

HIGHLAND LAKES METAL DETECTING CLUB

MINUTES

OCTOBER 7, 2023

16 people were present.

Motion made by Earl to approve last month's minutes. 2nd by Tom. Motion carried.

Motion made by Cindy to approve last month's treasurer report posted on website. 2nd by Robert. Motion carried. Treasurer was absent.

September hunt at the county park was attended by 13. Several items were found. Tom spoke on the Port Aransas hunt, 8 members present. Some good items were found. Some good times enjoyed by all. If you want to post your found items on the website, get with Tom. Some discussion on when and where to do the coastal hunts. Best times being after a hurricane or spring break. South Padre is ok to hunt on beach. Beaches run by county are ok to hunt. State parks, no hunting.

Club Hunt Committee Report: Tom and Earl are discussing a location and date. Some ideas were at Quarry Park Event Center in Granite Shoals after festivals, various parks located within Granite Shoals and possibly Hailey Nelson Park. Info will be posted when available.

Some discussion on discrimination of targets and depths. When to discriminate and when not to discriminate. Also, on certain types of coils available for certain metal detectors.

Old Business: There are still some club shirts available, various sizes and prices. Get with Gary B.

Officer elections coming up in December. Please consider serving on the board. Gary B. will be stepping down as president. But plans to stay involved with the club as much as possible. Thank you, Gary, for such good leadership.

New Business: Llano Railroad Museum, asking if we want to do a hunt east of museum, on museum property. The museum would have first choice on keeping any items that may be found.

Earl Theiss was speaking on "Finding History with a Metal Detector". It was a very informative power point and presentation. Lots of discussion about how to find and research areas to search in. Including the use of libraries, books, maps, computers, and local history and folklore legends. Be sure to obtain permission to hunt, we do have some permission forms and documents to print off on our website if needed. Learn to photo your treasure finds, especially if you cannot keep them. Be prepared with the appropriate tools needed to dig whatever area and terrain you will be in and know what type of material you are looking for. Lots of discussion on where to search in an old homestead from attic down to basement and where to hunt around the exterior of an old homestead, fencerows, shaded areas under large trees

where old timers would sit and visit. Clotheslines, steps, foundation stones, and holes in trees where something could have been hidden. Also, it helps to look for old pathways, trails and knowing the local history around the area. Remember, treasure is anything found that is special to the finder. Not always gold, silver or monetary items. Also learn to keep what you find and the whereabouts as quiet as possible, or you may not be able to find anything there again. Kind of like fishermen, they keep their best fishing holes secret!

There were several items on the show and tell table, being shared. Several prizes were raffled off.

Motion made to adjourn by Gary and 2nd by Earl. Meeting adjourned at noon.

Submitted by Peggy Theiss in absence of Betty G., secretary.