

THE DIXIE DIGGERS

WARRIOR BASIN TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION (WBTHA)

There was only one meeting of WBTHA in December. It was held on Monday the 5th to accommodate Niki's West Restaurant and their Christmas parties. The meeting was brought to order by President David Scales at 7:24 PM with 8 members present. The minutes of the November 11th meeting were read by Lawrence McKelvey from the Newsletter notes. The minutes were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

*Mike Wardlow reported on the bullets he and President Scales purchased at the Civil War Show in Franklin, TN. \$210.00 was spent for bullets.

*The election of officers was conducted. The results were: President: David Scales Vice President: Mike Wardlow (very close race with Don Wilbanks) Treasurer: Joe Box Secretary: Lawrence McKelvey All were unopposed except for Vice President.

*Treasurer Joe Box reported all Club debts have been paid.

NEW BUSINESS

*President Scales the Piney Woods Relic Hunt sponsored by the East Texas Treasure Hunters Association will be held March 11, 2017 in Longview, Texas.

THE GAMES

Bingo Coin: 1955, 1918, 1911, 1958 (for the money), 1946, and 1921 .

Perry Watson had a 1958 penny, and won one dollar cash.

Oldest Coin: Mike Wardlow had an 1904 V nickel to win. Perry Watson had a 1944 penny.

RAFFLE

1st Draw: Mike Wardlow won a 1921 Morgan silver dollar.

2nd Draw: Lawrence McKelvey won a keychain flashlight.

3rd Draw: Don Wilbanks won a keychain flashlight.

MARBLE GAME

Archie Trahan won the opportunity to draw a marble. Since Archie was not present Secretary Bonnie Watson drew for him. She drew a clear marble.

There being nothing further for the good of the meeting, adjourned at 7:57 PM.

As is usual for this time of year when we do not have two meetings in December, this second section will be dedicated to reminding ourselves of how we should conduct ourselves in the field to protect our hobby. The following is borrowed from the FMDAC website:

I WILL ALWAYS CHECK FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL LAWS BEFORE SEARCHING. IT IS MY RE-

SPONSIBILITY TO "KNOW THE LAW".

I WILL RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WILL NOT ENTER PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE OWNER'S PERMISSION. WHERE POSSIBLE, SUCH PERMISSION WILL BE IN WRITING.

I WILL TAKE CARE TO REFILL ALL HOLES AND TRY NOT TO LEAVE ANY DAMAGE.

I WILL REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ANY AND ALL TRASH AND LITTER THAT I FIND.

I WILL APPRECIATE AND PROTECT OUR INHERITANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.

I WILL AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE HOBBY, USE THOUGHTFULNESS, CONSIDERATION AND COURTESY AT ALL TIMES.

I WILL WORK TO HELP BRING UNITY TO OUR HOBBY BY WORKING WITH ANY ORGANIZATION OF ANY GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT MAY HAVE PROBLEMS THAT WILL LIMIT THEIR ABILITY TO PEACEFULLY PURSUE THE

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HOBBY.

I WILL LEAVE GATES AS FOUND.

I WILL BUILD FIRES IN DESIGNATED OR SAFE PLACES ONLY.

I WILL REPORT TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO ENTER AND OR REMOVE ARTIFACTS FROM FEDERAL PARKS OR STATE PRESERVES.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 1, 2017 New Years Day

January 3, 2017 WBTHA meeting. 7:30 PM Niki's West Restaurant.

January 17, 2017 WBTHA meeting. 7:30 PM Niki's West Restaurant.

February 7, 2017 WBTHA meeting. 7:30 PM Niki's West Restaurant.

February 21, 2017 WBTHA meeting. 7:30 PM Niki's West Restaurant.



