



## **Treasure Coast Disc Golf Board Meeting – Minutes**

**Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023 @ 8 p.m.**

Location: Pierced Ciderworks, 411 N 2nd St, Fort Pierce, FL 34950

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

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

Guests: Timmy Rattiger

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**IRC Adopt-a-Park Program for Hobart** – Brad with the Indian River County Parks Department reached out to the Club to see if we would like to adopt Hobart Park (agreement is attached at the end of the minutes). In exchange for the Club volunteering to pick up litter. The county would put up a sign listing TCDG as the park sponsor for two-years and we would get to use the pavilion for events four times a year at no cost. The Club would be required to put in volunteer hours picking up litter. The group unanimously support the concept. Erick will follow up with Brad on providing insurance details and completed paperwork.

**Hobart Expansion/TCDG Partnership** – Timmy has been talking with Brad from Indian River Parks about expanding Hobart's course. FPL has been doing additional clearing in the wooded area to the west to allow for the lengthening of holes 17 and 18. Timmy and Brad want to add blue/long pads to all 18 baskets and believe there is enough room to do so. Timmy said the Parks Department; however, isn't comfortable with Club volunteers doing the work. Instead they would rather a Club representative coordinate with the Parks staff on making improvements/upgrades. Brian L. asked if the county wants anymore from the Club for the expansion. Timmy said he'd like to host a two-round fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 14 (one round during the day / one at night with a Halloween theme) and have the proceeds go toward pads, as he'd like the pads to be concrete, instead of the pavers that are there now. There was unanimous support.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Club Members Only Tournament** – David is still planning on holding a free, PDGA-sanctioned tournament – possibly in early December. Details are still being worked out and the board was asked to think about which course to host it on. It was suggested that Erick put out a poll to the members to get their input. McCarty was mentioned since we had a large turnout (40-plus) for the tag drop. Hobart and Halpatiokee were also mentioned because they get the most rounds each month (according to the U-Disc stats). There was also discussion about making this event an end of year tag drop and pre-sale for next year's membership with incentives – something like those that signup get a special stamp disc.

**Disc Golf Night at Clover Park with St. Lucie Mets: Thursday, Aug. 17** – Erick has secured the date with the St. Lucie Mets. Basically, the Mets will let us set up some baskets in the outfield berm and/or around the party terrace to promote the Club/sport. Erick said the Club just needs to figure out what we want to do that night and who is coordinating it. Jeff P. agreed to help Erick on those details. Several ideas were discussed from having a 150 to 200-foot basket and see who can get ace/CTP. Prizes could be Club discs and/or pint glasses. Ring of Fire rounds were also mentioned. Brian said he could be there and bring a basket. Erick also has a basket. Erick said we could have different stations/baskets: Some for Club members with a buy-in and maybe one or two for just non-disc golfers to try the sport. David suggested we could also give away a TCDG membership to winners. Jeff P and Erick will get with August on the discs/glasses for prize and work on the details. Erick will coordinate everything with the Mets. That night is dollar night (dollar admission / dollar sodas & snacks / \$2 beers and hot dogs). Erick will promote the event/details on Facebook and via email to the members.

**Second Set of Baskets for Gordy** – The baskets have been ordered and could arrive as early as Aug. 14. Brian is having them shipped/stored at his house. We put down half the costs for the deposit/shipping. We still own about \$3,000, but have the funds in the bank to cover it. However, we still need to sell sponsorships and maybe have another fundraiser to cover additional costs with installing these baskets. We'll need to install new sleeves as we don't believe that these baskets will fit in the alt-pin sleeves that are there now. Jimmy suggested scheduling a walk-through to discuss moving some of the longer alt-pins since having two sets of baskets in there permanently will mean some pins need to move to avoid conflicting lines. Sunday, Aug. 13 around 4 or 5 p.m. was finalized as the walk-through date to discuss the layout – weather permitting. The date should be announced for any Club members interested in providing input. There was discussion about the sponsor plaques on the baskets – who is handling that? Will they be vinyl or metal? August expressed interest in handling that. Erick said the running list of who asked to sponsor a basket is on [the website](#) – most have paid, but not everyone. We'll need to coordinator with each other before ordering plagues to make sure everyone has paid. Erick will reach out to Things Remember (there is one in the mall in Vero and he thinks Jensen) – he's used them for small metal/engraved plates/plagues before.

### **2023 Tournaments:**

**War Fundraiser Random Draw Dubs (Aug. 12)** – Robbie and Lee are running this event. It will match A pool player with B pool dubs. David helped set up the Disc Golf Scene; Robbie & Lee are running it with the proceeds going to War expenses.

**Gary Memorial Bring Your Own Partner Dubs (Aug. 20)** – Lance and Milton are running this event. Erick secured the pavilion and set up the Disc Golf Scene registration. This will be 60/40 payout with the proceeds going to Gordy's second baskets – one in Gary's name. It was pointed out that the date falls on the first weekend of War. Erick explained that the date was selected because the first event to raise the funds for Gary's basket memorial was around the same time and it works out well for Gary's family members to be there to see the mosaic work/plague that is now installed. Lance wants to sell mulligans to generate additional funds. He hopes this can be an annual event to honor Gary.

**Kraken (Nov. 4-5)** – Erick, August, David, Brian & Liz had a pre-planning meeting to discuss the tournament. There were questions/concerns about it being two or three rounds and if we can pull off hosting that tournament at two courses (Gordy & Indian Hills). Indian Hills creates issues due to the lack of signage / tight OB areas / private properties on 5-7 / lack of restrooms. How do we keep players from not going into areas that they aren't supposed to (rocks, fenced off areas, private yards)? August is working on securing port-a-potties. He also mentioned we have had a PDGA event at Indian Hills and temporary signs can be installed. There was discussion about needed additional volunteers/spotters to help enforce the rules. At the last Kraken there were some issues/complaints about players not following PDGA rules (smoking/drinking). We want to address this by having additional volunteers/spotters. The PDGA rules state complaints to TDs about rule breaking must be confirmed by two other players on the card. (That didn't happen last time – it was one player logging a complaint against another player – the other person supporting the claim was the first player's girlfriend.) August said his wife could volunteer. We also discussed and stressed that to entice volunteers – they should be rewarded with a player's pack / maybe even a special stamped disc. August also mentioned how he'd like to beef up the player's pack. Overall – the group liked the idea of three rounds; both courses; have the AMs play the first day (two rounds at Indian Hills). Sun King can be an onsite vender and handle payouts at Gordy. We could ask Rob F/911 Disc Golf to vend at Indian Hills (even though Sun King is the main vendor, Mike B. didn't have an issue with second vendor at the other course). With scheduled tee times, we could have 90 players at each course. Last year – we had 87 total players.

**Library Disc Bags Program** – This program officially launched Thursday, Aug. 3. St. Lucie County put out a press release and Facebook post. Each St. Lucie County Library has two bags with 6-9 discs in them available for check out. Erick said there was a bit of delay because the library was properly marking the bags (there may or may not be Apple Airtags or similar devices sewn into some or all the Grip bags). Erick will provide updates on the number of check outs and the status of the bags/discs. We know some discs will be lost. Erick already has a bucket of replacement discs (ones that have not been picked up after 3 months or donated. Also, Jeff P donated a bag of discs to the cause). There were four extra bags (two shoulder and two Grip backpacks) that were donated to Indian River County Parks & Rec. Brad with the Parks Dept. plans to put a sign/flyer at Hobart letting people know they can check them out at the Parks Office across the street. St. Lucie County also created laminated flyers to put up at Parks. Copies were email to the City of PSL to put at their parks. Erick has some and will put them at Lakewood, Gordy, Torpey and Indian Hills.

### **Course Updates**

- Gordy Road: The course has been holding up well with the rain. Jeff D suggested that we schedule a work/cleanup day before the Kraken. Tee pads need to be cleaned. Trimming needs to be done. We also need to work with ERD to help clear/remove debris piles. Erick said ERD directed the Club to stack piles behind the shed on the access road, but there is still a pile there from the last workday. Erick will follow up with ERD. It was suggested that we schedule this in October – hopefully it will be cooler.

- Rotary: No updates
- Lakewood Park: Pads were discussed. Erick said there is a county commissioner who is supportive of putting in permeant pads, as she has stated on the county's [Coffee with the Chair](#) that she gets calls about disc golf and the course needed pads. Erick has talked to the Parks management about that. But they want to address the drainage first, which makes sense. It was suggested that maybe we try to work with Parks to redesign that course since several holes are in the drainage area of the Park. Perhaps we can carve out some holes in the wooded area, especially if there are invasive in there. Erick will discuss that with county staff as it might also involve ERD on the wooded side of the park.
- Hobart: No other updates that what was discussed earlier.
- Hapatiokee: August said Ryan C is interested and would like permission to run a Sunday afternoon league – not sure if it would be handicap or scratch. As long as he is collecting a dollar to go back to the Club; the group supported the idea. Several said if it was at 4 or 5 p.m. that would work best. Erick has an extra cash box and items (flags/scorecards) that he can provide to Ryan.
- McCarty: Erick played it in late July. No issues. In fact, since the city put up barricades keeping vehicles off the lower roadway along the main lake – it hasn't been holding as much water.
- Torpey: No updates

**TREASURE/FINANCE REPORT** – The Club has about \$8,000 in our accounts. Even after we complete the payment for the second set of baskets at Gordy we should have \$5,000-plus in the bank. Erick turned in \$200 from Rotary caps. August and Jimmy also turned in funds from Saturday handicap and Friday scratch league. Jimmy said Josh B donated his \$136 birdie run payout from Indian Hills to the Club for the Gordy baskets.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT/UPDATES:** Membership is up to 96

**PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN DISCUSSION:** David K discussed the idea of having an 8-week points league on say the first Saturday of each month that would travel to each course. He couldn't run it every Saturday, but maybe we could have a few TDs cover some of the different course. Some of the buy-in could be set of aside for the additional pays at the end of the 8-week run. Everyone liked the idea, but details needed to be worked out.

David also mentioned the Club hosting an Ironman tournament – 3 rounds / 3 courses in one day. Erick suggested it be Lakewood Park, Indian Hills and Gordy because he has driven all three one after the other, checking the dropboxes and that it can be done in 15 to 20 minutes between each course. Torpey was also mentioned as a possibility, but parking would be a challenge. It was suggested this could be a good Jan/Feb event.

August said he is still waiting on Brad (graphic designer that did the Blackwater logo) for the Kraken pre-tournament stamp/logo. Brad is having some computer issues and working on building a new one. August asked if the Club supported maybe making a \$200 donation to Brad toward his computer in exchange for him providing us logos/tag designs for next year's events (5-6 logos). Everyone agreed that would be a good investment / partnership. August will follow up on that.

# **Adopt-A-Park Program Reference Manual**



**General Service Department  
Indian River County Parks and Recreation**

# INDIAN RIVER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

## ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

### PURPOSE:

The primary purpose of this program is to enlist the community's involvement with litter control within the County's park system in order to maintain a clean and aesthetic environment for all to enjoy. Adopt-A-Park Program tasks primarily include litter pick-up, but may be expanded to include other acts as approved by the Parks Superintendent.

### POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

1. The adopting group commits to a two-year period of adoption.
2. Monitoring of the park, natural land, trail, beach or trailhead should be done on a regular basis, but not less than 6 times a year.
3. Only remove litter during daylight hours and during appropriate weather.
4. Indian River County Parks and Recreation will be responsible for collecting and disposing of the filled trash bags and large non-bagged items.
5. Indian River County Parks and Recreation will place a sign in the adopted park, conservation land or beach crediting the organization/group for their assistance.
6. The adopting group may keep any and all proceeds from any materials of recyclable value collected as litter.
7. Complete and submit an incident report within one (1) day after the clean-up event which an accident or injury occurred.
8. Require that all participants sign the County volunteer release form, including the parent/guardian of each minor participant.
9. Participating youth must be at least 8 years of age. When children under the age of eighteen years (18) participate, the adopter will have a parent/guardian's signature and emergency contact information accessible at the site. There must also be one adult supervisor for every five (5) children under the age of 12 and one adult supervisor for every ten (10) children 13-17.
10. Check and clear all participant's names against the FDLE Sexual Predator list prior to the scheduled clean-up event.

11. Adopting Group must provide public access to all records concerning this Agreement according to applicable Florida laws including Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Adopting Group has the burden to assert and defend any exemptions to Florida's public record laws.

12. A representative from the adopting group must contact the Parks Superintendent, Monday through Friday, 7:00AM to 3:30PM to request necessary equipment, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to clean-up. Pick-up of items will be coordinated through the Parks Superintendent.

For information on how to apply, contact the Indian River County Parks Maintenance Office at 772-226-1872.

Any organized group, including for profit and non-profit organizations, may apply to adopt a park in Indian River County. Requests to adopt specific parks, conservation land and beaches are approved on a first-come, first-served basis.

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

Adopting Group shall provide evidence of the following insurance:

1. General Liability Insurance for any and all damage and bodily injury claims in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate.
2. Workers Compensation Insurance as required by Chapter 440, Florida Statutes or evidence of self-insurance or exemption from the Statute.
3. A certificate of insurance evidencing such insurance and listing Indian River County as an additional insured provided to the County prior to scheduling any activities under this Agreement.

# Indian River County Parks and Recreation

## ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

### APPLICATION

Organization (as it appears on a sign): \_\_\_\_\_

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(Up to 20 characters per line – one or two lines)

Organization Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Position with Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred location for Adoption: \_\_\_\_\_

Tentative Starting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Number of Work Days: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Work Day: (please circle one)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

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### STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

A representative of this organization, I have read and agree to abide by the policies, regulations, and safety recommendations as put forth by Indian River County in regard to the Adopt-A-Park Program. I understand that this is an application for the Adopt-A-Park Program and that a Division representative will contact me to finalize an Agreement. In addition, I understand that the Parks and Recreation Director will make the final determination as to whether a group can participate and will make the final determination of park, natural land, trail, beach and/or trailhead assignment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# Indian River County Parks and Recreation

## ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

### MINOR PARTICIPANTS

I, the undersigned, hereby represent that my child(ren) has/have volunteered to participate in the Adopt-A-Park Program during the Agreement period \_\_\_\_\_.

I have read the safety recommendations associated with the Program and have discussed them with my child(ren).

I acknowledge and am aware that participation in this program has inherent risks and hazards. I understand that it is my child(ren)'s responsibility to be aware of his/her physical condition and refrain from doing any physical activities beyond his/her capabilities.

I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Indian River County, and its officers and its employees, and hereby release the same, from and against any and all liability, claims, demands and expenses, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees, on account of any property damage, bodily injury, sickness, damage, or other loss of any kind whatsoever, which arise out of or are in any manner connected with the work to be performed under the Adopt-A-Park Program, if such injury, loss or damage is caused in whole or in part by, the act, omission, or other fault of my child(ren).

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact in Case of Emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Telephone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

### SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

#### SAFETY DO'S:

- DO follow all Park and CDC guidelines related to COVID-19.
- DO make sure that all participants are familiar with these safety recommendations.
- DO assign one volunteer as a safety coordinator who oversees other volunteers to ensure that work is conducted in a safe manner, paying special attention to participating children.
- DO wear light or bright colored clothing which is appropriate for the work associated with the program, hard-soled, protective shoes, and gloves.
- DO dress appropriately for the weather and take breaks on a regular basis.
- DO work only when weather is fair and in the daylight.
- DO bring a water bottle and wear sunscreen and sunglasses.
- DO be aware of your physical condition and refrain from doing any activities beyond your capabilities.
- DO be aware of traffic on adjacent roads and driveways.
- DO watch and take precaution for: snakes, other animals and insects, noxious weeds, glass, barbed wire, pipes and debris with sharp or rusted edges or unexpected holes or ditches

#### SAFETY DON'TS:

- DON'T step into a roadway for any reason. Don't pick up litter or debris on a roadway surface or close to the edge of the road.
- DON'T park vehicles in "No Parking" areas.
- DON'T play around or do anything to distract passing drivers or park patrons.
- DON'T bring pets to the Adopt-A-Park site.
- DON'T leave children or pets in the care while participating in the program.
- DON'T pick up any materials that may be hazardous to your health (e.g. chemicals, firearms, hypodermic needles, etc.). Please notify the County if hazardous conditions exist by calling 911.
- DON'T leave children unattended at any time. These recommendations are not all inclusive. Take all precautions necessary to avoid accidents.

# Indian River County Parks and Recreation

## ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

### VOLUNTEER HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ ( a minor) wish to perform services at \_\_\_\_\_ for the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida in the \_\_\_\_\_ as a volunteer.

I undertake to perform these services for the experience and self-satisfaction I will gain from this public service. I understand that County and Adopting Group shall be and act as independent contractors, and under no circumstances shall this Agreement be construed as one of agency or employment between the parties. I am not, nor will I be, a County employee nor will I be eligible for any of the benefits of a County employee except to the extent State law mandates volunteer participation in a benefits program.

(We, \_\_\_\_\_ and, Parent(s) or guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, wish our child/ward to have the benefit of performing services for the County.

In consideration of the County's permission to perform volunteer services, I, for myself and my assigns ( and we, as parents or guardians, for ourselves and our assigns) do hereby release and discharge Indian River County, its agents, officers and employees from any and all claims, demands, grievances, and causes of action of every kind whatsoever, including, but not by way of limitation, all liability for property damages and personal injury of every kind, nature or description arising or which may hereafter arise from said permission, volunteer's performance of services or volunteer's presence on the work site.

I/We hereby indemnify and hold harmless Indian River County for any and all claims, demands and causes of action of every kind and nature arising out of said permission, volunteer's performance of services, or volunteer's presence on the work site.

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Volunteer's Signature

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Print Name

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Address

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City State Zip

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IF MINOR, Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian(s)

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Parks and Recreation Director

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Date