will also enjoy a raffle, an auction, and other coin collecting fun. But before that meeting, we have the annual club picnic to look forward to – it will be a great time for all.

The meeting concluded at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, May 11, 2024  
Patrick Carpenter, Recording Secretary SVCC