

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
September 21, 2011

Board Meeting:

Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board members present included: Whalen, Sandra Whalen, Stephen Huston, Dan Hipple, Ed Treuting, and Bill Hyder. Other members present included Herb Miles.

The treasurer's report included income from August 24 through September 21 of \$45.00 and expenses of \$132.79 for rent at Fort Mason, raffle prizes, and stationary. Checking account balance is \$592.55 and savings is \$11,308.07.

The board discussed the America's Cup activities coming in the next two years and Fort Mason's commitment to the racing activities. We may need to find another location for our meetings and we may have to forfeit our deposit for the year if we do move. For now, little exact information is available.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

General Meeting:

Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Members present included: Whalen, Sandra Whalen, Stephen Huston, Ed Treuting, Bill Hyder, Herb Miles, Dan Hipple, Jack Free, David Somers, and Ken Takahashi. Guests included Jeff Shevlin and Cil Shevlin.

Jeff Shevlin presented a talk on Charbneau So-Called Dollars from the 1939-40 Golden Gate International Exposition. Jules Charbneau acquired his first miniature medal at the Paris Exposition in 1900 while an apprentice seaman in the U.S. Navy. He visited the 1904 St. Louis Exposition on his honeymoon and acquired another miniature medal. He may have met Farran Zerbe at that time, but whether he did or not, he designed his own miniature gold medals made of Alaska Gold for the 1909 Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle where he lived with his wife and worked for his father-in-law.

Charbneau acquired a world-class collection of miniature items and took his collection on the road, touring American and the world during the depression. He settled in San Francisco in the 1930s to work for the insurance industry as an art appraiser. He exhibited his World of Miniature Curiosities at the 1939 and 1940 Golden Gate International Exposition. He had a small gold, silver, and copper medal struck to sell in his exhibit. Today, so-called dollar specialists as well as GGIE collectors search for the tiny medals. With fewer than 500 remaining, they are

difficult to acquire. Shevlin shared his knowledge of the 13 document varieties verified by personal examination.

Member exhibits:

Jack Free brought a binder of G.G.I.E. material featuring a "little bit of everything." Of special was an 1881 Morgan dollar engraved, "Treasure Island 1940."

Stephen Huston shared a silver souvenir spoon from the G.G.I.E. with the Court of Pacifica in the bowl of the spoon.

David Somers brought G.G.I.E. brochures and advertising pieces as well as a handwriting analysis from the exposition.

Ken Takahashi shared a wide variety of G.G.I.E. first day covers with the official Tower stamp.

Whalen shared an official mint set from the first year of issue in 1947 in the original mint envelopes and mailer. I don't think anyone at the meeting had ever seen one before. He also shared a 1936 proof set.

Dan Hipple shared two versions of the 1904 Louisiana exposition official medal, one with and one without a star indicating the location of St. Louis. The one without the star is a rare variety struck from an unfinished die.

Herb Miles brought several G.G.I.E. brochures and a double denomination, double struck 1962 half or quarter dollar. Double strikes of that sort are rare.

Bill Hyder shared two large 1896 satirical "Bryan Dollars", one made by Moise in San Francisco.

Raffle:

Bill won a box of PCNS Bulletins

Ed won a 1968 Proof set, a 1960 Lincoln cent Large and Small date set, and an "Equal Justice under Law" medal.

Jack won a 1901-2001 English 5 Pounds commemorative.

Dan won 5 pieces of notgeld.

Whalen won a 1912 50 centavos from Nicaragua.

Whalen adjourned the meeting at 9:00