

Minutes for PCNS Meeting # 1300 held Aug 28, 2024

The board meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:15 PM by President Jason Macario.

In attendance were Vice President Bill Hyder, Treasurer Stephen Huston, Governors Ed Treuting and Mike McDaniel, past president Dan Hipple, and member Michael Wehner. Secretary Charlie Catlett and Governor Bob Somers their regrets in not being able to attend. *Mike McDaniel recorded the Meeting Minutes.*

The minutes for the July meeting were approved.

Financial reports: the report was sent to board members prior to the meeting and was discussed.

We need speakers for October and thereafter. (Note: During the general meeting John Duff offered to present in September).

New business: The status of the Jerry Schimmel Tribute Book was discussed. Michael W has been working on it and is close to the finish line. Working title is "Selected Works of Jerry Schimmel," but Michael is open to other suggested titles. Michael suggested that we use Print on Demand as our publication vehicle and advertise its availability with other allied numismatic organizations.

Adjournment 7:28 PM.

At 7:34 PM, general meeting #1300 was called to order.

Present via Zoom, in addition to the members from the board meeting, were Dean Neald, Paul Turner, Jeff Pritchard, Henry Goodman, Scott Safe, and John Duff.

Speakers are still needed for October through December.

Presentation by Bill Hyder: Cal Bears (not UC Berkeley Football)

Since at least the creation of the flag for the [1846 Bear Flag Republic](#), the grizzly bear has been used to represent California. Bill shared images and the history of his delightful collection of badges, so-called-dollars, coins, and other exonomia that employ the grizzly bear as a device to represent the Golden State.

Bill pointed out two features of grizzly bears, long claws and a distinctive hump on their backs, which differentiate them from other types of bears.

Bill showed examples of his collection that spanned the time from the 1846 Bear Flag, used in the short-lived rebellion against Mexico by Fremont and other US citizens, to the 1948 Centennial of Sutter's discovery of gold. It was a broad range of material.

His talk also covered the life and death of an actual grizzly bear that was captured near Ventura in 1889. He was given the name "Monarch" and exploited by the SF Examiner newspaper and then housed in various SF Bay area zoos, exhibitions, and eventually museums. His image was used for several purposes that Bill delineated. One purpose was to represent the undaunted spirit of San Francisco after the great 1906 earthquake.

To get all the details from his wonderful talk, Bill's presentation was recorded and will be available on the Society's 'Videos' section on the home page menu tab.

Member Exhibits

All related to Bruins except Ed Treuting's

- Michael W shared items from the 1894 Midwinter Fair, 1904 Knights Templar (Santa Barbara), and the 1915 PPIE
- John Duff shared a Conder token from Goodmans-Fields Brew House
- Stephen H shared Canadian bullion and coins, a whimsical Pear State Flag, and a collection of small ursine-related pieces
- Henry Goodman shared a 34mm 1914 German medal that commemorated the capture of 80,000 Russian soldiers on one side and Field Marshal Hindenburg on the other
- Jason M showed beautifully toned examples of both the CA Centennial and the Bay Bridge commemorative US 50 cent pieces
- Ed T showed three very interesting 80mm Portuguese medals with lighthouses

The general meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM. The next meeting will be on September 28, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike McDaniel
filling-in for the PCNS Secretary