



### Treasure Coast Disc Golf Board Meeting – Agenda

Thursday, June 1, 2023 @ 8 p.m.

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

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

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

Guest: Jon Nolan

### NEW BUSINESS

**2023 Florida State USDGC Sponsorship:** August brought up a request from Cameron with PDGA Florida about the club sponsoring the USDGC for \$50. We've done this in the past. Everyone agreed to do it again.

**Emails:** David wasn't able to attend but wanted to discuss using email more to communicate with Club members. (Not everyone is on Facebook). Erick said Wix does offer email marketing and distribution, but we are limited in the number of emails that we can send each month without upgrading. August suggested using Wix to build the email and then exporting the contacts to our G-mail account and sending it out that way.

### OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

**Second Set of Baskets for Gordy:** Michael Castro and Jimmy Branch are running the Doomsday event at Gordy. Castro has a lead on baskets for \$325 each. Jimmy said we can probably raise enough funds for 15 baskets with 3 or 4 events. Brian L. suggested that we accept donations of \$325 for people to buy a basket. If someone donates the \$325 – the club could cover the cost to add a metal plaque naming the basket after the individual or company that wants to sponsor. Brian L. also suggested maybe we offer a free membership for 5 or 10 years if people sponsor a basket. Erick worried that would be challenging to track from year to year as the board and positions will change. The majority felt that name plaque is enough. Jeff D. asked if the club would be willing to spend some general funds on paying for baskets. The majority felt like we should run a couple fundraisers first and see where we are before committing to spending money. The club will still need to provide labor to build and set the baskets

### 2023 Tournaments

- **Blackwater Open (June 17-18)** – All slots are full and the swag bags are coming together. The first fundraiser at Gordy covered the added cash, so we should make some money off the tournament. The second fundraiser is set for June 9 at Indian Hills. Sun King won't be there vending, but those cashing their payouts will not have to pay for shipping. Sun King is covering that and giving the club 10% back plus extra swag. August still has a few special Blackwater Halo

stamps. They are selling well.

- **Kraken (Nov. 4-5):** August and David want to work with Liz to be added as TDs and help with this event. Brian L. said he could add them to Disc Golf Scene. The plan is to use both Indian Hills and Gordy for the Kraken so we can get up to 180 players. August is working on making special pre-tournament stamped discs that will be sold at fundraisers before the actual tournament to cover the added cash and step up the player's packs. Erick mentioned that if we use Indian Hills – the city wants us to rent port-a-potties, so we'll need to factor in that cost.

**Putting League:** On hold until the time change. But it was mentioned again that Pierced Cider is a great location for a putting league. And the bartender that has worked on the first Thursday night for the past two months plays disc golf and welcomes the idea.

**Library Disc Bags/Check out Program:** Erick has buy-in from the St. Lucie County Library Director. The club has plenty of discs – we just need bags. Erick has a letter going out to companies asking for donations. Brian said the club could look into having bags made or purchasing some. Erick said at the next meeting we'll have a better idea if we can get bags donated or not. Erick will also work with the county to create laminated tags that go on the bags with QR code to our website showing the courses and listing the companies that donated bags/discs.

**Revisions to By-Laws Final Signature:** Erick printed out hard copies with the final changes/revisions from the last meeting, so everyone could sign the last pages and they could be updated online. There were no major changes – just cleaning up the language and taking out things that we no longer do.

### **Course Updates**

- **Gordy Road:** Jon Nolan suggested that the wildlife-proof garbage can next to the teepad for Hole 8 be moved to tee pad No. 1 and the barrel garbage can be moved to No. 8, since people like to put food in the No. 1 garbage can and the trash pandas get in there. Jeff D. asked why ERD blocked the club access road with post and how can we get back on the course to trim and perform maintenance. The ERD staff put the posts up because people have been riding four-wheelers on the course. Erick has the access code to the gate at the main entrance, so the club can still get on the course – if needed.

- **Rotary:** Erick hasn't been able to reach the local artist about decorating the top of the blocks with a mosaic piece. He will continue to work on that.

- **Lakewood Park:** Several members mentioned to Erick that the chains on No. 15 are loose and the ring at the base needs to be re-welded. Erick doesn't believe Parks will tackle that. He did the best he could with zip ties.

- **Halpatiokee:** Jeff D. wants the club to approach Martin County Parks again about trying to move Holes 1 & 2 away from the tennis courts and get two more holes in the woods. Erick will reach out. But he hasn't heard back from last month about putting the drop box back on the course.

- **Hobart:** The drop box was broken into, but Indian River County Parks re-enforced the front

Plexiglas with metal.

- **Indian Hills:** Jimmy asked if the city would allow the club to re-do the pads for No. 17.

Everyone agreed we should move the blue pad back to the top of the hill and red pad needs to be squared better and pushed back. Erick will follow up on that as he is still looking for the city to pay for the tee signs and restrooms. There are also some old culverts across the street from the course that would make great elevated baskets.

- **McCarty Ranch:** No update

- **Torpey:** No update

**TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT:** There is roughly \$6,426 in our accounts. But we still have to pay Sun King for Up the 10 Mile and some of that will go toward the Blackwater.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT/UPDATES:** There are 88 members. There was discussion about what we can do to get those numbers up. We had 120 members last year. There are a lot of people playing that aren't members. Erick said he would send the board last year's final membership list. The current one is on the website.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN DISCUSSION:** Jeff D. brought up wanting to host a club event/cookout. We need to do something for members to just hang out and have fun. The club could cover the food and drinks. Bryan B. suggested that we have some events to recruit new members. Several ideas and dates were thrown out, but nothing finalized – maybe August/September. There was talk about having an overnight glow round at McCarty where everyone can camp out there – this might be a fund New Year's event.