

The Logbook

Newsletter of the Newfoundland Numismatic Enthusiasts



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Welcome!

By Bill Kamb, President

I hope all of you have had a great summer, enjoying the warm weather, the sunshine, and all the great coin shows that have been happening! I hope many of you managed to attend either the CNA Conference in Niagara Falls or the ANA Show in Denver, or maybe both, as they were absolutely great successes.

I would like to thank all of you who have expressed an interest in joining together to form a group dedicated to the numismatics of Newfoundland. I was totally overwhelmed by the number of people at the inaugural meeting in Niagara Falls on July 22nd. Nearly 50 people showed up, filling the room to the point there was standing room only. Since then, many people have joined as a result of Serge Pelletier's article in the August 14th issue of *Coin World*. We now have 66 members!

Several points were discussed at the July 22nd meeting. We established a small executive committee with me as President, Robert Forbes as Secretary, Dan Gosling as Webmaster, and Steve Woodland as Newsletter Editor and Membership Coordinator. Many thanks go out to these folks for volunteering to get the club started.

We also discussed the scope of the club: whether it should be limited to Newfoundland only or should we include all the Atlantic Provinces. This became a bit of a "hot" topic, with proponents for both sides. We would like to hear from you: should we limit the scope of the club to Newfoundland numismatics only or not? Please send me an email at nfld73h@siscom.net and let me know what you think.

Another topic of much interest was the club name. What do we call ourselves? Many people contributed suggestions and we debated them, but it was clear we were not going to reach a consensus that day. So, once again, we want to hear your opinion. Let us know what you would like our club to be called. The Executive will review any submissions and let you know the results in the next newsletter. Send your suggestions to the Newsletter Editor, Steve Woodland, at :

steve.woodland@ca.inter.net.

Other items we will need to decide over the next weeks and months include: Do we want to have membership dues, and if so, how much? Do we want a formal organization with a Constitution & By-Laws or a less formal arrangement? Do we want to conduct meetings more than once a year at the CNA Convention? Do we want to have a luncheon meeting at next year's CNA Conference in Niagara Falls? And many more items will come up I'm sure.

I want to thank all of you who have rallied together in to create this club. It is certainly an organization that has been needed for a long time in the numismatic community. As we build and grow, I look forward to meeting and corresponding with each one of you.

Executive Busy at Work

By Steve Woodland, Editor

Your club executive has been busy behind the scenes since our inaugural meeting in Niagara Falls, coordinating on items such as membership lists, the content of a website, this newsletter, an internet domain name, corresponding with new members and much more. Thank goodness for the speed of email!

Who We Are

Just to bring you up to speed, your Club Executive consists of:

- President – Bill Kamb
- Secretary – Robert Forbes
- Newsletter Editor – Steve Woodland
- Webmaster – Dan Gosling

In addition, Henry Nienhuis has volunteered to assist in the establishment of a bulk email capability.

Newsletter Content

The Logbook is our club's newsletter, meant as a means to communicate between our members on topics that interest us. As the club grows and establishes itself, I see that *The Logbook* will provide a way for us to pass on key information, meeting dates and locations, new discoveries about Newfoundland numismatics and more.

However, like any editor, I am going to need lots of help putting it all together. I want to hear from our members with articles, information and suggestions for the newsletter. What do you want to see on these pages? Write a short article (150-250 words) about an interesting topic on Newfoundland numismatics. Send us a picture of your favourite coin and tell us why you're so proud of it. Let us know what you think about Third Party Grading of Newfoundland coins. What literature is out there on Newfoundland numismatics? etc, etc.

Our Website

As Bill has already mentioned, Dan Gosling has been hard at work putting

together a website for the club. He has an early draft of it completed already and it looks great! As soon as he returns from Denver, he is going to work completing the first version and getting it up on the web.

Like your newsletter editor, Dan is going to need lots of ideas and suggestions as to what you would like to see on our website. Do you want discussion forums, if so, on what topics? Would you like to see a marketplace where you could anonymously offer your items to Buy/Sell/Trade? How about an area for articles on the many aspects of Newfoundland numismatics? What ideas do you have? Send them to Dan via email at dan@gosling.ca.

Again, I really hope that members will contribute articles to *The Logbook* and use it as a way to communicate with the club. Just contact me with your news or item and I'll get it into a future edition.

Finally, in case you may have missed it, here is the article about the club as published in the August 14th issue of *Coin World*.

Newfoundland Collectors Hold Inaugural Meeting

Serge Pelletier [Coin World 14 Aug 06]

Collector Bill Kamb of Powell, Ohio, can trace his interest in Newfoundland coins to more than 20 years ago when an aunt gave him some silver George V

coins from the province where both his grandfather and grandmother were from – he was hooked.

After years of attending Canadian Numismatic Association conventions to meet other collectors interested in Newfoundland material, Kamb decided to start a club dedicated to the specialty. "I thought it was time," he laughed.

A few months ago, Kamb put an ad in Canadian Coin News asking collectors sharing his interest in Newfoundland numismatics to contact him. "I got replies from Nova Scotia to San Diego!" he said. After many e-mails among a group of interested collectors, they agreed that a meeting at this year's CNA convention in Niagara Falls, Ontario, would be appropriate.

Newfoundland was a distinct British colony until it joined the Canadian Confederation in 1949. It had its own decimal coinage from 1865 to 1947 and a wide range of tokens and scrip.

About 50 collectors attended the as-yet unnamed club's first meeting, where they discussed whether it would be appropriate to include other Maritime Provinces' numismatics in the club focus. "The jury's still out on that one," Kamb said. The naming process is open to members, Kamb says. "We've agreed to take our time on this. Dan Gosling, of Edmonton, Alberta, will set up a Web site first, and then we will discuss a few names, and folks can vote on them."

The formal structure of the club will evolve over the next few years. "I'm sure it'll lay its own roots," Kamb said.

Toward the end of the meeting, CNA President Charles "Chuck" Moore distributed 25 counterstamped 1949 Canadian dollar coins, which marked the entry of Newfoundland into the Canadian confederation.

New members are welcome, though Kamb warns they will be subject to an initiation, which includes being able to pronounce the name of the province properly, as "Noo-fun-'lan," he said.

About Newfoundland Numismatics Enthusiasts (NNE)

What We're About

The Newfoundland Numismatics Enthusiasts is a group of people dedicated to all aspects of numismatics related to Newfoundland.

Membership

Membership in the Newfoundland Numismatics Enthusiasts is open to anyone interested in any aspect of Newfoundland numismatics.

How to Contact Us

If you are interested in joining us, just send an email or write to the address on page 1. We hope to have a website up and running soon.