

THE DIXIE DIGGERS

WARRIOR BASIN TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION (WBTHA)

The first meeting in February of the WBTHA was held on Tuesday night, February 5th at Niki's West Restaurant. The meeting was brought to order by Vice-President Mike Wardlow at 7:35 PM with 10 members present. Secretary Bonnie Watson read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS

*David Scales reported he talked with the secretary for the Head Ranger at Oak Mountain State Park. The new Head Ranger's name is Benny Bobo. Mr. Bobo gave the WBTHA permission to hold our Members Only Hunt on the beach at Oak Mountain in March (except March 22nd). A discussion about the hunt was held and the members present voted to make March 8th the date for the hunt. It was also decided the entry fee will be \$10.00 plus each member is to bring either a prize worth \$15.00 or \$15.00 cash. *Eddie Bradley has the website online now and the web address is: www.wbtha.com. Eddie had the website running on a laptop computer to show the members what he has set up. Eddie reminded everyone he is still looking for ideas and articles and photographs. Eddie also purchased a domain name of "wbtha.com" through go-daddy.com. He found out to host the website will cost \$95.00 (plus tax) per year and another domain name is free. Eddie requested the Club pay half the cost of the website and Eddie will pay the other half and use the other domain name for a private site for himself. *David Scales had an idea for a Club hunt.. He suggested if a member could get permission to detect a house place then at a meeting we could designate a spot to meet. Once everyone gathered the members would then be taken to the site (it would be kept secret until everyone met).

NEW BUSINESS

None

THE GAMES

Bingo Coins: 1951, 1926, 1925, 1956 (for the money), 1910, and 1915. David Scales had a 1926 penny and Perry Watson had a 1956 penny. **Oldest Coin:** Gary Del Rosal entered an 1876 Seated Liberty Dime!! And David Scales had a 1918 Mercury Dime.

Raffle:

1st Draw: Eric Watson won a silver dollar!

2nd Draw: Gary Del Rosal won a silver half dollar!

Door Prize: Bonnie Watson won her \$3.00 entry fee back!

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The second meeting of the WBTHA in February was held on Tuesday the 19th at Niki's West Restaurant.

President Joe Box was back from his vacation to Gatlinburg and brought the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with 13 members and 3 guests present. Secretary Bonnie Watson read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS

*Joe Box brought up the WBTHA's website. Eddie Bradley reported the Club's half of the annual fee is \$51.27. The members present voted to pay the fee.

*Joe Box also introduced our "guests". Reggie Rosser had been a member a couple of years ago and is interested in getting involved again. Mike and Judy Harvey were members of the WBTHA for many years. *Eddie Bradley discussed options on the website for putting the Officers' names and their contact information. It was decided to put three contact numbers on the website.

*The Members Only Hunt will be March 8th. We will meet at Cracker Barrel on Highway 119 at 6:00 AM and enjoy a great breakfast! After breakfast we will go to Oak Mountain State Park for the Hunt. The entry fee is \$10.00 per person and each person will bring a prize worth \$15.00 or bring that amount of cash (Note: There is a \$3.00 fee to enter the Park).

*Joe Box reported that Garrett Metal

Detectors will sponsor our Deep South Treasure Hunt again this year. The Garrett logo will be on the flyer and Eddie will put it on the website. *Eddie Bradley also reminded everyone that if they have pictures or articles involving WBTHA members he would like to get a copy for the website.

NEW BUSINESS

*Mike and Judy Harvey rejoined WBTHA tonight!!! Welcome back!! *Bill Glass has received emails from several people asking about our meetings, times, etc. If anyone contacts a member about the Club, meeting times, etc. they can be referred to www.wbtha.com.

THE GAMES

Bingo Coins: 1920, 1942, 1947, 1910, 1933, and 1949.

Joe Clayton had a 1949 penny!

Unique Find: #1 1953 Uncle Sam's Play Dime; #2 1939 Rabies dog tag. #1 was the winner and was found by Gary Del Rosal. #2 was found by Mike Wardlow.

Congrats to both of you!!

Raffle:

1st Draw: Mike Wardlow won a silver dollar!

2nd Draw: Gary Del Rosal won a silver half dollar!

3rd Draw: Perry Watson won a 2007 Red Book!

Door Prize: Perry Watson won his \$3.00 entry fee back!

Mike Wardlow and Perry Watson are going to a coin show in Chattanooga, Tennessee before the next meeting. Joe Clayton made a motion to send them with \$2000.00 of Club money to buy coins for the Deep South Treasure Hunt. The Club will pay 1/3 of their gasoline to compensate for the expense.

*Mike Wardlow had books on several treasure related subjects for sale for a friend. If you are interested in any of the books contact Mike!

*A discussion was held about Hunt fees for the Deep South Treasure Hunt. Due to the continuing increase in the price of silver the entry fees have had to be raised significantly.

*Members present discussed and it

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was decided to add to the flyer that headphones MUST be used and diggers will be restricted to small trowel type diggers. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

REMEMBER, THE MEMBERS ONLY HUNT WILL BE SATURDAY MARCH 8, 2008. WE WILL MEET AT CRACKER BARREL ON HIGHWAY 119 (EXIT 246), JUST OFF I-65 SOUTH. SEE YA THERE!!!

For information about upcoming events visit www.wbtha.com

