

ESTABLISHED 2007
Celebrating our 13th Year
March 2020

BEAVER COUNTY DETECTING CLUB

<http://www.beavercountydetectingclub.com>

President Mike Vidovich called the March 5, 2020, BCDC meeting to order at 7:02pm at King's Restaurant. There were 34 members in attendance and 3 guests.

After the pledge of allegiance, Mike introduced our guests. Larry and Mike Buck who is a friend of James Onuska. Mike is the other Copper Popper. Mike Vidovich explained the raffles. We will have the coin raffle, a 1879-O (semi-key date) Morgan dollar and a consolation prize of a 1957 proof set, the attendance raffle and the 50/50 raffle. We will have a bonus raffle with a BCDC mug, a keychain and a couple proof sets. All money goes to support the club hunts, events and Christmas party.

Club Secretary, Amanda Dickey, read the minutes from the February, meeting. There were no additions or amendments and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Red Craft and seconded by Dave Heberling.

Treasurer, Fred Gould, read the treasurer's report. As of the beginning of the month, we have a total of \$2,657.66 in Checking, \$200.77 in savings, and \$65.00 in cash for a total of \$2,923.43.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Tonya Onuska and seconded by Bernie Conner.

New Business

2020 Show and Tell: Started new category for Oldest Coin. Rich Kane said, believe it or not, we have a tie. He said there are green envelopes to submit the coin in. If the date is worn, make sure to provide documentation to prove the date. All other categories remain the same. We will have a 1st, 2nd 3rd place for Find of the Year. Rich said there was something mentioned about using Bowers, but they have bingo on Thursdays night. Looks like Kings will remain the meeting location.

Spring Hunt: Rich talked about all the donations we have coming in. He has reached out to many of our sponsors. Rich also confirmed the pavilion for May 2nd. He spoke with the new person in charge. As of right now, we do not have a grounds keeper, but they should have one by then. We should have a port-a-potty. Gary Waddell requested that the date of the fall hunt be moved. It conflicts with the Tri County club hunt.

New President: Rich said that he would have a difficult time committing to every meeting and every hunt due some circumstances. Ray Rak suggested that we make a motion to hold a special election. Rich would like to stay as the Vice President. Ray volunteered to be president. The club voted and elected Ray as the new President for the BCDC club.

March Guest Speaker: Mr. Tom Daugherty with Allegheny Land Trust was the guest speaker. He spoke about green space decline. We can't take things like this for granted because it is increasingly under threat. They are frequently building in places where we shouldn't build and converting hillsides into populated areas. Allegheny County is losing greens space by 2,000 acres per year.

Allegheny County is rapidly becoming an urban county. How we manage our remaining green space will determine how issues like flooding, landslides, etc. keep happening. Allegheny Land Trust has been around since 1993 and is a non-profit organization. They identify areas of green space that need to be protected help acquire and protect the green space. There are currently 2, 600 acres they have acquired that they allow recreational activities such as metal detecting.

Tom said that if you like what the organization does, please consider donating or becoming a volunteer. At the end of the presentation, Mike made a motion to donate \$100 to the Allegheny Land Trust from the BCDC. A vote was taken and it was unanimously voted. We will be receiving a newsletter that I will distribute to the members.

BCDC Website: Mike mentioned that he has discussed with Ray Rak to take over the website. Mike said he can oversee the website and help out with it for a bit.

Member's Mart on the Website: If you have anything to list on the website, let Mike know. If you sell something, let him know so he can take it down.

Speakers: If you have any ideas for speakers, please let us know.

Brown Bag Hunts: If anyone has any ideas for brown bag hunts, please let Mike know

Coin Show: Rich mentioned there being a coin show in Zelenople. It will be at the Zelenople American Legion. He has some flyers if anyone is interested.

Reminders and Miscellaneous items:

1) Speakers wanted – anyone interested in giving a short presentation to the club? Talks can be on any subject.

After a brief intermission, the following results were determined:

Raffles:

50/50 winner: \$131.00 - Larry Pander

Coin raffle: 1879-O Morgan Dollar - Cindy Molokach

Consolation: 1957 Proof Set - Dale Mooney

Attendance raffle: BCDC Mug / Copper Popper Sticker - Dave Heberling

Bonus Raffle: 2000 Proof Set, State Quarters set & United States Mint Proof Set: - Red Craft

Show and Tell Results

Oldest Coin

1. James Onuska
2. Tyler Yosko
3. Gary Waddell

Best Coin

1. Fred Gould – 1852 Trime
2. James Onuska – Reale
3. Tom Lucas – 1780 ½ Reale

Best Jewelry

1. James Onuska – Sterling Silver baby ring
2. Fred Gould – Sterling Bird Pin
3. Bernie Conner – Scared Heart Medal

Best Whatever

1. Tyler Yosko – George Washington button
2. Jim Onuska – Brass dish thing
3. Gary Waddell – Sterling Silver spoon

With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by James Onuska and seconded by Tyler Yosko.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by BCDC Club Secretary, Amanda Dickey.

The date of the next meeting is unknown at this time.

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