

# THE DIXIE DIGGERS

## WARRIOR BASIN TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION (WBTHA)

The first meeting of the WBTHA in November was held on the 5th at Niki's West Restaurant. The meeting was brought to order by President David Scales at 7:30 PM with 17 members present. Secretary Bonnie Watson read the minutes from the October 1st meeting, and the notes taken by Lawrence McKelvey at the October 15 meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

### OLD BUSINESS

\*Mike Wardlow reminded the members present that the WBTHA membership had decided to have one meeting each month for general metal detecting discussion, and the other meeting is for discussing the Deep South Treasure Hunt (DSTH). All members present agreed we needed to get back to that format.

\*David Scales reported on FMDAC Convention. Included was the new direction of the FMDAC, which is moving in the right direction. Mark Schuessler is the new President. Art Di Filippo is the Regional Director for the South Region (the one we are in).

\*Members present discussed that we need to send a check to Smith Lake Park for use of the grounds and pavilion.

### NEW BUSINESS

\*Mike Harvey sent out an email asking if anyone had Civil War relics they wanted to sell. He received a reply just before the FMDAC Convention. A decision had to be made immediately. Since David Scales, Joe Box, Mike Wardlow, Mike Harvey, Judy Harvey, Joe Clayton, Jim Self, and Lawrence McKelvey were in Knoxville, at the FMDAC Convention, they represented a quorum of members. A vote was taken and it was agreed to buy the relics.

David explained that he was letting the whole membership know

about what took place, because WBTHA is everyone's Club, and he wanted everyone to know how and why a decision was made. Additionally, he told the members present if anyone has relics they would like to sell the Club, bring them to the November 19th meeting.

\*Jim Shipman, Jim Wilson, and Don Wilbanks went back to Smith Lake Park after the DSTH. They found a lot of big holes left in the fields. They covered the holes the best they could. This prompted a discussion about the way targets are buried. They should be buried one target per hole, with the target flat and not on edge, and not buried deeper than a half inch or an inch.

\*There was also a discussion of how to best advertise for the DSTH. Everyone was encouraged to let it be known if they have an idea about how we can improve our advertising efforts.

\*A long discussion was held about how to increase the attendance for the DSTH.

### THE GAMES

*Bingo Coins:* 1923, 1956, 1920, 1915, 1930, and 1924 (for the money). Perry Watson had a 1956 penny.

*Oldest Coin:* Mike Wardlow won with an 1885 Indian Head penny.

### THE RAFFLE

1st Draw: Jan Bradley won a 1922 Peace dollar.

2nd Draw: Pat De Santis won a 1986 mint set.

3rd Draw: Jim Shipman won a Loop set.

### THE MARBLE GAME

Jan Bradley won the chance to draw a marble, and she drew a clear marble.

David Scales reported the Club did not win anything in the fund rais-

ing raffle.

Members present were reminded to bring their relics they want to sell, to the November 19th meeting.

There being nothing further for the good of the meeting, adjourned at 8:43 PM.

The second meeting of the WBTHA in November was held on the 19th, at Niki's West Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by President David Scales at 7:25 PM with 8 members present. Secretary Bonnie Watson was unable to attend because of dental work she had undergone. Mike Wardlow made a motion we forego the reading of the minutes, and this motion passed.

### NEW BUSINESS

\*Treasurer Joe Box was not present and no checks had been sent to pay members for the relics they brought to sell to the Club. Relics will be tabled until the December 3rd meeting.

\*David Scales gave a report on the latest DIV. It was very interesting and it led to a discussion of past DIVs that other members attended.

### OLD BUSINESS

\*David Scales called Smith Lake Park and we still haven't sent them a check. We need to send them a \$100.00 check.

### THE GAMES

Unique Find: #1 Bahama Islands 1966 25 cent piece; #2 Hardwick Lumber Company 10 cent token; #3 1918 Birmingham Chauffer's badge; #4 Artilleryman cuff button (Civil War). There was a 4 way tie, so each number was put on a separate strip of paper, and placed in a hat. The number drawn out of the hat was #1, so this was the

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winner. #1 was entered by Jim Shipman; #2 was entered by Tony Nassef; #3 was entered by Mike Wardlow; #4 was entered by David Scales. Congrats to all four of you for great finds!

*Bingo Coins:* 1913, 1934, 1911, 1933, 1916 (for the money), 1924. No matches this time.

### Raffle

1st Draw: Bill Glass won an 1884 Morgan silver dollar.

2nd Draw: Lawrence McKelvey won a Loop Set.

### The Marble Game

Perry Watson won the opportunity to pull a marble out of the bag, and he pulled out a clear marble.

There being nothing further for the good of the meeting, adjourned at 8:06 PM.

### 2013

WBTHA Meetings/Events upcoming:

December 3rd WBTHA Meeting. (Last meeting of 2013).

December 25th Christmas!

### 2014

January 1st New Years Day!

January 6th WBTHA Meeting.

January 20th WBTHA Meeting.

