



Treasure Coast Disc Golf Board Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Location: Hop Life Brewery, 679 NW Enterprise Drive, Suite 101, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

ROLL CALL

Present: President Milton O’Steen Jr.; Treasurer Brian LaPorte; Secretary Erick Gill; At-Large Members: Lance Chmura; Jeff Porreca; August Lightfoot

Absent: Vice President Jeff Paino, John Villoria, Mario Jasmin and Mark Baldwin

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

Placement of Memorial for Gary Hudson: This project has been delayed, but Milton and Lance will reach out to Gary’s wife to coordinate a date. There is \$300 from the doubles event to pay for the plaque, which will be installed at the base of the basket on hole 2 at Rotary. Lance also plans to sell Gary’s discs and put that money toward adding a bench in the park for Gary. He believes the discs that Gary’s wife gave the Club could bring another \$200.

Kraken Update: The player’s backs will include a Kraken stamp disc (KC Pro Roc, Aviar and Pig), a birdie bag and a voucher for Sun King. There is roughly \$450 in sponsorships, so a fundraiser isn’t needed. But the TDs will still run a doubles event the Friday before. There is still time to be get sponsors for the t-shirts – that deadline is Oct. 17. The slots are pretty much full. There are 20 on the AM waitlist, but the TDs are giving some time for the Pros to get in. Erick has already reached out to ERD about a rough cut before the tournament – it will likely be toward the end of October to give it time to dry. Brian has been doing some work out there and asked that Erick put out a call on Facebook to recruit volunteers to help clean up Gordy on Sunday, Oct. 16. A few board members will try to do some work on Friday, Oct. 14 – since they won’t be around on Oct. 16. Milton asked for permission to use Club funds to buy 30 bags of concrete to re-do the long pad for hole 3. There was no objection.

Torpey Redesign: Dan Habel is taking the lead on this. A group did walk the course and map out the original layout. The extra baskets will be moved to Lakewood Park and Rotary to be used as practice baskets.

Update on Indian Hills: Erick has reached out Fort Pierce, but hasn’t heard back on a timeframe for the concrete pads. The city had to go out for bids due to the increase in concrete costs.

Disc Drop Boxes: Right now – Erick is emptying most of the boxes, except for Halpatiokee because he doesn’t get down there. John V. has been taking care of Halpat, but he was having trouble getting discs back to people so he asked Rob F. to help. Some members have expressed concerns to a few Board members that Rob shouldn’t sell discs that he gets out of the drop boxes – that money should go back to the Club. We don’t believe Rob is selling discs from the

boxes – just ones he fishes from the lakes. August plays Halpat on Friday nights and offered to help empty the box and get discs back to people or give them to Erick. Erick has been texting people and bring the discs to Gordy on Saturdays and either Rotary or Hobart on Sundays. He has an updated Google doc on the TCDG website with an inventory of discs. After a few months – if discs aren't claimed – he will sell them at league play or local tournaments for \$5 with the proceeds going to the club. So far he has sold about \$20 worth of discs or donated newer, none-marked discs as CTPs. Also, unclaimed discs will be given away to new players that sign up for the Intro to Disc Golf Hikes that Erick leads through the county's ERD Guided Hikes program. Lance suggested the club order some drawstring bags with the Club logo on them. These can be given with the discs or used for future swag/players' packs.

Course Updates

- Gordy Road: Work day scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. Rough cut should be done before the Kraken.
- Rotary: A kiosks and signage is needed.
- Lakewood Park: Erick spoke to the Parks director about clearing a path through the woods to move hole 6 as that was shortened for the new pickleball courts. There are plans for more pickleball courts in the future. Parks is also working to address the drainage and then pads can be installed.
- Hobart: Tim is still working on adjusting the full 18 baskets and finalizing the pads.
- Hapatiokee: John was absent but was going to reach out to Martin County about alternative pin positions.
- Indian Hills: Pads are in the works. Brian asked if we can dive that lake. Erick didn't think the city would go for that given the alligators that reside there, but he would reach out.
- McCarty Ranch: no update.
- Torpey: the redesign to the original design is in the works.

Revisions to By-Laws: no updates / on-going

NEW BUSINESS

Putting League at Hop Life: August offered to run a putting league at Hop Life. He already spoke to the staff there. They said Tuesdays are the best nights. He will follow up with them and set something up. Erick said the Club has two metal portable baskets that can be used.

2023 Board Elections: Jeff Paino sent a message to the group stating that he'd like to step down as Vice President. The Board agreed that with elections coming up – there wasn't a need to immediately replace that position. It was suggested that in early November we put out a call to those who want to serve as Officers (President, Vice President, Treasure & Secretary). Those officers appoint the rest of the Board. It was suggested by August that we consider an Event Coordinator on the Board to work with the TDs to help coordinate all events. Milton said there is an online service for \$20 we can have them handle the voting that way it's done online and handled by a third-party. He will bring info to the next meeting. The timeline goal is to have those interested in serving as officers finalize the ballot by Thanksgiving, then open up voting

the first two weeks in December, so the slate of officers can be finalized before the end of the year.

Set Goals/Policies for Annual Finances/Budgets: Ideally, we'd like to have between \$6,000 - \$10,000 in the bank so in the event a municipality is willing to donate the land for a course – we have the cash in hand to purchase the baskets. We were lucky with Indian Hills in that the City of Fort Pierce paid for the bulk of the course. The club just had to play for the concrete, sleeves and locks. Milton suggested that we create an annual hole sponsorship package where we can solicit business for a 12-month hole sponsorship at each course. We can show businesses how many people pay our courses (using UDisc and league play numbers) – then charge maybe a \$100 a hole; \$200 would get you a hole/t-pad sign and one tournament sponsor, etc. Erick and Milton will work on the pitch letter. However, it was decided that the new Board should set the policy/goals for the budget.

TREASURE/FINANCE REPORT: Current balance is \$3,773.99.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT/UPDATES: We currently have 120 members. There are still regular players that aren't showing up on the membership list, including some who have received the full Ace payout. The Club needs to remind TDs that the full Ace payout should only go to people who have paid their annual club membership.

PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN DISCUSSION: Milton suggested that we work on a standardizing how handicaps are run; including when players are adjusted; how everything is reported back to the Club for better accounting. Jeff Porreca agreed that they should be a sheet or some type of paper trail for each weekly handicap. It was also suggested that we order more Ace pins, but get ones with screw-on backs. There was a lengthily discussion about bag tags for next year. Milton said you can order tags without numbers on them, but instead there is a QR code that people scan each week and report where they finished. There was also talk about having tags for each handicap/course. There was also talk about trying to find someone other than the TDs to manage/track the tags each week. Nothing was finalized/voted on.