

# Manhattan Coin Club Minutes

September 14, 2021

Club President Randy called the meeting to order. Good turnout and thanks to Matthew O. the meeting was streamed live. Carrie and Dan were the visitors. Carrie inherited a collection and had some of it for the club to help her with. Several members were eager to impart knowledge. With this collection, the couple and their kids have been turned onto the hobby and are looking forward to learning more!

## Old Business:

Club President Randy called the meeting to order at 7:30pm on the dot.

The Wichita Show was discussed with mixed reviews. Apparently, Friday was lightly attended, but Saturday was busy. Other old business was quickly reviewed.

## Treasurer Report:

In Dave's absence, Randy reported \$3197.70 in the treasury. Club dues are due and Randy took several people's money with cards coming soon. Dues they are \$5 a year for youths, \$10 a year for regular members, and a lifetime.

## Auctions:

Doyle went through a list of coin auctions in the area. You may find information on auctions at: <https://kansasauctions.net>.

## Coin Show Update:

Matthew had no coin show updates this time.

## New Business:

- Allan had flyers for two up-coming coin shows.
  - The Johnson County Numismatic Society Coin, Stamp & Card Show our next show will be held on Oct 15th - 16th, 2021 in Lenexa, Kansas. This coin show will be held at the Lenexa Community Center.  
75 dealer tables  
YN auction Saturday 2:00 pm  
Setup 10:00 am - 12:00pm Friday

**Due to the COVID-19 outbreak are encouraging all of our visitors to verify that the coin show has not been canceled by contacting the promoter/contact directly before attending the show.**

- The Topeka show is set for November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Officer elections were held. This is now the slate of officers: Randy – President, Nick – Vice President, Dave – Treasurer, Chuck – Secretary, and Matthew – Show Chair. Nick is the only new person in a position. (There was also a side discussion about how it is hard to get a new show chair 6 months prior

to a new show and 6 months after the last. The joke was made that it almost makes the appointment for life.)

- Randy relayed the news that the 2022 Quarter program will be great women in history. He then relayed other notable news.
- Randy then asked for a volunteer for a program for November. After some discussion, Alternate Hobbies was introduced as the topic as we haven't had it for a long time. Please bring a few items related to your alternate hobby and be prepared to talk for less than 5 minutes on it and what makes it fun!

**Future Programs:** (Subject to correction)

September: Nick on liberty nickels

October: Post Mint Damage from Tom W

November: Alternate Hobbies

December: Christmas Party

**Door Prizes:**

Randy (surprise, surprise) won the door prize.

**Program:**

Nick presented on Liberty Head (aka V) Nickels.

The Liberty is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nickel produced by the US after the Shield Nickel. In 1881, Snowden ordered new designs for the nickel, cent, and three cent and have them all match. The Liberty Head design was deemed too small for the cent and three cent, so that was scrapped.

The original design had "United States of America" on the obverse of the coin, which broke the law. Despite trying to change the law, the design was shot down and "United States of America" was put on the back. Another design flaw was that there were no "cents" on the coin and it was a similar size to a \$5 gold piece. Thus, racketeers plated the nickel in gold and then passed off the piece as a much more valuable coin. Nick ran through a listing of uncommon years. He also pointed out that all nickels in the series were produced in Philadelphia until its final year of 1912 when there were some produced in San Francisco.

In 1913, the Buffalo Nickel replaced the Liberty Head. There are 5 known samples of 1913 Liberty Heads and they are considered proofs. The last one sold for 4.5 million. The circumstances of their mintage is suspect since the first time it became known was that a dealer (a former mint manager) placed an ad saying he was buying 1913 Liberties. He ended up selling the 5 some years later at auction. The set has since been broken up and one is in the Smithsonian.

Allan added that the Liberty is slightly bigger in diameter than the shield. The Liberty sizing has been used for all subsequent Nickels.

Richard brought in a high-quality Wheat Cent collection including a 55-double die.

**Following the program and with no further business the meeting concluded and the bid board reopened.**