



Treasure Coast Disc Golf Board Meeting – Minutes

Monday, Jan. 12, 2026 @ 8 p.m.

Location: Virtual

ROLL CALL

Present: President August Lightfoot, Vice President Jeff Porreca, Treasurer Brian LaPorte & Secretary Erick Gill; At-Large Officers: Mario Jasmin, Bryan Botson, Zac Hinnant, Ryan Case & Mike Castro

NEW BUSINESS

Veterans Tournament at Hobart: Matt Hodges reached out to Erick asking if he could work with TCDG to use one of our Adopt-a-Park free events to host a Veterans Tournament at Hobart March 28. Through our Adopt-a-Park sponsorship – we get 4 free events there a year. Erick believes that we might need to renew that sponsorship, which he will take care of. Everyone was agreed to let Matt use one of our events and help get that cleared with IRC parks. In the past, we have asked him to donate \$1 per player back to the club, but that was for Circuit Challenge tournaments. Since this is a fundraiser for Veterans – we won't ask for anything contributions to the club.

Erick and Ryan said John V recently approached them about wanting to run a Veteran's tournament at Halpatiokee. The club supports it. Erick & Ryan both asked John to finalize the details and we'll go from there. Erick did warn him that Martin County can create some challenges. Parks increased our cost to host events there from \$385 to \$500. John asked, "if it's a fundraiser – won't they wave the fee?" Erick reminded him – the club is a non-profit and they still charge us. It's possible, but it might take some lobbying to get the fees waved.

Martin County Open: Ryan was looking to finalize the player's packs: An MVP-tournament stamped disc (\$12), short-sleeve shirt (\$12-14) and a hat (\$13). That cost is about average of what we've spent in the past. Erick said we probably spent more for the Kraken player's packs because the long-sleeve hoodies were about \$20 and we had a disc (\$10 average) and the chalky minis (\$8). August said even total amount should still allow us to have decent funds for the payouts. We raise a lot through the raffles, sponsors and other revenue. Erick is working to get funding from Play Treasure Coast (formerly known as the Treasure Coast Sport Commission). They have grants/sponsorships available for sporting events. The staff is especially looking for events in Martin County since that county gets less events than St. Lucie & Indian River counties. And they have funds to spend in each county. We could get up to \$10 for every player who drives more than 50 miles to the event. Looking at last year's MCO – we had 62 players travel more than 50 miles. Erick submitted the grant application before Christmas – he'll follow up this week on that. On the player's packs – the artwork has been finalized by MVP after several revisions (MVP is a bit stricter on their guidelines than others). Erick is working with Birdie Project on the shirts – getting quotes on black/gray shirts. Ryan and Erick will finalize the hat vendor. Ryan has a lead, but Erick will see what prizes Birdie Project can come

up with. For the trophies – Ryan has a lead on a company that can make 2.25-inch pins. This way winners can display their trophy on their bags. Erick will work with Ryan on the artwork. We can get 30 pins (2 for 15 divisions) for around \$180. Registration for the event is up to 44. Erick shared the link on the surrounding DG Club Facebook pages before the meeting.

Flex Start Points Series: Michael is set with the PDGA on the first Flex Start at McCarty – Jan. 31. We already have 22 registered. He's got the February date approved and finalizing the locations and dates for the others (Indian Hills and Hobart). He'll send the schedule to Erick, so we can get the paperwork finalized with the municipalities. For the MC Open – he'll take payment at check/registration on the day of the event – since that went up on disc golf scene already. And it will make it easier to separate the funds – people can just bring the \$6 toward the flex series for the MC Open and Up the 10-mile Creek. Michael was thinking about hosting another Doomsday Event at Torpey in May, which would serve as a fundraiser for the club and an awards party for the flex series. He's suggested a 3-disc players pack; \$40 buy-in; half covers the disc/the other half to club. And these will be keeper discs – not novelties. He is also ordering some Flex Series pins. He has 100 ordered for those who complete the series.

New Year's Day Tag Drop Recap: This was a best attended Tag Drop/Club event we've had. We had 62 pre-register on UDisc and 56 show up. Even though some didn't like the mystery discs/bags – overall people liked the challenge. It is doubtful that we'll have enough unclaimed discs by the end of the year to do that again. But we could have every player bring a used driver, mid and putter and then make the bags that morning. And we might not need another travel bag next year (hopefully, these sling bags hold up). Most players seemed to like the travel bags. And those that didn't like the bags or discs were able to donate them to Eli to take back to Columbia – so that was another win. The Skills Challenge was fun and well-received – but we can do a better job of organizing it next year.

Some suggestions:

- 1) Make cards up by divisions before sending people out to the stations
- 2) For the long drive – have color coded flags and paper so players know which throws are with which division. IE: White flags are A Pool – the red cards on the flag are backhand shots; blue is forehand and orange is rollers. This will make it easier to track by the players and TDs. August also suggest the long drive could be open before the singles/tag drop round and during lunch, so people could throw throughout the event. We'd just need to have someone monitor it.
- 3) On the accuracy station – we should have 3 separate tee pads for the each of the circles – this way we can break up the cards into smaller groups and keep things moving.

Overall – it was a great event. We signed up some new members. We spent about \$300 on pizza and drinks and another \$40 on the trophies. It's definitely something we should do again next year and Lakewood Park seemed to be a better location than McCarty.

Throw Down the Mountain: August just wanted to get the word out that registration is open for that. We have several club members going so we might want to coordinate carpools and housing for the weekend.

OLD BUSINESS

Course Updates

- **Gordy Road** – Erick has donated/placed brooms on every tee pad. They are cheap (from the Dollar Store), so we'll see how long they last.
- **Rotary** - We still get requests to run league there. We just need someone to volunteer. Erick said Jeff Q has said several times – he'd like to get more involved – either as a TD or serving on the Board. Erick told him all the Board seats are up at the end of the year. And we'll always take TDs. Jeff said he just needs to finalize his transportation, which should be soon.
- **Lakewood Park** – Jason G recently moved less than a mile from the park and has expressed an interest in running a regular event at the course – maybe Thursday evening dubs, once he gets settle into the new house.
- **Hobart**
- **Halpatiokee** – It was asked if we know when the path is going to be finalized. Erick has tried to get answers from the county, but hasn't been successful. Apparently, it is a Public Works project and not Parks. But it should be done by the MC Open.
- **Indian Hills**
- **McCarty**
- **Torpey** – The pavers/pads are in. There are a few that could use some better framing, but it's a huge improvement to what we had.
- **South County**

TREASURER REPORT: The club has roughly \$6,445 in our accounts and another \$3,000-plus in the tournament account. Brian said we are in much better shape than we were last year at this time.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: We have 103 members. Again, we are well ahead of last year. We didn't hit 100 members until after the 10-mile tourney last year. Erick thinks a lot of this is due to the Tag Drop/Skills Challenge – people joined just to play that event. We ordered 120 tags and bags – once we get down to about 10 tags – Erick can always order more. For the bags – they will be just until supplies last.

PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN DISCUSSION:

Putting League: August asked about the putting league at Hop Life. At the Tag Drop - Huk with Hop Life said he would like to get more involved in the club. Erick did check during Christmas to make sure the baskets were still there. And they are – locked to a trailer.

Ace Race: Erick is looking at dates for another Ace Race series. He is thinking about running another 6 weeks after the MCO since March has five weekends. Erick is thinking about moving it to Sunday afternoon since he'd be up there already for Sunday morning league. The only challenge is Throw Down in the last weekend in March and Easter is the first weekend in April. Erick could run it 3 weeks then skip a weekend and run for a second 3 weeks.

TCDG Store supplies: August suggested we look at buying some more whale sacks/birdie bags or towels. League TDs are always asked about those items before the round. It would be a nice

service/item to have on hand. Unfortunately – Flight Towels went out of business. Erick has some chalky mini's left from the Kraken, but no towels. Erick will reach out to Birdie Project to see what prices they can offer on towels.

Handicaps / UDisc: Ryan asked if all the TDs should just start running handicaps through UDisc instead of the Excel spreadsheet. August said it should be up to each TD/volunteer. Erick began using the UDisc handicaps at the beginning of the year. He had been comparing UDisc's adjusted scores to his handicaps through December and found they were usually within no more than 2 strokes different (both positive and negative). Erick figured he'd run Gordy's league using UDisc's handicaps until the MC Open and see how it goes. There were concerns that UDisc would pull players scores from causal or doubles' rounds or maybe even other courses. Both Erick and Zac read on UDisc's FAQs that the handicap is calculated using only the rounds that the player played in that league. Hobart's handicap is different than Gordy's for each player. And it uses the player's last 5 rounds at the league. It even tracks the players scores using the unique smart layouts. The only real difference is that UDisc doesn't seem to have maxs/minimums on player's handicaps. Our club usually capped people at +6 and limited them to -12. Erick has seen some players with +7 and -14 on UDisc. Erick said he still uses the Excel sheet to make it easier to track the payouts/Ace fund/bogey free. Plus, it helps sort the tags easier. One good thing about turning on UDisc's handicap scoring – players see their handicap once the card is published, so they can see where they are to everyone in the round both raw and adjusted scores. This cuts down on the mystery and players hawking over the TD while they are checking people in, taking tags and cash and having to hear: "What's my handicap this week?."