

## **Minutes of the MTHA Zoom Meeting, February 28, 2021**

Recorded by Stepper Camilleis

Scott, Rick and Mark gave us updates on their medical conditions and that they are all doing better now than they were two weeks ago. Sandi is doing much better after having had her cataract surgery.

Glenn Godwin came up with the idea of the next Zoom contest being a posting of a favorite piece of metal detecting apparel.

Dave Rockwell showed us a Mexican 8-reales coin he found dated 1876, and was provided detailed information. Similarly, Stepper showed us an 1825 Mexican 1-reale of the same design, this being the first year of the Mexican Republic.

Mark Roberts showed us a donation from longtime member and Club founder Jack Beth. This consisted of a 1780 Mexican 2-reales coin that was salvaged from the wreck of the El Cazador, a ship carrying bulk in silver coin sufficient for the purchase of the Louisiana Territory from the French in 1803. The El Cazador was discovered on August 2, 1993, in over 300 feet of water, some 50 miles southeast of Louisiana. Kudos to Jack for his donation, and for Mark for sharing this great story! Mark also showed up an "Adults Only" peep show token he had detected.

Aidan Shea found four rings in the last two weeks, two gold and two silver. The two silver rings were lost together and bore red stones. Aidan also mentioned having given away a litter of several of his kittens. Scott spoke of how his late wife lost her diamond ring which did not have any identification inscribed.

Sandi helped Stepper with a technical issue he's been having with his Zoom audio fading out and reverberating. Sandi indicated that Stepper likely has this problem due to insufficient bandwidth.

Stepper was the winner of the "run-in contest" with his story of how he was detecting a site where an elderly lady who had given him permission to detect it had Alzheimer's Disease and had forgotten she had just met Stepper an hour and a half earlier!

Club contest winners for February 15-28:

1<sup>st</sup> – Kent Blethen / 18K gold chain with 10K pendant

2<sup>nd</sup> – Judi Batchelder / 1800s gilt button

3<sup>rd</sup> – Judi Batchelder / c. 1830s Union Infantry button

Silver Raffles:

1<sup>st</sup> – Bob O'Neill, 2<sup>nd</sup> – John McGillicuddy forwarded to Aidan Shea, 3<sup>rd</sup> – John McGillicuddy again

\$10 Bill Raffles:

Stepper Camilleis (2x), Glenn Godwin, Mary McCue, Mark Roberts

1926-D Standing Liberty quarter winner – Sandi Gilardi

Steel cent drawing – Susan (last name ?) - didn't win

50/50 raffle – John McGillicuddy, \$70