

COLORADO SPRINGS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



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AGENDA for Sunday, MAY 12, 2024, 2 PM

GOLD HILL POLICE STATION

COMMUNITY ROOM

955 W. MORENO

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80905

Coffee and pre-packaged snacks will be provided.

You can bring your own drink and snacks if you prefer.

Introduction of guests and new members

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

New Business

Exhibit Talks

Auction

Membership and Door Prizes

Raffle - 1 Prize for every \$45 in Ticket sales. \$1 = One Ticket; \$5 = Six Tickets; \$10 = Twelve Tickets; \$15 = Eighteen Tickets; \$20 – Twenty-four Tickets

Adjourn

**GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ALL OUR REGULAR MEETINGS
ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH @ 2 PM**

MINUTES of the APRIL 14, 2024 Meeting of the
COLORADO SPRINGS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The meeting was held at the Gold Hill Police Station Community Room and called to order by President Steve D. with 19 members present and no guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report, was given which consisted of the Minutes of the April 2024 meeting contained in the May 2024 newsletter. The Treasurer gave his report but also noted that he had made a correction to the balance from the previous month. A motion was made to accept the correction and the current Treasurer report and the Secretary's report. Membership voted and gave their approval for all three motions.

OLD BUSINESS

2024 DUES – CSNS is now collecting 2024 membership dues. Dues are \$10 for individuals, \$5 for Yn's (Young Numismatists are those under the age of 18) and \$20 for a Family (all adults and children in the immediate family). Just a reminder.....if you're mailing in your dues, please use the current mailing address which is CSNS, P.O. Box 60404, Colorado Springs, CO 80960.

Discussion continued regarding a CD for some of the money that is in our club account. Some of the questions concerned the following:

- (1) How much money could be put into a CD
- (2) What our club annual expenses were...which the Treasurer estimated to be About \$1,400.
- (3) Would there be taxes on the profit
- (4) Interest rate & term
- (5) Some options were brought up were \$1,000 CD for 1 year or short term, perhaps for 4 months.

Treasurer explained what might be best would be a \$2,500 CD for 3 months. Membership seemed to like that idea and after some more discussion.....a motion was made

for that CD and was approved. Treasurer will get more information about that particular CD. He has to schedule a time frame that is convenient for himself and the bank officer to discuss what will work best for the club in choosing the right amount, the rate and the term of the CD.

George M. presented a bill for expenses in the amount of \$182.00 which were for door and membership prizes. A motion was made to accept these expenses and was approved for payment from the membership.

“National Coin Week” was held in April & volunteers were needed at the ANA to assist in the ANA Library as well as in the museum.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 SPRINGS COIN SHOW: Our 2024 Springs Coin Show will be held June 21-22 at the Elks Lodge on North Nevada Ave. Set-up will be on Thursday the 20th late afternoon. Volunteers will be needed to set up tables, put out cases & lights & whatever else needs to be done.

CSNS Summer Party: Discussion continues about this CSNS Summer Party. Members like the idea of “Pizza Party” to be held at the Bear Creek Park Pavilion area and on Wednesdays there is music to be heard. City Park & Recreation should be contacted regarding a reservation.....date & time and probably the number of members attending this event. July is not far off.....it is necessary, if we do intend to have this “Pizza Party” ...date & time has to be decided & reservations made for it.

CSCC / CSNS Annual Christmas Party. This year’s event will be hosted by CSCC. It has already been scheduled for December 10th (2nd Tuesday) from 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm) at the Golden Corral...the same location as last year (Powers & Waynoka).

EXHIBITS

- 1) Steve D., after discussing the recent total solar eclipse and describing how he went to southern Illinois to view it, showed pictures. The numismatic connection? A couple of favorite coin types feature the “sun”. First, the \$20 St. Gaudens, which is the next coin up in the historical order for Steve’s gold type set; however, Steve showed the other such coin, the Walking Liberty half dollar, which shows what is supposed to be a rising sun (but is portrayed on the left side, which customarily is used for setting suns). This particular coin is a MS-67+ with a CAC green bean. Steve pointed out that the green bean only means that CAC agrees it is an MS67 (they don’t render an opinion on the +). However, a CAC Grading holder in MS67+ would mean that CAC agrees it is a 67+. Steve told about the coin having been submitted to CAC Grading at that grade and it not crossing; it was returned to him at the National Money Show.

- 2) George M. displayed “ A Guide to Cleaning Coins” authored by J.E. Buford, St Louis, Mo. This book had what looked like a 1961 copyright and may have been a 1st edition. Even though, this book is a guide to cleaning coins.... You’ll most likely hear the advice.....”Never Clean A Coin”...unless, you know what you’re doing!

- 3) Bob C. displayed some beautiful cross-stitched artwork that his wife had done. One of them was called “Starry Night”, framed and in shades of blue, and the picture is from an art piece by Van Gogh...This famous artist, born in 1853 in the Netherlands. He had quite a life...not just painting, but also various jobs including an art dealer; however, there appeared to be a “darkness” in his life so he turned to religion....and became a clergyman and just wanted solitude for himself. He continued painting, using dark colors & heavy brushstrokes. Then his technique changed as well as his subjects (outdoors, still life & bright colors). Cypress trees appear in many of his paintings....symbolic in “Starry Night”. Van Gogh suffered from psychotic episodes and delusions...he worried about his mental stability, drank heavily. His friendship with the artist, Gauguin, after a confrontation with a razor and in a rage, he severed his left ear. He entered a psychotic hospital for awhile and then was discharged. In 1889 he did a self portrait of himself...then later on, he took a revolver and shot himself in the chest and died two days later.....July 29, 1890 at the age of 37 years old.

- 4) Larry F. gave an interesting presentation about Samuel Clemens, known by the pen name of Mark Twain. He was an American writer, humorist and essayist and was praised as the “greatest humorist the United States” has produced. Twain was raised in Hannibal, Mo, which later provided the setting for both “Tom Sawyer” and “Huckleberry Finn”. Twain served an apprenticeship with a printer early in his career, worked as a typesetter and then moved on to being a riverboat pilot on the Mississippi river. Later on, he tried mining; however, that didn’t turn out as well as he had expected, so he turned to journalism. His first achieved success as a writer was the humorous story “The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County” in 1865. This short story brought him international attention. Some of the items displayed were a commemorative silver dollar, stamps, cigar label, and medallion art of Mark Twain / Huck Finn as well a movie recording of “The Prince & the Pauper”.

APRIL EXHIBIT WINNERS

FIRST PLACE:	BOB C.
SECOND PLACE:	STEVE D.
THIRD PLACE:	LARRY F.

AUCTION

13 ITEMS WERE PLACED IN THE AUCTION
6 ITEMS WERE SOLD

APRIL PRIZE WINNERS

Membership Prize:	Dave
Door prizes:	Steve, Tricia, George, Barbara, Wayne
Raffle prize:	Barbara

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara T.

OTHER NUMISMATIC NEWS:

COLORADO SPRINGS COIN CLUB MEETINGS:

4th Tuesday of the month 6:30 – 8:30 PM Mountain Time at the Fraternal
Order of Eagles, 1050 S. 21st St, Colorado Springs, Co 80905

COLORADO COIN SHOWS:

DENVER COIN EXPO
MAY 8TH – 11th, 2024

SPRINGS COIN SHOW
JUNE 21ST – 22nd, 2024