

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
March 26, 2014

Board Meeting

President Herb Miles called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Board members present: Stephen Huston, Bill Hyder, Jerry Schimmel, Bill Hyder, and Ed Treuting.

Members present included: Michael Wehner, Lew Robinson, and Chris Donaldson.

Minutes of Previous Meeting were approved via email.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$11,835.16 on March 26, 2014.

The Recorder will review membership lists and join dates for the next meeting, along with members who have not yet paid their dues.

New member requests received from Dan Wildon of Carson City, Nevada and Blake Rotter of San Francisco were approved.

The board favored holding another afternoon banquet at Herb's in lieu of a restaurant banquet as we did last year.

The paper call is out in the March bulletin.

Discussion continued on alternative meeting locations with no good alternatives reviewed.

Discussion also continued on a White Elephant auction to raise funds. The decision was to issue a call for donations by the July meeting. We will combine donations from Jerry Schimmel, remaining PPIE items (mostly paper ephemera and books), and member donations. Bill and Jerry will coordinate to list the items and minimum bids in the August bulletin. Mail bids will be accepted through the day before the September meeting. Donations may be brought to a meeting or mailed to Jerry Schimmel's address. The theme shall be Numismatics and Expositions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

General Meeting

President Miles called the meeting to order at 7:50.

Members present included: Stephen Huston, Bill Hyder, Jerry Schimmel, Chris Donaldson, Michael Wehner, Scott Annechino, Ed Treuting, Herb Miles, and Lew Robinson,

Guests included Carl MA McCarden, Sr.

Members present agreed to a barbeque in June, date to be set at the April meeting.

Michael Wehner presented his talk: San Francisco Gold Rush Tokens.

The earliest San Francisco tokens are generally identified as those of the Joseph Brothers and N.J. Hyman, similar pieces in style and fabric. Michael used early city directories, newspapers, and other published reports to answer the question to his satisfaction.

While the dates of businesses appearing on tokens can be determined with some precision from the original sources, the exact date of actual token manufacture and use cannot be precisely determined. Addresses mentioned on tokens can restrict the date range when they are used.

Excluding the token that inspired his search, the earliest San Francisco pieces are J. T. Jones countermarked pieces from the Blue Wing Saloon circa 1852-1856. The most interesting example of the countermark is found on an 1851 U.S. Assay Office Humbert \$50 gold slug. Bernhart & Jacoby pieces likely date to the same 1852-1856 period. The Joseph Brothers pieces would come next in the 1854 to 1860 period. The N. J. Hyman—who worked for the Joseph Brothers at one point—probably date to the 1870s. Other identified early pieces are all post 1860.

Michael focused on one piece tentatively assigned to San Francisco or Latin America, the Mauduit & Comp. half dollar token for the Cercle de San-Francisco. Michael found a July 1850 article in *Household Words, A Weekly Journal* edited by Charles Dickens reporting on a proposed French gambling establishment planned for to open in San Francisco on December 31, 1850. It is likely the business opened in 1851 even if it did not survive long making the token the earliest recorded for Gold Rush San Francisco.

Exhibits:

Ed Treuting shared the 2013 limited edition San Francisco silver proof set.

Jerry Schimmel shared a uniface cent with the question as to whether it was a mint error or an actual uniface cent. Actual uniface pieces will exhibit a wavy, convex, or concave surface and flow lines from the pressure. Jerry's piece had parallel lines indicating it was a planed surface for inserting into a magician's nickel.

Scott Annechino exhibited an MS66RD Katanga 1961 1 Franc and an MS64RD 5 Francs.

Lew Robinson exhibited seven western tokens including a Buffalo Bill souvenir from Cody, WY; a slot machine token; Green River Whiskey token; and a 1910 Ohio River Valley Exposition medal.

Chris Donaldson shared a high relief medal with the bust of Handel manufactured by Pinches of London.

Carl McCarden shared sets of Buffalo Nickels and Lincoln Cents.

Bill Hyder exhibited a silver-plated example of the 1896 NSGW Stockten Admissions Day medal and an 1894 National Guard of California Marksman Badge.

Raffle:

Chris Donaldson won a 1700-1800 World Coins Catalog, a Colorado Springs Coin Show print, and a Russian medal.

Ed Treuting won a PPIE Opening Day Badge and a silver round.

Bill Hyder won a French art medal and a German art medal.

Chris Donaldson won four silver spoons and several stacks of books.

Carl McCarden won a stack of books.

The general membership meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.