

JULY 2020 RAMROD

CLUB MEETINGS

Originally, we were going to have our first meeting July 7th (as noted in an earlier email to club members). However, Brad has been in contact with the new owners of the church and they are still working out the arrangements on where they will have their services and where we can hold our meetings. Just recently, they informed Brad that they will allow us to continue to have meetings at one of the church facilities, and that all should be in place so we can start having meetings starting on July 21st.

The meeting on July 21st is dedicated to the "Find of the Month". This is an opportunity for each member to bring in items that they have personally found since the last Find of the Month. There are four categories which finds may be entered:

- Relic
- Coin/Jewelry
- Single Relic
- Single Coin

Members vote for their favorite in each category. The winner of the single relic and single coin can then be entered into the Find of the Year event; which will be held January meeting of the upcoming year.

CLUB SHOW UPDATE:

Regarding the club show, Ray has continued to work with the personnel at the Civic Center and he has informed us that they believe it may be possible for the club to have our annual show at the Civic Center - as scheduled for August 8th and 9th (with setup on the 7th). At this time, the personnel at the Civic Center are working at how they can hold events there and stay in compliance with Governor Kemp's 21-step guidelines for holding events such as our annual show. Civic Center personnel will continue to keep us informed on how they are working on these guidelines to see if we can have the show. Ray is in continued communication with the manager there and as we know more we will keep all informed on the status.

One point on the show - if we can get finally approval for the show, it will take EVERYONE in the club to get the word out and work at the show to ensure we have a successful show. We are on a much shortened time-line for getting information out on the show which means all club members have to help in any way possible to ensure we can get folks to attend the show.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF NORTH GEORGIA RELIC HUNTERS ASSOCIATION INC.

Article 1 – Affiliation:

This club is associated with the City of Marietta Department of Parks and Recreation.

Article 2 – Name of Club:

The name of this club will be “The North Georgia Relic Hunters Association Inc.”.

Article 3 – Membership

Membership in the club is open to all persons interested in relic/coin hunting or collecting of artifacts of historical value.

- Dues will be \$10 per person for one year.
- Membership starts in January and runs through December of said year.
- Each member will be entitled to one vote and one prize tickets for free drawings at club activities.
- Any person running for any office must be at least 18 years old.
- Current officers will have free membership for the year they serve.
 - This includes: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Sargent at Arms, and Show Chairman.

Article 4 – Purpose

The purpose of this club is to further the enjoyment of using metal detectors and the collection of Civil War relics, old bottles, old coins, Indian relics and other items of yesteryear.

Article 5 – Officers

The club officers will consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The positions of Secretary/Treasurer may be combined by a majority vote of the members present. The President or President Elect, as appropriate, shall appoint an agreeable Club Member to serve a one-year term as Sargent-at-Arms.

Article 6 – Executive Committee

The above names elected officers shall comprise the Executive Committee. This committee shall direct and control the operations and activities of the club.

Article 7 – Election and Terms of Office

The President will appoint a nominating committee of at least three members at the first meeting in November of each year. The nominating committee will present a proposed slate of officers for the coming year at the first meeting in December. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Election of officers will be held at that meeting. A majority vote of the members present at the meeting is necessary for election. Only dues-paying members (one per dues paid membership) will be eligible to vote. The newly elected officers will take office effective the first of January and will serve the entire calendar year. In the event an office becomes vacant during the year, the Executive committee will appoint someone from the membership to serve in that office for the remainder of the year. Persons nominated for office must be present at the election meeting to accept nominations. No absentee ballots will be accepted.

Article 8 – Duties of Officers

- The President shall preside over all meetings of the club and executive committee. He/she shall represent the club in all matters relating to the association of the club with the Marietta Parks and Recreation. He/she will appoint a club member as chairman of any standing or temporary committee.
- The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the Absence of the President.
- The Secretary shall maintain a complete record of the club activities correspondence, including notice of meetings and special events. He/she shall maintain a roster of all active members and attendance records at the club meetings.
- The Treasurer will handle all financial matters for the club. He/she will keep appropriate records of all funds and expenditures. He/she will serve as custodian of the bank account maintained in the club's name.
- Only the Treasurer and the President are authorized to write checks or withdrawal funds from the club's account.
- Only the Treasurer, President, or Vice-President can handle funds for use in activities and operating costs for the club.
- The Treasurer will submit a financial report at each club meeting. This report shall be a verbal along with a written copy available for viewing and inspection by the membership at the meetings. All purchases made will be documented in the financial report.
- An inventory of prizes and artifacts will be maintained by the Vice-President. A written inventory will be available for inspection by the membership. Only a board member will keep of said items belonging to the club.

Article 9 – Standing Committees

Standing Committees will be formed as necessary to plan, organize, and manage special activities of the club such as hunts, shows, etc.

Article 10 – Amendments

An amendment to the Constitution and by-laws may be proposed by any member. It must be submitted in writing to the President who will have the proposed amendment on display at the next two meetings. Also, a verbal notice will be made at the meetings. At the third meeting after the amendment has been on display, the amendment will be considered for adoption. A two-thirds vote of the members present will be necessary for adoption of the amendment.

Article 11 – Expenditures

All expenditures over the amount of \$150.00 (one hundred and fifty dollars) except for the annual show or operating cost must be voted on by the club members. All expenses exceeding \$500 (five hundred dollars) must be submitted in the club newsletter, then voted on at the next club meeting.

Article 12 Board of Directors

A Board of Directors shall consist of the present elected officers, the immediate Past President, and one member elected by quorum. The term shall be for one year.

Article 13 – Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the North Georgia Relic Hunters Association Inc. all business property and assets of the corporation shall go and be distributed to such non-profit educational and charitable uses as may be selected by the Board of Directors of this corporation and in no event shall any of the assets or property of this corporation or the proceeds of any said assets or property in the event of the dissolution thereof go or be distributed to members, either for the reimbursement of any sum donated or contributed by such members or for any other such purpose, it being the intent that in the event of the dissolution of the corporation, or upon its ceasing to carry out the objectives herein set forth, the property and assets then owned by the corporation shall be distributed for charitable, civic, and

educational purposes, after all legal debts have been paid, as determined by the Board of Directors of the corporation.

Article 14 – Club Name and Logo Use

Anyone who is a current member, past member or a non-member of the N.G.R.H.A. shall NOT be granted permission to the use of club names or its logos (old or new) for any purpose. Permission for use of name and club logos will be given to members who are acting on official club business authorized by the board only. Such as, but not limited to, club advertising, club relic show, club shirts, club hunts, banquets, picnics, etc. All other uses not authorized by the board will be considered in violation of said bylaws and not permissible.

Article 15 – Eligibility

Any member who is elected as an officer to the board of North Georgia Relic Hunters Association such as President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer will be ineligible to hold any office in another club with the same or similar interests, this only applies to the member holding office. If a member is already an officer in a similar club, he or she is ineligible to become an officer for N.G.R.H.A. for that year. Any member who is appointed a duty for the club shall not take on similar duties for a similar club for that same year. Such as, Show Chairman, Advertising Committee, Hunt Master, etc. If a member is already assigned a duty in a similar club, the member is this ineligible to take on such duties for N.G.R.H.A for that year.

By Laws

Article 1 – Meetings

Meetings of the club will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at a location selected by the Executive Committee. At least 23% of the membership, but not less than 7 members, must be present to constitute a quorum.

Article 2 – Dues

Dues are \$10.00 per year per person, payable by the end of January to the Club Treasurer. Membership starts in January and runs through December of said year. Board members will have free membership for the year they serve.

Article 3 – Behavior

Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, any conduct not in accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics, or Code of Rules will empower the majority of this membership present to administer disciplinary action it deems appropriate and may result in forfeiture of the offenders membership in the North Georgia Relic Hunters Association, Inc.

Article 4 – Authentication of Relics

All items sold, traded, or displayed at any club function shall be correctly represented as authentic originals, not reproductions.

Code of Ethics

- I will respect private and public property, all historical and archeological sites.
- I will keep informed on and obey all laws, regulations and rules governing federal, state, and local public lands.
- I will aid law enforcement officials whenever possible.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind, including fences, signs, and buildings, and will always fill the holes I dig.

- I will observe the Gold Rule, using good outdoor manners and conducting myself at all times in a manner which will add to the stature and public image of all people engaged in the field of metal detection.

This Constitution and By-Laws revised and adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regularly scheduled club meeting on November 21, 1990.

Constitution and By-Laws revision passed by a two-thirds vote by the Club Members 3-20-2013. Revisions to go into effect on January 1, 2014.

RECENT CLUB FINDS

Here are some relics dug earlier this year by club members.



Cast I Button



Artillery Rosette



Kentucky Button



Fired CS Whitworth Sniper Bullet



CLUB HUNTS

Due to the COVID-19 lockdown, we were unable to hold our spring hunt. And, with the weather turning hotter now (due to summer) we may not be able to hold a hunt until the September time-frame.

We will have at least club hunt this year – and due to the time of the year it may be one large hunt (instead of two smaller hunts). This is especially true in light of the fact that we do not yet know if we will be able to hold our club show.

To participate in these hunts, you must be a paid member prior to the day of the hunt, and have attended one club meeting prior to the hunt. The club hunt rules are in our constitution and they essentially are:

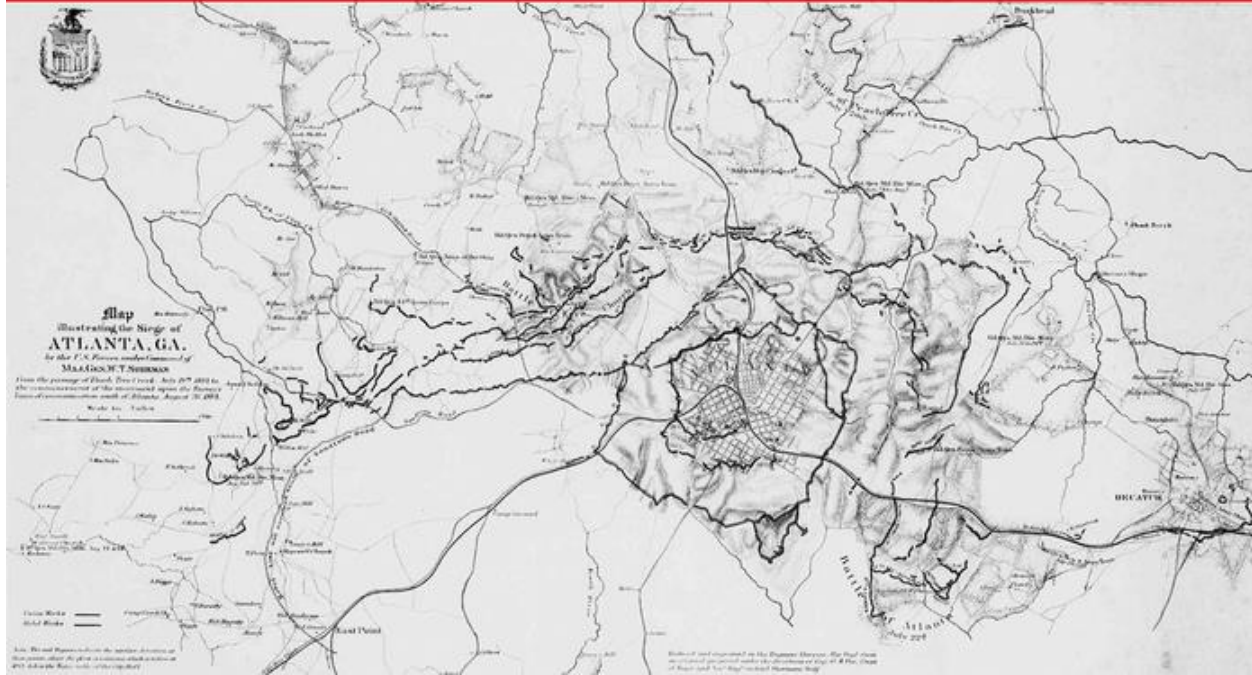
- The participant must be a paid member one month before the hunt date and must attend at least one meeting prior to each club hunt.
- The fee for the hunt is \$20. Children under 13 are free as long as they are accompanied by a paying adult family member that is participating in the hunt.
- When the hunt has ended, any token for prizes that are found out in the field or that have not been turned in will become null and void.
- No prizes will be given out until the hunt has ended.

If the member cannot stay until the hunt ends, you will have to forfeit your prize tokens or find someone who can turn them in at the end of the hunt for the appropriate prize.

CLUB WEB SITE

NORTH GEORGIA RELIC HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

Dedicated To Preserving Georgia History Through Responsible Excavation



The club web site can be viewed at the following address:

WWW.NGRHA.COM

The following categories can be viewed on our webpage.

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OTHER WEB SITES

If you have any web sites (URLs) that you think other club members would be interested in (for example; to research information about the Civil War, find out about upcoming relic shows, check out relic shops to purchase artifacts, etc.) please let us know, and we can list them in upcoming issues of the Ramrod.

CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

You can subscribe to our site on Facebook by going to our page at:

North Georgia Relic Hunters Association



More club information can be found on the club's Facebook site. This site not only includes information on club activities, but also a variety of information regarding the Civil War and articles of interest relating to history and our hobby.

Take a few minutes to subscribe and view this page.

You can also make posts to this page with anything that you think will be of interest to other club members – including online articles and information from other Facebook sites.

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