



Treasure Coast Disc Golf Board Meeting – Minutes

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025 @ 8 p.m.

Location: Virtual

ROLL CALL: Present: Vice President Jeff Porreca; Secretary Erick Gill; At-Large Officers: Zac Hinnant & Bryan Botson & Mike Castro

Absent: President August Lightfoot, Treasurer Brian LaPorte & Mario Jasmin

NEW BUSINESS

Skills Challenge: AKA – Big Disc Swingin’ Contest: Mario mentioned to Erick that he wanted to run a long-distance throwing contest at Lakewood Park. We can call it the Big Disc Swingin’ Contest/Challenge. But to make it more inclusive, we could set it up like the Worlds Skills Challenge with a distance challenge, a putting challenge and an accuracy challenge. The Board loved the idea. For the accuracy challenge – we could paint some circles and have people throw different shots: a roller, forehand, backhand and get points for hitting the marks. We could do divisions or have people grouped by ages. Buy-in would be \$20 or \$25. We could order some type of fun fake gold chain with the TCDG logo as the medallion. We’re thinking late October when it is cooler – maybe even a Friday or Saturday night. Erick will check with Parks about the lights and potential conflicting events at LWP.

Ace Pins: Erick was getting low on Ace pins. The Ace Races have been draining quicker than past years. Although, he did pick up about 40 pins from Lance Sunday, who has the Rotary TD box. There isn’t much cash in the box as the Ace pot was hit before league finished there. Lance is willing to pass it off to whoever wants to take the TD spot for Rotary. But Erick was seeking permission to order 100 more pins. Two new designs: Penny and Ace Club bar of soap. The last run costs about \$3.85 per pin. It is cheaper to get past ones re-printed and the vendor we used keeps the molds for two years. But the group unanimously agreed – we have the funds so let’s get new ones. One Ace Race series brings in money to cover the additional pins.

TDs / Reoccurring League Event: Ryan is thinking about moving Sunday’s Halpatiokee league from the afternoon to the morning. He’d rather do it in the morning, but didn’t want to conflict with Rotary. Since Rotary isn’t happening right now and football season is coming up – he wanted to know what the board thought about the move. Everyone agreed that it was a good idea. He plans to start that in September, starting at 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Regarding Rotary league, Mike said he’s willing to do something there once a month, but can’t commit to more than that now. Erick also said Jeff Q wants to get more involved in the Club and showed interest in being a TD. He just had surgery a few weeks ago, so Erick suggested he take it easy. When Jeff is ready – Erick can help get him started. Aug. 14 is the last week of the 6-week Round 3 Ace Race. Erick is planning to run another 6-week series after the Kraken (Nov. 1-2) and move it back to Saturday afternoon. Although the Thursday evening worked out well during the summer. For the 5 weeks – we had 37 different people show up with 17 playing at least 5 weeks. We even had people come from Palm Beach and Melbourne area. Erick said he will be

out of town the weekend of Sept. 13 and Oct. 11 (barring he has permission to leave the state and there are no storms in the Atlantic). So he would either need to cancel Gordy caps or have someone fill in. Zac said he could handle the UDisc side of things, but preferred someone else help with the computer/handicaps and payouts. Ryan said he would handle that part.

4th Annual Gary Memorial Dubs: Erick is helping Lance run this event on Sunday, Sept. 7 at Rotary. It is all set up on UDisc for registration and scoring. It will be 3 rounds (9-holes each round with the option to buy a mulligan for each round. Playing from the two traditional pads and a 3rd layout that Lance will mark with flags). Lunch will be provided – burgers and dogs. Erick has secured the pavilion for the event. Everyday Disc Golfer, Birdie Project and TCDG will provide CTPs and prizes.

OLD BUSINESS

C-Tier Point Series Tournaments: This didn't generate the turnout that we expected at McCarty. People said they want more c-tier events, but the Board decided summer might not be the time for that.

2nd Basket for No. 10 at Gordy: This has been installed. ERD still needs to do a rough cut around the new long basket, but they've had some brush fires that tied up the equipment. Jeff has the plaque for the blue basket. He just needs to get out and install it.

Pavers for Torpey: No update.

2025 PDGA Tournaments

- 11th Annual Kraken Open at Gordy (Nov. 1 & 2, 2025): Erick volunteered to serve as the TD. He's working on the logo and getting it set up on Disc Golf Scene / PDGA so people can start registering by the end of the month. He's thinking for the player's pack: a tournament stamped disc, long-sleeve shirt and something else? He did share some feedback from a member who asked if we could look at making tournaments cheaper by reducing the player's pack. However, everyone said there has been overwhelming support from players from outside our area that have commented on how great our tournaments are – the payouts and player's packs. Most of our tournament players are MA 4 and MA 3 – and they want to feel like they are getting something for their money. Our events have made money and filled up for the most part, so why mess with it.

Course Updates

- Gordy Road: Ryan asked about the benches and the Eagle Scout project. Erick said he will reach out again to see where that is at. There was also talk from one of Erick's co-workers about South Florida Water Management District having funds to make improvements to the preserve (the property is owned by SFWMD but managed by St. Lucie County). Erick suggested a pavilion on the backside of the lake near basket 5, red tee pad 6 and red tee pad 12. We'll see what happens. Zac asked about brooms for that course. Erick said we can do that, but there is no place to hang them. When Erick works with the Eagle Scouts – maybe we can have them include a post to hang brooms. Ryan also suggested that we schedule a work/cleanup day there

before the Kraken. The Club can provide lunch. Or Erick can giveaway used discs – as we now have more than 2 bins worth.

- **Rotary:** No update. Lance did ask if the proceeds from the Gary doubles event could go toward Rotary. There is no project defined. Although, it would be nice to replace those baskets, but Erick felt that PSL Parks might be able to cover that.

- **Lakewood Park:** No updates

- **Hobart:** No updates

- **Halpatiokee:** No updates

- **Indian Hills:** No updates. Erick was appointed to the Fort Pierce Parks Advisory Board, but the guy who appointed him was the one who was arrested and resigned, so Erick might not keep that appointment. It will depend on who is elected to that seat.

- **McCarty:** No update

- **Torpey:** No update

- **South County:** The lost & found box was broken into again. That's the 3rd time, so Erick plans to retire the box from that course. Same thing happened at LWP.

TREASURE/FINANCE REPORT: Brian couldn't make it, but sent the financials. We have about \$4,068 in the bank. All our bills are paid. Erick has a little more than \$300 from Gordy, the Ace Race and disc sales.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: We are up to 108 members. Erick said we've pick up a few new/renewal as the Ace pot at Hobart is \$500 plus. Mario and Erick have reminded people that you have to be a paid member to get the full payout.

PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN DISCUSSION: Mike asked for permission to run a few flex start events. He's thinking Sept. 20 at Gordy and maybe Oct. 18 or Oct. 26 at Gordy. He'd also like to run a mystery disc challenge Dec. 6. The Board supported the ideas and dates – once we check with any other conflicts. The Palm Beach Open is usually the last weekend in October which is in West Delray this year. Mike said he could run the Sept. event on the weekend Erick plans to be out of town, so it doesn't pump league. Erick said Skyler & Elliese are planning to run another MVP Space Race at South County. He offered club support if they needed. We also talked about wanting to do Halloween event at Hobart like Timmy used to run. But we'll need to figure out the timing with the Kraken and the Big Disc Swingin' Contest.