

Bellaire Coin Club

Meeting Minutes for 07/20/2009

The meeting was called to order by club president Garth C at 6:17 PM

No guests were at the meeting, although Tim C was greeted as an alien intruder.

Show Update: Sign permits are all in place. A total of 10 cases were requested from Pasadena Coin Club. Ken B agreed to act as intermediary to make this possible. Tom C announced he had purchased a large amount of material from Collector's Coins. He will separate the material into batches for the kid's auction and for the prize grab bag. The kitchen announced it was ready for the show. The BBQ has been ordered and will be delivered by 6:00 PM on the Friday set-up.

New Business: Garth C reported on the Executive Meeting after the last club meeting. He reported on the creation of the General Counsel position on the Board. He explained this position was purely for assisting the club during the application process for tax exempt status. Brian H reported that he had looked a little further into the matter, and had discussed it with several people hosting the show and with the City of Bellaire. It now looks like the tax exempt status will not be an issue for future facility rentals. He may look into becoming an unincorporated non-profit organization, but for now we can continue operations without any problems.

Treasurer's Report: The club is in good financial health. The show accounts are kept as separate ledger entries, not as a separate account.

Door Prize Drawings: Attendance Prize - Lu Lu S; Grab Bag - Sebastian F

Show & Tell:

Alvin S showed a presentation case containing sterling silver replicas of the various space program patches. The set was sold by the Franklin Mint.

Tim C brought an album containing US mint sets. Each set was presented on a page containing space themes. He also brought a comic book from 1958 that had Superman defeating the Moon Man.

Tom C showed an unusual dollar bill that was quadruple printed on the front, and off-center on the back. He wanted opinions from the club if this recent ebay purchase was legitimate.

Gene M brought a Roman bronze depicting Scipio Publicus (later Africanus). This was the first living Roman depicted on a coin. He explained about the differences in hair style on the portrait after Scipio took the Carthage mint.

Jack P brought an article from **Scientific American** that discussed the moon landing.

Sebastian F brought a 50 peso Mexican Federal Obligation note issued during the Revolution on July 25, 1914. While not quite as old as the note, it was, nevertheless, printed on his birth date.

Barbara T talked about an elongated cent collection assembled by her neighbor. They had obtained one from every place they had visited with their daughter.

Paul K related some experiences he had while helping build the Saturn V rocket. It seems that a lathe in the Brooklyn Navy Yard was the only machine tool available that could handle the creation of this massive technological wonder. He also talked about vacuum welding of dissimilar metals, and how this affected the choice of gaskets and seals on the moon lander. Once the astronauts left the lander, they had to make sure that the hatch remained open because there was no exterior handle to allow them to get back in. Bathroom functions were complicated by weightlessness and diarrhea. It seems a miracle that this mission was accomplished.

Garth C showed an unusual "alien" alloy. It was assayed to contain several odd rare earth metals, each with a specific gravity of about 10 - 11. This odd alloy had a specific gravity closer to 3. What weird space alien brought this for us to find and ponder? It should be noted that Tim C was recently seen in the area.

There were 52 lots in the club auction.

Meeting adjourned about 7:50 PM