

**Bellaire Coin Club
Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 6:16 PM by club president Garth Clark.

Discussion began regarding the upcoming club coin show. All sign permits are in place for the banner, and two locations for roadside signs at Bellaire @ Newcastle and Bellaire @ First. Additional city permitting will be required for food handling in the snack bar – Ed S. agreed to obtain the permit. There may be an additional event fee of \$55 if the club is not a 501(c)(3). There was some discussion about moving towards obtaining that non-profit status. Garth C. agreed to begin looking into the paperwork requirements for the state and the IRS. Publicity for the show should be in the community newspapers and the Chronicle. Ed S. mentioned that the show was listed in the hobby papers and that he would use his personal mailing list for the announcement cards. Garth C. has handled the newspapers in the past and would try to do so again for this show. There was some additional discussion about trying to get a rare coin exhibit to act as a draw, but the idea was found to be difficult to work due to limited availability of space for the exhibit.

TNA Report – Jim B. announced that the THA show is scheduled for May 15 – 17, 2009 in Ft. Worth at the Will Rogers Convention Center. The BEP will be there with their “Billion Dollar Bailout Exhibit” and will display their spider press, which will be used to print limited edition souvenir cards.

Treasurer’s Report – The club is in sound financial condition.

New Business – Garth C. suggested the creation of a Show Committee consisting of the club president, the show chairman, and one other club member. Ed S. suggested the committee consist of the show chairman, the club president and the immediate past president. Jim B. recommended keeping the group small. Ron M. suggested that no motion was required to form this committee, and that the club president is an *ex officio* member of all club committees. Discussion was animated. Creation of the committee was by Executive Order, and the suggested individuals agreed to participate. The committee will consist of Ed S. as show chairman, Garth C. as club president, and Sebastian F. as an additional club member. The committee will assume official functions with the August show.

There was a renewed call for volunteers for the club show in May. Ed S. provided a cost breakdown of show related expenses, and assured the club that the show does benefit the club finances.

Tom C. announced that a new lock is on the club’s locker at the Bellaire Library. The old lock’s combination had apparently been a poorly kept secret.

The club trip to the Genghis Khan exhibit at the Museum of Natural Science was announced again. The trip is set for Saturday, June 6 at about 9:30 AM. Club

members will have their admission costs covered by the club. Non-members are also invited if they pay the reduced admission cost.

Show & Tell:

- Brian H. brought a Roman denarius and sestertius. He showed how the portraits are very similar, and identifying the portraits alone could date the coins. The coins were of Galba, an emperor that lasted about 6 months before the army decided to remove him due to the lack of a bribe.
- Jesse V. showed a novelty note. It was the “new” style 20 peso note from Mexico, complete with a swine-flu-proof facemask.
- Bill W. showed a 2008 Australian proof set in a fancy presentation case.
- Jim B. announced that his book will be published soon. He discussed some of the formatting issues that come when multiple types of electronic images are used.
- Sebastian F. showed a 1963 Jefferson nickel proof with a rotated die and an 1884 Liberty nickel proof with a repunched date.
- Garth C. showed an 1860 Zacatecas 4 escudo coin that is an unlisted date. He mentioned that many viewers of the piece believe the piece is a cast replica, but he still dares to dream.

The club auction followed after a brief viewing. There were a total of 55 auction lots.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:55 PM, and the Usual Suspects reconvened at Jax.