

COLORADO SPRINGS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY



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AGENDA for Sunday, OCTOBER 9, 2022, 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 September 11, 2022 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 George M. with 13 members and 4 guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report, which consists of the Minutes of the August 2022 meeting contained in the September 2022 newsletter was approved without discussion or modification.

Treasurer was not in attendance; however, the Secretary had been given the Treasurer's report and that was read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

2022 Dues – CSNS will continue collecting 2022 dues that are due.

Dues are \$10 for Individuals, \$5 for YNs (Young Numismatists are those under 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 P.O. Box 60404, Colorado Springs, CO 80960

There was some discussion regarding the combined clubs' Christmas Party to be held in December. There's still talk about it being a "pot luck"; however, it looks like the "Golden Corral" Restaurant is opening for business probably on or around Oct. 17th . There was discussion among the members at CSCC meeting 9/27 about having our party there instead of having it at the Eagles as a "pot luck" with the meat being catered by a business in Monument. Nothing has been decided yet; however, CSCC plans on having members vote about the location at their October 25th meeting. The date for our Christmas Party will be December 6th (1st Tuesday of the month).

Steve D. had brought up the issue of the ANA Stipend for the "Money Show" that had been received by CSCC back in March of this year. The stipend of \$2,500 less expenses would be shared equally between the two clubs. It was brought to the Secretary's

attention that the disbursement to CSNS had not been done. The Secretary had an expense statement that she read and the amount to CSNS was \$1,032.62. The stipend disbursement was approved. The check was made out; however, the Treasurer was not in attendance so the check remained with the Secretary until the following meeting in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

SEPTEMBER EXHIBIT

1. George M. gave a presentation of a rare Confederate Half Dollar Re-strike. In 1861, all U.S. Mints in the states which comprised the Confederate States of America were confiscated by the Confederacy at the New Orleans Mint....87% of all U.S. 1861-O half dollars were minted by the Confederacy. The Director of the New Orleans Mint under the Confederacy caused a design to be created & then engraved into a die for a Confederate Half Dollar. Only four pieces were struck (these on a hand press) and they bore the same obverse (or front) as the 1861-O U.S. Half Dollar. This is the only Confederate coin bearing an image designed by the Confederate Officials & produced within the Confederate States. Only 4 were ever made! This is the rarest Confederate coin that exists & its' price today (for one of the original 4) could quite easily be as much as one hundred thousand dollars! The original die & the 4 original strikes have been lost to public view & private access. This is a totally authentic Re-strike produced directly from the 1861-O Half Dollar obverse & the Confederate reverse.
2. Bob C. gave a presentation of the Great Sand Dunes National Monument located in the Sangre de Cristo mountain range and these dunes rise 700 ft above the valley floor, making them the tallest sand dunes in North America. The park was originally designated "Great Sand Dunes National Park" on 3/17/43 by President Herbert Hoover was 35,528 acres. Later on, there was a boundary change & re-designation as a National Park & Preserve to protect an an additional 41,686 acres. These sand dunes are best viewed in summer. There are two mountain streams that capture sand. Medano Creek is the most recognized and is often referred to as "Colorado National Beach". These creeks are seasonal and do disappear at times. The dunes are always changing...winds come from different directions continuing moving the sand. There were once, small lakes in the valley but over geologic time periods, sediments from surrounding mountains filled the valley and the lakes within the valley receded. Not only is it great to visit these sand dunes in the daytime but many people go at night just to view the beautiful stars. The Sand Dunes is a must "go-to destination" not only for tourists, but for Coloradans as well. Bob also displayed a 5-oz.silver coin and literature. In 2014, the quarter (National Park) was released. Bob and his wife were there at the park at that time and were able to buy a roll of these quarters.
3. Larry F. showed the membership a complete set of (4) Westward Ho "Closed

Casino" silver strikes dedicated to (4) great legends of professional wrestlers of the "old" AWA (American Wrestling Association). These 4 commemoratives shown were of Greg Valentine....known as "The Hammer", Vachone as "Mad Dog", Verne Gagne as "The Crusher" and Jesse Ventura known as "The Body"...who wrestled with Verne Gagne. Later on, Ventura decided to leave the world of wrestling and dive into politics and surprised many people by becoming Governor of Minnesota.

4. Milt N. showed and spoke about a 1932 Washington Quarter & a 1932 Lincoln Cent, both of them in XF condition.....also, was there a \$10 1932 coin.....all of these from the depression.
5. Steve D's interesting presentation was about U.S. government paper money as we know it today started in 1862, as a response to the Civil War. "Legal Tender" notes were essentially unbacked by anything except confidence that the government would finally make good on them. Legal tender notes in fact existed all the way through the two dollar bills (and at least some \$100 bills) of the 60's. The note that Steve showed was a series 1869 \$1. Although the front print would be used a few more times, the back is unique to this series; also unique to this series was the colored background on the front. Series 1869 Legal Tender notes (of all denominations) are known as "Rainbow Notes" because of the coloration. It's that coloration that has made Steve decide to want to collect that one series. It should be relatively affordable through \$10 notes (the \$2 is the most expensive of that group); above that, prices rise sharply, so that puts a limit on his ambitions.
6. Gary had put together 4 sets of beautiful Silver Eagles for the membership to see. It has taken him quite some time to accomplish this and he has done this for family members. The collection was from 1986 – 2021.

SEPTEMBER Winning Presentation was Bob C.

AUCTION

14 Lots were available

10 Lots were sold

SEPTEMBER PRIZES

Membership Prize: John G.

Door prizes: George M., John G., Larry F., Kristen W., Frank T.

Raffle prize: No Raffle

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara T.

OTHER NUMISMATIC NEWS:

COLORADO SPRINGS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY MEETINGS:

BEGINNING WITH OUR APRIL 10TH MEETING, WE WILL BE RETURNING TO THE GOLD HILL POLICE STATION "COMMUNITY ROOM" FOR OUR FUTURE MEETINGS THE 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 2 -4 PM MOUNTAIN TIME.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

THE DENVER COIN EXPO WILL BE HELD OCT. 12 – 15, 2022 AT THE NATIONAL WESTERN COMPLEX, 4655 HUMBOLDT STREET, DENVER, CO 80216