



Treasure Coast Disc Golf Board Meeting – Minutes
Thursday, July 6, 2023 @ 8:30 p.m.
Location: Virtual

ROLL CALL: Present: President David Keith; Secretary Erick Gill, Treasurer Brian LaPorte, At-Large Officers: Bryan Botson, Jeff Daugherty, August Lightfoot and Jeff Porreca

Absent: Vice President Ryan Jouppi. At-Large Officers: Jimmy Branch, Mark Baldwin and Robbie Keen

NEW BUSINESS

Club Members Only Event: David wants to run a free PDGA-sanctioned tournament for TCDG members only. The club would have to pay the PDGA fee of \$3 per player, but it would allow club members to earn some points toward their overall rating and we could have a cookout after the round, so it would double as a club get-together. Ideally, it would be held after the Kraken, maybe the first weekend in December. Location to be decided. He is leaning against Gordy since that course can be tough/intimidating for newer players. Martin County comes with a cost, so that takes out Halpatiokee. McCarty had a good turnout for the tag drop back in January. Lakewood and Indian Hills are also options. August suggested that we could also push renewals/membership for next year by offering a special player's pack for those that renew as part of the tournament. But we need to re-order some TCDG swag. The board was tasked with coming up with some swag ideas for the next meeting.

Disc Golf Night at Clover Park with St. Lucie Mets: Erick said the St. Lucie Mets are willing to allow the club to have a disc golf night at the ballpark. We can setup baskets in the outfield berm and around the party terrace. He was pushing for a Thursday night since it is Dollar Night. The available Thursdays are: Aug. 10, Aug. 17 and Sept. 6. The majority liked Aug. 17. Erick will follow up with the Mets and lock that in. We'll need to figure out what exactly we want to do: How many baskets can we bring? Do we set up a mini-putting course or have some rounds of Ring of Fire? Maybe set up baskets end-to-end and have a cornhole-like throw off. We can charge \$10 and put some of the proceeds to the Gordy baskets.

WAR Update: Erick added it to the agenda to see what the War Team might need from the Club in support/funds. No one had any updates other than qualifying runs through the rest of July. But this year, War is spread over two weekends so if TCDG makes it to the second round – it will cost more.

Gary Memorial Bring Your Own Dubs Tournament: Erick worked with local artist Anita Prentice to get the mosaic blocks decorated around basket No. 2 at Rotary. She offered to do that project for \$500 and have it done in a week. The club had \$425 left from the funds that were raised. Erick offered to cover the \$75 since he already paid Anita. Jeff D. motioned that the club cover the difference and reimburse Erick the full \$500 – there was unanimous support for that.

Lance reached out to Erick about holding another Bring Your Own Dubs Tournament at Rotary in honor of Gary on Sunday, Aug. 20. Three divisions: A, B and Mixed (male & female), two rounds with a 60/40 payout. The 40 percent proceeds could go toward either a practice basket at Rotary or an extra basket at Gordy in Gary's honor. Erick said Kris H is working on one of Gary's old practice basket to be put into Rotary as a practice basket. The board supported the tournament – we just need to make sure the granite plaque is re-installed by then.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

Second Set of Baskets for Gordy: Between selling the sponsor plaques and the Doomsday event, the club raised enough to purchase 11 of the 15 needed baskets for Gordy. A suggestion was made that we go ahead and buy the 11 and get them in the ground as a way to entice more people to sponsor a basket. Brian said the club has enough funds to cover the four needed baskets, so we should go ahead and buy all 15 as long as Michael C. can get them for the \$325 each. It was unanimously supported to go ahead and buy all 15 and continue to hold some fundraisers to replenish our account. David said Michael confirmed the price is still good. We need to figure out shipping costs as well. The baskets will be DiscGolfPark baskets – very similar to Innova DiscCatchers. The company is affiliated with Discmania and Michael has a contact there. (<https://www.discgolfpark.com/discgolfpark/products/discgolfpark-pro-target>). Brian will work with David and Michael on collecting the funds raised (that didn't come in through PayPal) and get the order made through the club to save on sales tax. They can be shipped to Brian – he has a trailer that can store them and haul them out to Gordy. This way we can get everything in before the Kraken.

2023 Tournaments

- **Kraken (Nov. 4-5):** No updates other than August is working on some special pre-tournament stamped discs to help raise funds. We made a few hundred dollars off the Blackwater Halo Discs. And we still have a few left to sell or giveaway, along with some shirts and TCDG glasses.

Putting League: Still on hold until the time change.

Library Disc Bags/Check out Program: Grip Equipment let Erick know that they are donated 12 of their smaller bags and they will ship this week. He has a little more than 100 discs from the donated by MVPs and unclaimed discs from the drop box. Cam B in Vero donated two sling bags with about 20 putters and other beginner discs. We have enough to put two bags at each of the six St. Lucie County Libraries and some extras for Brad with Indian River Parks who wants to put a flyer up at Hobart, letting people check out discs from their offices across the street. Erick made up a laminated tag that has a QR code to the club website/page with all of the local courses and the other side thanks the sponsors. He has a press release and flyer ready to go out. Erick thinks we have enough to put as many as 8 discs in each bag. It was suggested that maybe we start with 5 or 6 to keep in simple for beginners. Then the library can hold on to the extras and replace them as they get lost as we know they will. Brian asked if the library was going to charge for lost discs. Erick said he discuss that with them – but they probably won't charge unless the whole bag isn't returned. Erick will also follow up with the library staff about

the club doing an Intro to Disc Golf clinic through the libraries once the bags are in place. The discs will be stamped with a library number so hopefully – they end up in the drop boxes, if lost.

Course Updates

- **Gordy Road:** Erick moved the wildlife-proof trash bin from No. 8 to No. 1 and the barrel from No. 1 to No. 8. It has made a huge difference in the amount of trash around the tee pad and parking area. Gordy is in need of a rough cut, but ERD's tractor was down. It looks like they did get a partial rough cut done before July 4.

- **Rotary:** No update

- **Lakewood Park:** No update

- **Halpatiokee:** No update

- **Hobart:** No update

- **Indian Hills:** No update

- **McCarty Ranch:** No update

- **Torpey:** No update

TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT: After paying out Sun King for the Blackwater, the club has roughly \$8,400 in the bank.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT/UPDATES: We are up to 92 members.

PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN DISCUSSION: Jeff D. said he and Jimmy would like to run something at McCarty when it is cooler. A two-round event with one being held at night – maybe even have a camp out/sleepover.

John V. reached out to Erick to see if the club would be willing to add a check on all of our event registration forms where players can show that they are a veteran. He wants to continue to run the Veteran CTP hole at our events and help expand the veterans disc golf around the state. Every supported collecting that data and allowing that veteran CTP program to continue.