

SVCC Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. This meeting convened at our regular meeting spot, Swanston Community Center in Sacramento.

Gold: \$2,378.70 Silver: \$ 30.81

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: We were fortunate to have had four guests at the start of the meeting. Ahmad Khawaja, son of Ubaid, attended for his second time and contributed to the meeting by sharing one of his “other hobbies.” Prestinna Miles returned for her second visit to our club meetings. Two of Madaline Machado’s grandchildren attended, Oliver and Anahita. Tyler Ettner, son of Michael Ettner attended and said that he started collecting stamps and is now moving into coins. Welcome to all!

Attendance – Forty-five club members, and the four 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 May 8, 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.

Future Expert Panel – A list of fourteen possible topics for our next Panel of Experts was distributed at our previous club meeting. Members voted on which they’d most like to hear about at a future meeting. After that round of voting, the list of possible topics was pared down to five. At this meeting, members were asked to vote for the two topics that they were most interested in learning about from among the shortened list. Of the five topics to choose from, the most popular was: Odd Denominations of U.S. Coins – Half Cent, Two Cents, Three Cents & Twenty Cents, etc. The next step will be gathering questions from our members to be asked of our panel of experts in a future club meeting.

Other Hobby Night

Troy Dinin – Troy shared his hobby of collecting sports cards. The examples he brought to show were all “slabbed” and graded by a professional grading service. He noted that cards are graded on a scale of 1 to 10 and most of his cards are graded near the middle of that range. Troy’s interest is in rookie cards of players who have entered the Hall of Fame for their sport.

Flavio Huizar – Flavio also enjoys collecting sports cards. His favorite teams are the Oakland Raiders and the Oakland A’s and so his collection includes quite a few rookie cards from those teams. Flavio noted that the A’s will be playing in Sacramento for the next few years and so that will be exciting for many of us in this region.

Bruce Williams – Bruce shared his hobby of fishing, both in lakes and out in the ocean. He proudly displayed a photo of a 168-pound Marlin that he caught in Mexico. Bruce noted that he enjoys the hobby because he makes most of his fishing trips family occasions, creating good memories of times together with his wife and sons.

Robert Lizarraga – Robert shared two of his “other hobbies.” He enjoys collecting vintage advertising signs, such as old beer signs. He also plays guitar in a local band. His band plays concerts in local convalescent hospitals. Robert played a short recording of his band’s music. Rock on, Robert!

Karen Truelove – Karen enjoys searching for and collecting rocks and minerals. She brought in some amethyst, jade, jasper and petrified wood to share.

Ahmed Khawaja – Ahmed also enjoys collecting sports cards. His collection tilts towards professional soccer stars. One of his favorites is his card of Lionel Messi, the great footballer from Argentina.

Ubaid Khawaja – Ubaid shared his enjoyment of stamp collecting. His collection includes some stamps from twelve different countries celebrating the marriage of Prince Charles and Lady Diana, as well as some gold- and silver-plated stamps.

Bryan Stanton – Bryan enjoys model railroading and brought in a couple of model train cars to share. He noted that the hobby brings back happy memories of getting a train set as a boy. Bryan keeps busy with a local club of model train enthusiasts and they are having their annual train show this coming weekend (May 25 at the Carmichael Elks Club).

Jerry Carsman – Jerry finds great enjoyment in listening to great movie soundtracks. The composer Jerry featured at this meeting was Victor Young, who wrote the score for such memorable movies as Shane, Around the World in Eighty Days, The Quiet Man, and Sampson & Delia. Jerry strongly encouraged our club members to pay attention to how a great movie soundtrack adds to the joy of seeing (and hearing) a great movie.

Patrick Carpenter – Patrick is a gardener and shared photos of many irises blooming in his backyard.

Our club president expressed his thanks for everyone who shared a bit about one of their “other hobbies.”

Break – Started at 8:05 and concluded at 8:18 p.m.

Auction – The club auction commenced at 8:19 p.m. with John Degen again taking on the challenge of being our auctioneer. There were five donations auctioned off followed by sixty-seven lots of members’ items offered for bidding and purchase. The auction ended at 9:10 p.m. Many thanks to John Degen and all those who help to keep the auction running smoothly including Troy Dinin, Nick Shell, Marlain Minardi, Patrick Carpenter, Christina Spring and William Stuter.

Raffle – The top prize in the raffle, a 1/10th ounce U.S. bullion gold coin, was won by John Degen. Congratulations to John!

Next Meeting – Our next club meeting will be in three weeks, June 12. The meeting will include a Show and Tell session and a Super Raffle. Of course, we will also enjoy an auction and other coin collecting fun.

The meeting concluded at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, May 27, 2024
Patrick Carpenter, Recording Secretary SVCC