



Treasure Coast Disc Golf Board Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, March 2, 2023 @ 8 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL: Present: President David Keith, Vice President Ryan Jouppi, Secretary Erick Gill, Treasurer Brian LaPorte, At-Large Officers: Bryan Botson, Jeff Daugherty, August Lightfoot, Jimmy Branch and Robbie Keen.

Absent: At-Large Officers: Jeff Porreca and Mark Baldwin

Guest: Dan Habel

NEW BUSINESS

Martin County Open Recap: We didn't hear about any issues/complaints from players or sponsors. However, it appears the tournament cost the Club roughly \$1,264.78. Brian is trying to get additional information from the TDs to see how/why. It was suggested that we find someone to step in and help run the Blackwater Open or serve as the TD. There was unanimous support for that. Tournaments should at the very least break even. Jimmy said he would talk to Mike Castro since he expressed an interest in doing more for the Club.

Vendor Participation at events: Brian said we finally got the invoice from Sun King for the Kraken and Michael expressed some frustration that there was another vendor there, who was set up before Sun King. Brian suggested that when we have a dedicated vendor handling payouts – we only allow that one vendor. An exception could be made if we are holding an event/tournament at two courses – the lead vendor can set up at tournament central and the secondary can set up at the alternative course. Sun King donates 15% back to TCDG and has been the vendor for the Kraken from the beginning, so we should accommodate his request for a single vendor. Everyone agreed.

Club Donations & League Money Taken In: Brian stressed that TDs need to turn league money in on a quarterly basis. It has been several months and/or more than a year, since the Club has gotten money from league play at Rotary and Hobart. Jimmy said he was planning to attend Rotary Sunday and Erick was planning to hit Hobart. Both would talk to the TDs about it. Erick said he had mentioned it to Timmy in the past and he said he was holding on the funds to put back in to the ongoing improvements at Hobart. Everyone agreed that is fine – but TDs should be showing receipts and be transparent about the revenue as these events are still TCDG and we are on the line for insurance and liability. By the money coming back to the club as a fundraiser – it keeps the municipalities happy and they don't think it's a "gambling" event.

Eagle Wings Zambia Fundraiser Tournament at Indian Hills (May 13): August said the Eagle Wings group wanted permission to hold a C-tier event at Indian Hills. It wouldn't cost the Club

anything and that group would run 100 percent of the event. Unanimously agreement to move forward. Erick said he would work with Fort Pierce to secure the date and provide insurance.

Possible Handicap Multi-Course League: August suggested we set up limited summer multi-course league. Everyone liked the idea – potentially Saturday afternoon. It was also suggested to include LWP backwards (or Parkwood). Still need to work out the details on points and who is going to TD.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

Memorial for Gary Hudson: Erick has ordered a granite plaque for Gary. Erick reached out to Gary's wife to review the copy – she love the draft. Once it arrives, Erick will work on a stone circle around the basket on No. 2 at Gordy and mount the plaque. He spoke to Milton who said he has \$400 for the memorial to give to the Club. Erick is working on a time to pick that up, but is moving forward and will cover the costs out of pocket if he has too. Lance reached out to Erick and offered to run a doubles event once the plaque is set. Questions came up about what happened to Gary's old discs that were given to Lance as a Club fundraiser – Erick will reach out to Lance. Perhaps those discs could be given out at the doubles event.

Second Set of Baskets for Gordy: Everyone is in agreement with this concept. Just need to raise the money. David said a few people have some good ideas for tournament/fundraisers – we just need to nail them down.

2023 Tournaments

- **Up the 10 Mile (April 15-16)** – Brian & Liz are looking for giveaways/donations for the March fundraiser tournament. If you have discs you don't throw – please donate them by contacting Liz or Brian.

- **Blackwater Open (June 17-18)** – No update

- **Kraken (Nov. 4-5)** – Brian & Liz are considering expanding the number of players for this by playing one day at Gordy and the other at Indian Hills (now there are pads). Everyone approved.

Putting League: No update.

Course Updates

- **Gordy Road:** Erick spoke to ERD about getting a rough cut before the March fundraiser. Staff said they would. He is hoping to go out there and provide some guidance when they do.

- **Rotary:** No update.

- **Lakewood Park:** Robbie asked if we could possibly redesign that course to the reverse layout. It was suggested we have an event there with temporary pads showing the revised layout and get some feedback. Then we can work on pushing the concept with Parks – once they are ready for pads. Erick believes we can get pads, but Parks wants/needs to fix the drainage first.

- **Halpatiokee:** No update.

- **Hobart:** No update.

- **Indian Hills:** August said he played the new red pads and thought the layout was great. Robbie said right now it was his favorite course on the Treasure Coast. Erick said he was a little disappointed with the angle/placement of a few of the pads (especially 17 red). He also updated UDisc to change No. 17 to a par 3 for reds / par 4 for blue. Erick has already reached out to the city about phase 3: tee pads, a kiosks/map and restrooms. He thinks the city/county could fund the restrooms with tourist taxes or Parks MSTU. Erick also asked if the city could move the gator sign behind the red pad on No. 1 (sooner / rather than later).

- **McCarty Ranch:** Erick said Joe B from Palm Beach reached out to him about removing some invasive plants before his May tournament. Erick reached out to PSL Parks and they said they would take care of the overgrowth on No. 2 and some of the one's on the western side. They are also moving the Road Closed sign and potentially relocating some temporary port-a-potties for the tournament.

- **Torpey:** The group thanked Dan and Jeff D for their work in setting it back to the original design. Erick said Liz mentioned tee pads and sign. Dan felt that old pads that were there are good enough. Dan also suggested that we not move the two extra baskets to LWP and Rotary as they are not in great condition.

Revisions to By-Laws: On going. Jeff P provided his purposed changes at the last meeting. Erick hasn't had time to update them and no other feedback has been provided.

TREASURE/FINANCE REPORT: After paying Sun King for the Kraken (\$3,316), the Club has \$4,208 in the bank.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT/UPDATES: We are currently at 70 members. Last year we had 120. We really need to push membership and make sure TDs are paying out 100 Ace funds to non-members.

PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN DISCUSSION: Robbie asked if we could get a course in the park off Oleander in Fort Pierce. Erick said that is Weldon B. Lewis/Ancient Oaks. It is managed by St. Lucie County Parks and ERD with two different funding sources. Erick questioned if it was large enough for a course. Robbie believed we could get a small 18- or a long 9-basket course there. Erick said the challenge is two county departments are involved. Parks would be more open to the idea, as ERD feels that disc golf isn't "passive" recreation. Erick suggested that we come up with a draft design / schedule a pop up event and go from there.

Someone asked about the potential of getting a course in the new Torino Regional Park. Erick attended the virtual meeting and said the public input process is slated to last all summer. By the fall, the City of PSL will finalized the master plan. Erick spoke to the Parks staff and they like disc golf courses because they are low-cost and low maintenance. The good news is most of the resident feedback is that they want that park to remain "wooded and natural" Erick will continue to monitor that issue.

Bryan asked if there was interest/support for a junior league. It would be a good summer event. Everyone supported it.