



Treasure Coast Disc Golf Board Meeting – Minutes
Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023 @ 8:30 p.m. & Monday, Jan. 9, 2023 at 8 p.m.
Location: Virtual via Messenger

The virtual meeting on Jan. 5 started out fine, but ran into audio issues once all the members joined in. There was a lot of feedback. Erick set up the meeting using Facebook's Messenger/Rooms. The previous virtual meeting was set up with Zoom, but only had the four officers. Erick wanted to try Messenger because the free version of Zoom only allows for 40-minute meetings. But after about 15 minutes of struggling with the audio on Messenger. Erick agreed to continue the meeting and set up a Zoom meeting for Jan. 9.

ROLL CALL: Present (Jan. 5) President David Keith, Vice President Ryan Jouppi, Secretary Erick Gill, Treasurer Brian LaPorte, Officers: Bryan Botson, August Lightfoot, Jimmy Branch, Robbie Keen, Jeff Daugherty. Absent: Jeff Porreca and Mark Baldwin

Present (Jan. 9) President David Keith, Vice President Ryan Jouppi, Secretary Erick Gill, Officers: Bryan Botson, August Lightfoot, Jimmy Branch, Jeff Porreca. Absent: Treasurer Brian LaPorte (sick), Robbie Keen, Jeff Daugherty (sick) and Mark Baldwin

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

Memorial for Gary Hudson: Erick said he spoke with Milton, who will give him the funds that were raised for the memorial and he would handle getting a plaque ordered and installed at Rotary. Erick reached out to the City of PSL's Parks staff to make sure we have approval before moving forward with ordering anything.

Weekly Handicaps: John V. let the Erick know that he will be stepping down from running handicaps at Halpatiokee and gave Erick the cash box. There was \$225 for the Club; \$130 in the Ace fund and \$37 in Bogey Free. Erick gave the Club funds to Brian to deposit. The Board agreed to hold the Ace & Bogey Free funds until a new handicap league started at Halpatiokee. The plan is to continue having Friday Nights be random draw doubles until daylight savings. Then roll the leftover funds from the Saturday afternoon caps into the singles handicap league on Friday nights, which Jimmy B would TD.

2023 Tournaments:

- Martin County Open (Feb. 11-12) – TDs Milton O. & John V.
- Up the 10 Mile (April 15-16) – Liz B. & Brian L.
- Blackwater Open (June 17-18) – TDs Milton O. & John V.
- Kraken (Nov. 4-5) – Liz B. & Brian L.

We have approval from the PDGA and all the paperwork turned into to host the tournaments. Erick recently paid Martin County the \$240 fee for the Martin County Open. He will pay the Blackwater Open rental once it gets closer. He sent the receipt to Brian for reimbursement.

Torpey Redesign: Dan H. has offered to handle the redesign, putting the course back to the original 9 basket layout. The extra baskets would be relocated to LWP and Rotary for practice baskets. No dates have been set, as Dan has been busy with his new business. There was a brief discussion about trying to improve the tee pads. Erick suggested something like Timmy created for the new holes at Hobart.

Putting League at Hop Life: August hasn't been able to make much progress. He is hearing concerns from people that may not want to have a putting league on concrete and get their discs beat up. Hop Life is willing to host, but it would be in the parking lot on concrete. There isn't any grass. August was talking with Jeff D. about finding a public park that has lighting or will allow us to set up lights. Jessica Clinton Park in PSL was mentioned. Erick said he could create a survey in Google and can send it out to members to get their input on where they might want to have a putting league (park or brewery); what day/time; what area of the Treasure Coast, etc. He will send a draft to the Board for feedback.

Tag Round: The tags have been ordered. Erick will follow up to make sure we get them by Saturday, Jan. 21. The Board decided to have that tag round at McCarty. Several members said the course is in good shape. Erick reached out to the City of PSL Parks to make sure we have approval. David made up a flyer and posted it to Facebook. There would be a \$10 buy in. Everyone is encouraged to bring discs that they don't throw to have a disc swap.

Course Updates:

- Gordy Road: NA
- Rotary: NA
- Lakewood Park: NA
- Hapatiokee: Timmy notices that someone cracked the pastic on the disc drop box. He said he could add a metal plate at the top to reinforce it. Erick offered to swap it out with a metal box, as we have three available.
- Hobart: Timmy continues to make improvements and clear out the wooded holes.
- Indian Hills: Erick will follow up with the City of Fort Pierce. He knows they were soliciting estimates for the concrete pads (two per hole), so that should be coming in soon.
- McCarty Ranch: NA
- Torpey: NA

Revisions to By-Laws: Erick and Jeff P. asked the Board to review the by-laws (posted on the website) and make suggested changes to bring to the February meeting for discussion and a vote. There are some easy revisions such as the by-laws currently state membership is \$10, but we may want to make additional corrections.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Goals/Policies for Annual Finances/Budgets: Erick suggested that the new Board think about goals and policies that the Board members want to accomplish and set over the next two years. Jeff D wasn't able to make the continuation of the meeting on Monday, but mentioned to Erick at Gordy handicaps that he wanted to see funds raised for specific projects and events

– not just to into the Club’s general fund. Jeff D. also wanted to see more special tournaments or pop-up events, maybe a members party or get-together. During the meeting, August and David both said they wanted to see a traveling league that is a PDGA-sanctioned event for 8 or 10 weeks. This could take the place of Saturday afternoon caps at Halpatiokee. There would be an A & B pool and players would play scratch/not handicaps. This might get more players to play other courses. Right now, we have a large club, but players tend to only play the same handicaps/courses. David also suggested that we charge more for handicaps, so the Club could raise more funds. It would also increase payouts for CTPs and regular payouts. August & David agreed to work together on the traveling league concept. There was also discussion about improving the quality of the players’ packs for our tournaments with better plastic/discs and swag.

Several members asked if we can also have in-person meetings. Erick suggested every 3rd month – we meet in-person at a central location to be decided. The meetings will continue to be on the first Thursday at 8 p.m.

TREASURE/FINANCE REPORT: Brian reported that there was \$7227.51 in the main account and about \$667 in PayPal. However, the Club has not received an invoice or paid Sun King for the Kraken.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: We have 32 members renewed/new for 2023. Past members have until the Martin County Open to renew or they will be charged the extra \$5. August said he would push it at handicaps. And for the tag drop – we’ll take cash (some aren’t happy about having to use PayPal), but we won’t take the cash until they go online/scan the QR code and show that they’ve filled out the form, so we have an accurate record and updated contact info for our members.

PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN DISCUSSION: On behalf of the Club, Jeff P. sent some flowers to Martin County Parks member Michael Spadavecchia, whose wife passed away from cancer. The cost was \$75 and he was hoping the Club would reimburse him. The Board voted unanimous to pay for that. Mike has been a been supporter of the Club and posted to the Facebook group that he appreciated us sending the flowers.