

HIDALGO COIN CLUB MINUTES

July 13, 2015

The Hidalgo Coin Club meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by club president, Raul Gonzalez followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The general membership count was 113 with 46 members attending with 2 visitors. Nine (9) door prizes were given out.

President Raul Gonzalez announced that the gold coins drawing tickets for our fall show are available for purchase. The price is 2 dollars per ticket or 40 dollars for a book of twenty tickets. He reminded the membership that Hidalgo Coin Club members are able to purchase a book of tickets for 35 dollars, for a savings of 5 dollars per book. The prizes are as follows 1. 1/10 oz. Gold Am. Eagle , 2. Mexican Cinco (\$5) Pesos 3. 1/4 oz. Gold Am. Eagle and the Grand Prize is a 1927 \$20 Gold Double Eagle St. Gaudens. He reminded everyone that our fall show will be held October 31 and November 1st . He also reminded everyone that our winter show will be the week of Jan 30 & 31st and that we would not be in conflict with Super Bowl weekend. He also discussed the Friday night show of July 17th. He reported that our layout for our August meeting would be different so we could view and vote for the winner of our coin design contest and encourage all to attend as the general membership would vote for the winner. He announced that the council had approved the purchase of a new P.A. system that he was using as well a new projector and screen that we would use at our next meeting so we could judge the coin designs. He also announced that we were donating a small projector to the youth club. He thanked Brent Garza for the text blast and Rene De La Garza for the newspaper articles.

Vice-President Douglas Jenkins reported that the youth group will meet at the Lark Center on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays between 2:00p-5:00p.m. The next meeting is July 25, 2015. Donations are needed for both clubs in the way of red books/2006 till now, foreign coins, folders, album, magazines, etc for collectors.

The secretary's reports may be viewed online at www.hidalgocoinclub.com.

The treasurer's report of last month's balance was \$5, 519.02 after expenses; deposit was made of \$746.31 for new memberships, Friday night table and meeting auctions. Payments were made for \$92.23 for office supplies, 124.98 for small projector and screen, 25.00 for TNA tokens, 50.00 for Cricket phone, service for June/July, 155.00 for the P.A. system from Melhart's discounted from 299.00, and 299.00 for a new powerful projector.

Current Balance of \$5,319.07

Historian report: plan for record/photos/video keeping etc

Show Chairman's report: Rene De La Garza reminded dealer to reserve their spot for the fall show as it is on a first come first serve basis and that no table would be saved. He also reminded dealers to sign up for our Friday night mini show.

Old Business: Letter from ANA President, Walt Ostromeeki praising Raul Gonzalez on his dedication and research on a subject that very little is known about. The DVD is available for purchase for 10.00 with a portion of the proceeds being donated to our youth club.

New Business: COINS COUNTERFEIT

A Presentation was made on the counterfeit Morgan silver dollars that were sold by dealer Dave Morton member number #33. Some of the coins were passed around the room for all members to view and feel. Information on how to detect 'fake' coins was given with some suggestions as to how members can educate themselves was discussed. Member were reminded that there is a lot of information on the internet and in books and articles from numismatic magazines on this subject. Just do a search to arm yourself with the methods scammers use to fool you. Knowledge is Power!!

IMPORTANT -> if you think you may have bought some coins that are fake at our Night Shows or at the Auctions during our meetings, bring them in to this week's Night Show - July 17. Your last chance to get a refund is at the August Monthly Meeting - Aug. 10th

The HCC Executive Council has made the following decision.

Mr. Dave Morton (membership #33) membership with the HCC has been revoked 'for life'. He is also banned from selling or attending any shows sponsored by the HCC 'for life'.

The membership gave President Raul Gonzalez a round of applause for his handling of this unfortunate situation.

Open Discussion: None

The meeting continued with the coin auction with over 90lots being auctioned off. The auctioneer for the night was James Dunn with Brent Garza and Rene De La Garza serving as the money runners. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. by the president, Raul Gonzalez.

Next Meeting August 10, 2015

Next council meeting August 6, 2015

Submitted by Secretary Rene De La Garza