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Upcoming Zoom Meetings

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Find of the Month

Suspended until further notice

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Topic of the Month

January 2021 –

Discussion on Nominations and Election Process for Club Officers

10 oz. Silver Bar Drawing

Presidents Message

I have seen on different media sites that some people are out metal detecting into these winter months. While I don't consider myself a "Fair Weather" detector, I must say I haven't been out there using a hatchet to break up the ground. I have washed the dried-on dirt, grass and mud off my machines, from under the coil covers and pin pointers. I have taken the batteries from my detectors and pin pointers and always keep my rechargeable detector ready to go in case any opportunity arises. So, if you are not out there hunting in the snow and frozen ground, these winter months are a good chance to do your research, look for new, or renew old permissions, and clean our finds from the previous year.

We have had several successful Zoom meetings and based on the continuing pandemic and slow rollout of the vaccine; it looks like we will be continuing with these types of meetings into the new year. The participation has been very good in the past and I encourage you to join us when you can.

A message did go out by email that Lisa Conrad has decided to step back and participate in the club as a member but not as the Treasurer. I believe that every one of us has, at some point, seen her dedication to the club and her joy at helping each of us individually at club hunts, meetings or just in casual conversation. We will miss the skills and expertise she brings to the position.

Lisa Stanco has been doing a wonderful job as Secretary of the club and has added a blog, which has been a nice addition to our website. I look forward to reading them each time they are published. Check them out if you haven't already.

I look forward to you participating in the next Zoom meeting on Wed. January 27th at 7pm.

Happy New Year!

Bob Francis, President ESMDA

Minutes: December 2020 Zoom Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Balance \$6,127.34 on 1/23/2021.

Old Business:

- We held our first ever Zoom virtual club meeting on November 30, 2020. Those who attended received an orientation to Zoom and its many features.
- 10 Oz Silver Bar Raffle: money for raffle tickets was due to Lisa Conrad by January 20, 2021. The drawing will occur at our January Zoom meeting on January 27, 2021.

New Business:

- Nominations for the club officers will occur during the February Zoom meeting. Only dues paid members are eligible to vote at the April meeting.
- There is a possibility we may need to increase the hunt fee, for our next annual hunt, due to the high cost of silver.
- Berne Town Park is now requiring an insurance waiver. The club is looking into purchasing an annual insurance policy.
- New Fundraising Raffle-discussed holding a raffle with multiple prizes, to raise money for the club. Professionally made raffle tickets were discussed.

