



Treasure Coast Disc Golf Board Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023 @ 8 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL: Present: President David Keith; Secretary Erick Gill, Treasurer Brian LaPorte, At-Large Officers: Jeff Daugherty, Michael Castro (virtual) and August Lightfoot

Absent: Vice President Ryan Jouppi. At-Large Officers: Mark Baldwin, Robbie Keen, Jeff Porreca
Bryan Botson

NEW BUSINESS

Future Tournament Dates: August has already secured our 2023 tournament dates with PDGA. He also put the MC Open on Disc Golf Scene in draft form. Erick has locked the dates in with Martin County Parks and all the paperwork for the MC Open is done, except the payment (\$285) and the notarized list of volunteers that have had background checks. Next year's tournament dates:

- Martin County Open: Jan. 20-21
- Up the 10-Mile Creek: April 27-28
- Blackwater Open: June 8-9
- Kraken: Nov. 2-3

MC Open was moved up to January due to another PDGA event in February. There was discussion about the MC Open regarding player's packs and who would be the vendor. It was suggested we offer something different maybe socks with the tournament and club logo and a long-sleeve hoodie. Sun King cannot be on site to be the vendor/payouts for that date. Rob F was mentioned, but Martin County requires a lot of insurance and paperwork for vendors that Rob has said in the past – he doesn't have, nor want to get. August agreed to reach out to Tri-Fly. It was also suggested that we contact the Lost River Outfitters to see if we can set up tournament central there and may have vendors there and do payouts there. This way, it's off the park proper and Lost River should have beer, wine and food by then. There was also talk about switching from Innova to MVP for the tournament discs or something else to change it up. August also suggested that we have tee times for the MC Open – at least try it. No consensus was reached – other than it should be up to the TD to decide.

TD Proposal: August suggested that we find at least one Board member to run one tournament each year, serving as the main TD/enforcing the rules and not playing. It's very challenging to try and play and be the main TD. August said Jeff P agreed to serve as TD for one tournament, except for the Blackwater – he wants to play that one. Erick agreed to continue to handle the paperwork with the municipalities.

Kraken Recap: The event made money, plus we still have a decent amount of swag left to sell/giveaway. Overall the event went well. Lots of positive feedback about the event and the course conditions. There was some discussion about the “golf cart” incident. PDGA rules clearly state players must walk. Since other players mentioned it to the TD – something had to be said. Yes – there are ADA exceptions, but that exception has to be filed with the TD before the tournament and we’d have to clear with St. Lucie County’s ERD, as motorized vehicles aren’t allowed on the preserve (unless approved). However, we should also remind all players to check the rule book. You shouldn’t get on the TD about a player breaking the rules (wearing a tank top during the round), while you to are breaking the rules (smoking during the round).

Bag Tags for 2024: Erick put out a FB post/call for designs. He’d like to get design concepts in the Friday after Thanksgiving to give a few weeks for online voting. It was suggested that we change up the tag this year from bamboo to metal – maybe a bottle opener. Erick will research some prices/styles. Only one art submission was sent before the meeting. Erick said if more don’t come in – he will work with a designer on a few to choose from. The consensus was to have another tag drop in early February at McCarty again, since we had a great tournament last year. We do need to renew our PDGA-Club Affiliation – Erick agreed to take care of that in early December.

Rotary Event: Erick and Lance would like to use some Rotary club funds to buy burgers and hotdogs to say farewell to Milton and Aaron. Lance said they don’t want a goodbye event, but Erick & Lance feel that it would be good to have a sendoff for them before they move to Melbourne. The event will be after caps Nov. 26 (Sunday after Thanksgiving). Everyone agreed that the two of them deserve something – whether they want it or not. Erick & Lance will handle the details.

OLD BUSINESS

Installation date for second set of baskets at Gordy: It was suggested that we start putting the baskets in the ground Wednesday, Nov. 22. Brian said he isn’t able to help Thanksgiving week. August offered to get his trailer and get the baskets from Brian out to Gordy. Erick will pick up the concrete. David at the meeting put out a call for volunteers. August said he’d prepare a brisket for the crew working. Erick is also working to get a side-by-side or gator to move stuff around. He and August will be there before 8 a.m. (NOT MENTIONED DURING THE MEETING – but as Erick was typing up the notes – he realized we never discussed/finalized who was going to handle getting the sponsor plaques made. Erick has the list of those that paid/signed up and will reach out to everyone for final wording once the baskets are in the ground and we know what the signage/plaque will be.)

Club Members Only Event / End of the Year Party: David suggested doing a low buy-in singles round during the day and a random draw doubles glow round at McCarty Saturday, Dec. 2. Erick will secure the event date with PSL Parks. The group agreed the concept. There is overnight camping for those that want to rough it.

Course Updates

- Gordy Road
- Rotary
- Lakewood Park: An engineering firm has been hired by St. Lucie County to work on the drainage.
- Hobart
- Hapatiokee
- Indian Hills
- McCarty
- Torpey: Erick still needs to find the original layout or get someone to walk it with him, so he can update UDisc.

TREASURE/FINANCE REPORT – Financial standings are good. We have \$5,534.18 in checking.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT/UPDATES – 100 members

PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN DISCUSSION – The Halpatiokee sanctioned league started off great. Nearly 30 people showed up for the first event.