

Guests:

Our January guest was Brent Mason; he is Jerry Mason's nephew.

Club News:

The club voluntary contact list will be distributed to its members once it is compiled. "Remember this is for members info only" The club auction will be held at the March meeting and the auctioneer will be Scott Maclane.

Marty's Old Mill Hunt: Unfortunately the farmer will only let Marty take 6 people to the old mill on Saturday & 6 on Sunday. There was a drawing held of the people at the meeting who were interested in going and all slots were filled. This hunt will be held on February 25 & 26, for the lucky members who's names were drawn at the January meeting. Good luck to those who were drawn.

Open Hunt Status: Sandy Point has been confirmed as the hunt site for Saturday, October 7th. Billy Fisher suggested the club buy its silver from club members to help keep the price down as silver prices have skyrocketed. The club discussed raising the price of the hunt but nothing definite was decided.

Closed Hunt Status: The spring club closed hunt dates will be decided at the February meeting. The end of April has been brought up as a possibility.

Marty Pratt spoke to us about asking people if we could metal detect their property and reminded us not to use the word hunt as this puts people off.

Club Business:

Marty put together several lists to be used for our monthly meetings. This was done to take part of the pressure off of the board members to get people at the last minute to do what is needed. The lists included activity lists, food lists, attendance list, open & closed hunt lists. Our activity list will be to list any special activities the club plans such as monthly hunts, etc. The attendance list will give us a record of everyone that attends our meetings. The open & closed hunt lists were for the food and help with the hunts. These were voted on and accepted by the club.



Elections Results 2006

President: Bob Shaffer
Vice President: James Been
Secretary: Albert Medlock
Treasurer: Mike Sell
Board: Stefan Rosario

We had a good turnout for the January meeting and the following were elected as the new MARS club officers. We as a club would like to thank Hank Imwold & Jerry Reese for running the election. They have both done a great job.

Proposed By-Law change:

By law changed as proposed by Jerry Mason. Changes are shown in **RED**.

ARTICLE I -- MEETINGS

Section A – Regular Club Meetings shall be held on a monthly basis. Exceptions for good cause may be made by the President, who may change the meeting date or time of individual meetings by giving advance notice, if and when possible. Meetings may be cancelled with good cause.

Section B - Special meetings or committee meetings may be called by the President or Executive Committee on one week's notice. **Any MARS Club Member (existing board member or non-board member) who is currently in good standing with the club, shall have the right and privilege to attend any special meeting/committee meeting/board meeting/executive meeting in order to present or receive information, regarding any club business that involves that person or those persons(s), and requires the majority approval of those existing board members. Any non-board member who wishes to attend a board meeting shall inform the president or (if applicable), a chosen representative, by submitting written notice or giving verbal notice stating that they wish to attend the next scheduled board meeting. Conversely, if the board wishes to have a non-board member attend any special meetings/committee meetings/board meetings/executive meetings, in order to present or receive information, they should inform that person by submitting written notice or giving verbal notice stating that they wish that person/those persons to attend the next scheduled board meeting. The president or (if applicable), a chosen representative, shall notify the appropriate people/persons of the date, time, and location of the next scheduled meeting.**

This change will be voted on at the February meeting.

The February meeting is Wed. the 22nd. At 7:30PM.

Club dues are now due; please pay them as soon as possible, cutoff will be the March meeting.

We as a club would like to thank Mike Sell & Hank Imwold for all of their work putting together the club Christmas Party. We would also like to thank Jerry Boston for the coin that he gave to the club for the raffle. This gave us two coins for the raffle. We would also like to thank Barney Dolt for the treasure magazines that he brought for members to take. We would like to thank Bob Shaffer Albert Medlock & James Been for bringing the food to the January meeting.

Scott Maclane told us of the raffle for Wayne Otto's children. Wayne Otto was with Outdoor Outfitters and drowned on a metal detector trip. This raffle is to help raise money for Wayne's children's education. They are going to have lots of prizes so be sure to buy some tickets. Scott will be getting some raffle tickets for any that wish to buy them. Remember this is for a good cause.

Congratulations to our monthly winners:

The winners of the board were:

Land: James & Albert tied

War Relics: Scott Preto

Display: Billy Fisher, Wayne Martin, Joe Dinisio & Stefan Rossario 4 way tie

Barney Dolt won the leg of gold

Steve Lokey won the coin raffle

Bill Herman won the 50/50

Norman Will won the book

Food for the February meeting will be provided by John Purcell & Jerry Boston.

I would like to apologize to the members for not having January's board pictures for this newsletter due to my computer being down.

Lost & Found:

Sometimes we as metal detectorist are called on to find valuables for someone. If you are ever asked please do this as it does help to promote our hobby. Mike Sell, Jerry Mason, Barney Dolt & John Gillin were asked to help find a friendship ring and did so. John Gillin found the ring and as you can tell by the pictures made one lady very happy. Thanks guys for helping to promote our hobby.



