

## **SVCC Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. This meeting convened at our regular meeting spot, Swanston Community Center in Sacramento. It had been three weeks since we all had gotten together for a club meeting, so it was very nice to gather and talk “coins” once again.

Gold: \$ 2,504.26      Silver: \$ 29.17

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

President – Bruce Williams

Vice President – Troy Dinin

Recording Secretary – Patrick Carpenter

Assistant Treasurer, Nick Shel

Treasurer – Marlain Minardi was absent at this meeting. Marty Hartzell filled in as treasurer for the meeting. Many thanks to Marty. Also absent was Corresponding Secretary, Mike Grieneisen.

**Guests:** There were two guests at this club meeting. Robert Costa had been invited to the meeting by the good folks at A & D Coin and Jewelry. Robert enjoys “collecting money” – you’ve come to the right place, Robert. Greg Doal was invited to the meeting by Troy Dinin. Greg has enjoyed collecting coins for several years and will enjoy learning more about them. A hearty welcome to them both!

**Attendance** – Fifty-two club members, and the two guests mentioned above, shared in the fun at this meeting for a total attendance of fifty-four.

**Past Meeting Minutes** - Minutes of our last regular club meeting on August 14, 2024, were provided to club members by email several days before the meeting. The reading of the minutes of our last club meeting was waived and the minutes were approved without any changes.

**Club Member Health Update** – Rick Yadon advised the members that one of our past club presidents, Marion Imel, and his wife are both dealing with some challenging health issues. Marion was a faithful club meeting attendee until just a few years back and was a real savior to our club decades ago when the club was experiencing considerable financial difficulties. All of the club members who have been lucky enough to have rubbed elbows with this fine gentleman surely wish him well.

**Update on Upcoming Coin Show** – Patrick Carpenter announced that we need one more volunteer for our September coin show – no one has volunteered to fill this spot. Marty Hartzell announced that 64 books of tickets have been sold for the Great Coin Giveaway which will occur at the conclusion of our upcoming Coin Show. The top prize in that raffle will be a \$20 gold piece – the best top prize we have ever offered. Bob Shanks announced that we have most of our dealer tables sold with just three or four remaining spots to be filled. The Coin Show will be at the Four Points by Sheraton in Sacramento and will happen Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> through September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**A Future Club Meeting** – Our club president announced that at our club meeting on September 25 we will get to enjoy a presentation by Troy Dinin on how to sell and buy on eBay. Troy is very experienced in such matters and he’s bound to have helpful hints for us all.

## **Educational Presentation – “Oddball” U.S. Coinage** by Glenn Stuter, John Bither and Patrick Carpenter

This topic was selected by our club’s membership and all the questions posed to the panel of experts were submitted by club members. This was the second of our “panel of experts” evenings where we make a deep dive into subjects of interest to our club membership. Bruce Williams asked the questions.

First up, John Bither explained what an “oddball” U.S. coin is. These are series of coins that were in production for a relatively short period of time and that are not collected by most coin enthusiasts and of which the general public has little or no knowledge.

Questions about the two-cent piece were handled by Patrick Carpenter who explained the interesting history of how the coin was conceived and finally approved for minting. Photos of early patterns coins showed how several different designs and mottos were considered, and rejected before the coin went into production.

Glenn Stuter gave an entertaining talk about the history of the three cent coins – both silver and nickel. Glenn’s special interest in collecting these tiny gems enlivened the discussion and, perhaps, encouraged several in our club to consider adding a few three cent coins to their collections.

John Bither’s talk featured the short history of the U.S. twenty-cent coin; a coin minted for only four years. Our club learned how similar the “double dime” was in appearance to the quarter dollar coins then in circulation. This was the fatal flaw that doomed the coin to obscurity, but made it a fun one to collect for those whose tastes run to the rare and unusual. John brought along beautiful examples of a quarter and a twenty-cent piece, both from 1875, so that our members could see the similarities between these coins for themselves.

Many thanks to John Bither, Glenn Stuter and Patrick Carpenter for their enthusiastic presentation about some truly “oddball” coins.

**Break** time started at 8:04 p.m. and ended at 8:19 p.m. During the break, club members enjoyed more homemade cakes prepared by Bruce’s wife. These special treats were special indeed. Many thanks to our club’s favorite baker! The meeting was called back to order at 8:19 p.m.

**Auction** – Tonight was a special auction – one we do only once a year. This was the “all donation auction,” meaning that every item put up for bids was donated by a club member and the club will receive all the money collected from the winning bidders. The auction began at 8:20 p.m. with John Degan presiding as our auctioneer. There were sixty-five lots in the auction with several gold coins and a 1909 S VDB cent among the offerings. Lots and lots of club members donated to the cause and each and every one deserves our gratitude and thanks. The total amount raised by this auction was \$2,927.

The three club members whose donated items raised the most money for the club were awarded nice prizes:

**First Place** – Rick Yadon will receive a 1/20<sup>th</sup> ounce gold piece as for his very generous donations that resulted in bids totaling \$746.

**Second Place** – Nelson Sagastume and Weston Stepp will be awarded an 1884 O Morgan dollar NGC MS 64, for their very nice donations that brought in a total of \$740.

**Third Place** – John Degen will receive a Walking Liberty half dollar PCGS AU 58 CAC, for his wonderful donations that garnered the total of \$732 for the club.

Many thanks indeed to Rick, Nelson, Weston and John. You are all very kind and great members of our coin club.

The auction was done at 9:21 p.m.

**Raffle** – The top prize, a U.S. 1/10<sup>th</sup>-ounce gold bullion coin, was won by Kathy Petersen. Congratulations to Kathy – one of our most loyal participants in the raffle.

The meeting concluded at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, August 29, 2024  
Patrick Carpenter, Recording Secretary SVCC