



Treasure Coast Disc Golf Board Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL - Present: Vice President Jeff Paino, Treasurer Brian LaPorte, Secretary Erick Gill; At-Large Members: Jeff Porreca; August Lightfoot and John Villoria. Guests: Harold Kennedy and Rudy Lopez

Absent: President Milton O'Steen Jr.; Mario Jasmin, Lance Chmura and Mark Baldwin

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Officer Elections: Erick provided copies of the Google voting results. There were 56 total votes cast (two members did vote twice, but the duplicates were removed from the results). For President: David Keith had 34 votes or 60.7%; Milton O'Steen had 22 votes or 39.3%
For Vice President: Ryan Jouppi had 35 votes or 62.5%; August Lightfoot had 21 votes or 37.5%
For Secretary: Erick Gill ran unopposed
For Treasurer: Jeff Paino had 22 votes or 39.5%; Brain Laporte had 18 votes or 31% and Ken Smeds had 16 voters or 28.6%

Brian said he'd work with Jeff Paino over the next few weeks to transfer the account information and go over annual duties tied to keeping our 501-c-3 status, insurance and other details.

Future Meeting Schedule (dates/times/location): The new officers were not in attendance to finalize the days/times/locations for future meetings. Erick offered to reach out to David and Ryan and coordinate those details with Jeff.

At-Large Appointments to the Board: With the new officers not in attendance, Erick offered to reach out and finalize those details as to how many at-large members will make up the total Board. August, Brian, Jeff Porreca and John V – all expressed an interested in continuing to serve on the Board. Erick noted that Jeff Daugherty also expressed an interest to be on the Board again.

Planning for the PDGA 2023 Tournaments (Martin County Open; Black Water Open; Up the 10-Mile Creek & Kraken): The dates for Up-the-10-Mile Creek and Kraken have been confirmed with the state PDGA coordinator. Brian & Liz offered to TD again. However, the Martin County Open and Blackwater Open have not been secured for next year. Jeff Paino said he would reach out to Milton to see if he wanted to TD again. John V agreed to serve as the TD, if Milton isn't available. However, he'd like some help. Erick agreed to reach out to Cameron, the state PDGA coordinator, and secure the same weekends as last year for the Halpatiokee tournaments. Once that is confirmed; he'll reach out to Martin County Parks and take care of that paperwork/payment.

Membership: Erick asked what the group wanted to do about membership dues – keep them the same as last year? The group unanimously agreed. TCDG Membership would be \$20 for renewals, starting January 1 – 31. After Feb. 1 – the renewal fee is \$25. New members would be \$25. Erick will create the Google form and remind all TDs that if they take cash for renewals – those new members must fill out the online form. There are QR codes at all the courses. New member swag was also discussed including items such as black lights; mini Sharpies; clipboards for score cards; dry easer/waterproof scorecards. Nothing was finalized – the new Board will have to vote on that.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

Placement of Memorial for Gary Hudson: Without Milton or Lance at the meeting there were no updates on this. From previous meetings, the two agreed to work on the plaque and benet and coordinate with Gary's wife, Deb on a dedication date. Erick also noted that Ray Miller and his group of disc golfers raised another \$160 to put toward Gary's Memorial. He gave those funds to Milton.

Torpey Redesign: Brian said that Dan H. is coordinating this project. He asked the Club for \$40 to purchase concrete – Brian provided those funds.

Putting League at Hop Life: August is working on this for the new year. The brewery suggested Tuesday nights (they have \$2 tacos). August said he could use some help once everything is finalized with the brewery – he's working on getting some type of group discount for beverages. Harold said he could help. He had set up putting league at Sidedoor a few years back, but said the attendance wasn't enough to make it work. Erick offered up the Club's two portable baskets – if they are needed.

Disc Drop Boxes: As a follow up to the Facebook post, Erick shared that the Martin County Parks staff contacted him stated that the disc drop boxes has to be removed immediately, including the small mailbox. Erick wasn't really given a reason why. It was suggested that maybe some parks goers complained because some members have witnessed people turning the boxes upside down, trying to get discs out. Another theory is that the Club logo was on the boxes, making it look like an "ad." Lastly – the Parks staff could have been upset that we put them there without getting permission first. Erick did send an email to the Parks staff with a photo of the new box with the access codes to the locks the day that they were installed several months ago stating: "if there are any issues or concerns, please let us know." The boxes have been removed. The large metal box is sitting at Gordy with the other backup. Erick also has another metal box at his house.

Course Updates

- **Gordy Road:** Jeff Daugherty told Erick that he has been putting in time cutting and cleaning up along the lake on holes 1-3. Jeff has been stacking the debris in piles, but wanted to see if the county could pick up the piles. Erick reached out to ERD – waiting for a reply. Rudy mentioned that the long bench on hole 15 could use some work – it is a bit wobbly.

- **Rotary:** No updates
- **Lakewood Park:** No updates
- **Halpatiokee:** John V. has wood for new benches. Now that the weather is cooler, he'd like to schedule a workday to build and install new benches. It was also noted that someone has been doing a lot of cutting in the woods at Halpatiokee. We need to remind players that we don't have the same access/freedom to trim at Halpatiokee as we do at Gordy. No one should be cutting anything at Halpatiokee. It was also suggested that we ask Parks to add a trash can on hole 14. Erick said he would make that request to Parks.
- **Hobart:** No updates
- **Indian Hills:** The bids are out for vendors to install the concrete pads. Erick was told this by the Public Works Director and someone else said they saw crews taking measurements. Once the bid is awarded – the city will work with the club on the location of the pads. There will be two pads per basket. Once that pads are poured, Erick will work with the city on signage.
- **McCarty Ranch:** No update
- **Torpey:** No Update

Revisions to By-Laws: No update.

TREASURE/FINANCE REPORT: Brian said there is \$7,486.54 in the checking account. However, we still need to pay Sun King for the Kraken. We are waiting on the invoice, but it is typically between \$2,500 - \$3,000. August had \$100 in league funds to contribute. Erick suggested that next year we really work with TDs to make sure leagues are keeping better records from the funds collected to the scores recorded.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT/UPDATES: We have 123 members – that's about 20 percent more than last year at the end of the year.

PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN DISCUSSION:

Bag tags: August asked if we were going to do bag tags again. The majority agreed that people like tags and they serve as a fundraiser for the club. August offered to reach out to the guy who did last year's, since most people liked the lighter wood. Erick offered to help with graphic design. It was suggested that we get them ordered now and have them here by mid-January to have a tag round at Indian Hills or Hobart. Although, the majority liked Indian Hills since it was more central. The tags are about \$5, so we would charge \$10 and order 1 through 100.

End of the Year Event: Jeff Porreca asked if we were going to do a New Year's Day or End-of-the-Year event. Maybe a final tag round or random draw dubs. Jeff Paino said Jeff D. had organized a couple dubs in the past and he would reach out to see if he was interested/available this year.

Moving Friday Night: Rudy asked Erick if it would be possible to move Friday night dubs from Halpatiokee to Rotary. Erick said most likely – we'd just need to write a letter to Parks. Erick did that for Saturday night dubs there and there was no charge or hassle from Parks. Rudy said the nights at Halpatiokee have been rough with bugs, mud and water. Erick said just let him know if that's what the group wants to do and when they want to start, and he'll draft the letter to PSL

Parks.

UDisc Discount: When discussing membership benefits (Erick said he would follow up and make sure TCDG was going to be a PDGA-affiliated club, so our members could get the \$5 discount when renewing) August suggested that we reach out to UDisc to see if they offer any club discounts. He said Palm Beach is running one of its leagues entirely on UDisc with handicaps. By the time the last card comes in – the TD already has the money ready to payout. Erick wrote an article for UDisc a couple years ago – he agreed to reach out to his contact and ask about club/group discounts. At one time – the full app version was free to PDGA members, but that was discontinued this year. (probably because they already hooked most of us)