



Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

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Minutes of the PCNS Meetings of July 27, 2016

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Board Meeting

President Bill Hyder called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Officers present: Bill Hyder (President), Stephen Huston (Recorder), Governors Jason Macario, Bob Somers, and Herb Miles (Past President), along with member Dan Hipple (Curator/Archivist). VP Mary Lannin and Governor Ed Treuting both emailed regrets in advance of the meeting.

Minutes of the May meetings and June BBQ were accepted as amended via email. The Financial Reports were accepted without discussion.

Our deep satisfaction with the June BBQ hosted by the Hipples was discussed.

Papers Contest: Medals were distributed either to the winners or to Dan Hipple to mail to non-attending authors.

Herb Miles submitted bills for his expenses: \$74.41 for mailing of the packages of medals and papers to our 2015 Corporate Sponsors, and \$35 for prizes for tonight's drawing. Both were approved, and Recorder Huston issued a check for \$109.41.

This short Board Meeting was adjourned after just 8 minutes at 7:15pm.

General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 by President Hyder. In addition to those at the Board meeting, attendees included members Mark Wm Clark and Michael Wehner, and two guests: Marybeth and Audrey Grass, collectors visiting from the Phoenix, Arizona area.

Program

President William D. Hyder: *The Santa Cruz Venetian Water Carnival 1895–1896*

Bill noted that his interest in the topic had been piqued by chancing upon an unlisted so-called dollar for this event, started in 1895. The Venetian Water Carnival was a money-raising event to help businesses rebuild following the Santa Cruz fire of 1894, which had destroyed the downtown area. Part of the plan was to refurbish the town's water supply, which had been allowed to deteriorate to where the cisterns were not working to fight fires!

Though the event itself lost money, it brought income to local businesses by drawing large numbers of visitors to the event for many days. Sponsor J.P Smith promised to underwrite the event's losses if the town would approve holding it at least another year, which was approved.

Bill showed examples of the printed programs, badges and ribbons sold by school children, and even paper share certificates which were sold for \$1 per share to raise money. It's unclear whether the Shares were intended to have any redemption value, but they have not survived in quantity.

Smith's daughter was named Queen of the 1895 event, which may have had something to do with her daddy funding the project.

The Coastal Rail Road ran from San Francisco to Santa Cruz to make attendance easier from more populous areas. A so-called Dollar was struck by Moise of San Francisco, but it's unclear how these were marketed. Metal Badges were sold for both years in several designs, and Bill had examples of quite a few varieties.

The Santa Cruz Boardwalk area was a continuing reminder of these carnivals, and it continued to have parades reminiscent of the Carnival into the 1960s.

We then had a break, during which our guests distributed wooden nickels for the 2016 Phoenix Coin Club Show. Unlike most wooden nickels, these were not only multi-colored but also individually serial numbered with a total of 999 pieces issued.

Member Exhibits

Mark — several rare Philippine Guerrilla notes, 1938 Central American Olympics medal, and a 1964 medal for the 50th Anniversary of the Panama Canal opening.

Michael — Virginia state medal honoring Major General Winfield H. Scott for his role in 1846 Mexican War (a huge bronze medal)

Bob — 2019 dated "Concept Dollar" by Daniel Carr for Astronaut commemorative, struck over a Native American Dollar coin

Jason — a nice high-grade 1906-S half dollar coin, previously missing from his SF Earthquake year collection.

Herb — Mechanics' Institute Medal, and a fob from the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition

Dan — 1962 striking of Pistrucci's Waterloo Victory medal, and a 1932 PCNS 200th Meeting Medal he repatriated from an European seller. Also 1920 and 1948 Swiss Shooting certificat issues.

Drawing

Winners included Mark, Bill, and Bob, with half of the prizes immediately passed along to our youngest guest, Audrey Grass.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9pm.

Submitted by Stephen Huston, PCNS Recorder