

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
March 27, 2013

Board Meeting

President Stephen Huston called the board meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Board members present included: Stephen Huston, Bill Hyder, Dan Hipple, and Ed Treuting.

Members present included: David Somers.

The secretary's report was accepted as sent via email.

The Treasurer's Report showed total receipts of \$180.59 and expenditures of \$55.80 between February 27 and March 27. The balance of all funds on the 27th was \$12,769.43.

The board discussed Federico Castillo's offer to host a BBQ at his home for the annual banquet. The discussion was tabled until the general meeting to receive broader input.

Stephen Huston reported that the web had produced requests for contacting Jerry Schimmel and requests for Robert Chandler articles on Wells Fargo medals. Stephen also reported current problems with ANA hosting for our website. Changing monthly VPN requirements were creating difficulties with uploading new content.

The annual paper call has been distributed and promotion is in progress.

We again discussed several possible meeting locations during the America's Cup and possibly beyond that date with no final decision. Location, room size, and available parking were all considerations discussed.

Bill Hyder will be the speaker in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:40.

Members present included: Stephen Huston, Bill Hyder, Ed Treuting, Michael Wehner, David Somers, Dan Hipple, Jerry Schimmel, Federico Castillo, Mark William Clark, and Catz Fortzman. Guests included John Jencek.

The members present discussed Federico Castillo's invitation to an afternoon barbeque in place of the annual banquet. We would provide a variety of grilled items and grilled vegetables for those who prefer no meat. He does have a small dog if that

is a problem for any members. We decided on a \$25 per person rate, almost half of the banquet costs. Moneys will be sent to the recorder with a confirming email to the recorder and Federico for planning purposes.

John Jencek presented his talk, **Roman Republican Coins**. John presented a basic overview of the history of Republican coinage and brought a number of representative samples for members to examine. The Greeks early coinage efforts were intended to facilitate their extensive trade links around 600 to 700 B.C. These early coins were made of electrum, a mix of gold and silver that some think was a natural occurring alloy. By 450 B.C., Greek coins had become artistic works of art intended to demonstrate the prestige of the issuer as well as facilitating trade.

Romans at this time were using the Aes rude, rough bronze ingots, from the 6th Century through the 4th Century B.C. Cast bronze bars, Aes signatum, with designs replaced the crude ingots in the 3rd Century. The Aes grave, a large bronze cast coin appeared after 289 B.C. with a Janus head and a ship prow as obverse and reverse designs. These were still tokens of value as no actual value was printed on them. The first silver Roman didrachms were struck around 235 B.C. when Rome acquired large amounts of gold and silver in tribute from Carthage following the first Punic War. The first gold coins were likely struck around the time of the second Punic War.

The first silver denarius was struck around 218 B.C. and the silver standard remained relatively stable and endured for nearly 400 years. Designs changed with different moneymakers and political events. The series includes a range of artistic and political expression making for an interesting series to collect.

Exhibits included:

David Somers shared five and ten dollar star notes released by the government as part of a special Millennium set of coins and currency.

Stephen Huston shared a bronze Egyptian coin tariffed as a silver drachm, hence its large size.

Dan Hipple exhibited a 1932 silver proof medal commemorating the German ship Niobe and an 1888 Frederick of Prussia death thaler. He also displayed a set of early copies of the 1796 Castorland medal.

Bill Hyder exhibited a set of Celtic coins made near Paris along with their Roman Republican prototypes.

Catz Forsman displayed a 2007 Mongolian commemorative featuring a Wolverine.

Michael Wehner exhibited a 1939 SF/NY world's fair medal from Argentina featuring a wine press. He also shared an 1890 San Francisco Chronicle so-called dollar.

Mark William Clark shared an 1895 Argentinian Essay coin, El Salvador coins struck at San Francisco and Philadelphia, and a large medal struck in 1960. He also displayed a check from a San Francisco bank for a hydraulic mining company located in North Bloomfield.

Federico Castillo shared a Mexico token probably issued for clearing a field, a 1929 Costa Rica five centavo, and two Italian medals.

Jerry Schimmel exhibited three early San Francisco badges including a homemade badge for the 1915 PPIE and an 1874 BDFGA badge with the name William Dunphy. The meaning of BDFGA remains unsolved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.