

Bellaire Coin Club

Meeting Minutes for 08/03/2009

The meeting was called to order by club president Garth C at about 6:15 PM.

Three guests were introduced: Christy, Jeannie, and John W.

Show Review: The show had good attendance with just over 400 paid admissions on Saturday, and about 50 on Sunday. The ad may have indicated that the show was a one day show instead of a two day show. Garth C wants to do a dealer survey to determine what the club can do to make the show better for them. Ken B indicated that as he was working exit door security, he informally polled dealers. Almost all dealers indicated they had a pretty good show. The snack bar had great results showing a profit of about \$375. A motion was made by Ken B that Tom C keep the money as a partial reimbursement for buying the material for the kid's auction, and that the balance due Tom be taken from the cash box for full reimbursement. The motion was seconded by Bill W. The motion received a unanimous vote. Sebastian F removed \$20 cash from the cash box and handed it to Tom C to complete the transaction.

Treasurer's Report: Tom B was not present, but it appears we are still in good financial shape.

A late arriving guest was introduced: Sam G

Door Prize Drawings: Grab bag - Clayton J; Attendance - John T

Show & Tell:

John B showed a bronze *Libertas Americana* medal. This medal is listed as No. 1 in the book **100 Greatest American Medals**. The entire production of this medal was once owned by Benjamin Franklin. John explained how to authenticate the original medals from the later restrikes. Also noted were the similarities between the medal's obverse and the obverse of the first 1793 half cent.

Bruce B showed a Spanish Netherlands silver coin dated 1620.

Brian H showed a Roman Republic silver sesterce. This was a short lived type for a denomination usually found in bronze.

Rupert S showed a silver coin that was struck from silver that had been to the mmon with Apollo 11. The coin was struck by the Franklin mint.

Ken B proudly showed his recently completed set of 1986 - 2008 tenth ounce gold eagles.

Sebastian F showed an 1811 Oaxaca Sud from the Mexican War for Independence. Also shown was an 1825 Potosi 2 Reales with single letter assayer. Both were scarce additions to fill major gaps in his Spanish Colonial collection.

Garth C thanked Collector's Coins for their emotional support after a personal loss. He noted that this would be the last show that Jeff Todd would attend as he is planning on retiring to Florida in the near future.

Show & Tell Drawing: Rupert S

There were 73 lots in the auction

Garth C won the Auction drawing.

The meeting adjourned at about 7:55 PM