



## Treasure Coast Disc Golf Board Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, Jan. 4, 2023 @ 8 p.m.

Location: Virtual

**ROLL CALL:** Present: President David Keith, Secretary Erick Gill, At-Large Officers: Jeff Daugherty, August Lightfoot & Bryan Botson  
Absent: Treasurer Brian LaPorte; Vice President Ryan Jouppi. At-Large Officers: Mark Baldwin, Robbie Keen, Jeff Porreca & Michael Castro

### NEW BUSINESS

**New Swag:** We are very low or have depleted our general TCDG swag (minis, towels, pencil sharpeners, etc.) Erick suggested we consider purchasing some for giveaways/prizes. Jeff D asked if it would be for new or renewing members. Erick said we haven't don't that for the past two years: Membership has just included the tag. But it would be good to have some stuff for community events/outreach. Erick did order two new Ace pins designs. We got 50 of each (100 total) for \$300. The first batch (100 total) were ordered in January of 2022 and we still have a few left. We just need to make sure TDs only give them to paid members. Minimal discussion took place / no decision or vote was made.

**Goals / Objectives for 2024:** Erick suggested that the board members prioritize what we'd like to accomplish this year. It could be course improvements like signs at Indian Hills or pads and/or signs at Torpey. Or it could be program related: Instructional clinics or a putting league. But with new programs and improvement projects – volunteers are needed. Again – some discussion was had – no decision or vote was made.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Sponsor plates for Gordy Baskets:** Jeff D said Jeff P has some costs and ideas. Erick said he has the final wording from those that sponsored a basket. He'll put it a Word doc and share it in the group chart. We just need to get something ordered and try to get them up by the end of January.

### 2024 Tournaments

- Martin County Open: Jan. 20-21 – August is TD. Everything is moving forward. Player pack items have been ordered. We have 95 participants. Erick needs to provide the final payment and send the volunteer list to Martin County. August said the fundraiser on Jan. 13 is slow to book. Erick said he would include it in the eNewsletter that will go out the first weekend of the month. David and August agreed to push it on Facebook.
- Up the 10-Mile Creek: April 27-28: Erick will TD / He still needs to get certified.
- Blackwater Open: June 8-9: David will TD
- Kraken: Nov. 2-3: Brian L will TD

**Bag Tags for 2024:** The tags have been ordered. With shipping, the cost was \$603. We will have 100 metal bottle openers with Pirate Rudy on them. Erick said the morning the second round of voting was to end, several people at Gordy asked about it. At that time, the rum label was in the lead with 70 percent of the 350 votes. Most of the people there wanted the rum label, but someone must have tipped the scales for the rest of the day, because there were more than 700 votes and Pirate Rudy had taken 70 percent of them. Erick suggested we just use the rum label next year. Maybe the tag is even shaped like a bottle or it is a bottle. David & August plan to host a tag drop and disc swap on Saturday,

Feb. 3 at McCarty. We'll need to bring some tables and grills to cookout after the round. David said he was going to set up the putting challenge again (like he did for Gordy) – the winner can get a free membership. Erick and August said the flags are still in place at Gordy and both have either used it or seen other still using it. David said the courses he first started on had permanent markers around the practice basket for a putting challenge. The club would pour concrete into cups, remove the block once it hardened, paint them and bury them in the ground as mini/markers. Erick and August said adding those should be one of our goals this year.

**Course Updates:**

- **Gordy Road:** No update

- **Rotary:** Lance said Kris is close to finalizing the practice basket that belong to Gary. The plan is to put in near the trees by the pavilion.

- **Lakewood Park:** Cap Tech – a local engineering firm – has been hired to improve the drainage. Once that happens, we can push for better pads there.

- **Hobart:** Jeff D asked about adding long pads there, since the club is adopted that park – can we just go in a do that? Erick explained the agreement for the adopt a park program doesn't allow unsupervised maintenance / work at the park. The agreement just states that the club will volunteer so many hours in picking up trash in exchange for the ability to host 4 events in the park and use the pavilion at no cost. Erick heard that Timmy was going to add long pads – but nothing has been discussed with any of the board members and/or the Parks staff.

- **Hapatiokee:** No update

- **Indian Hills:** A staff member from the city reached out to Erick that they were considering some improvements to the park that might impact some of the baskets in the field closer to Savannah Road. Erick is working to set up a meeting to discuss the plans and push for signage. However, Erick would prefer to finalize the alt-pin locations there before we get signs made. (Alt-pins locations at Indian Hills are one of Erick's goals). Jeff D suggested adding ground markers until we get permanent signs.

- **McCarty:** No Update

- **Torpey:** Jeff D. said Dan H has moved Friday nights from Indian Hills to Torpey and med it doubles. Brian said previously one of his goals was signage/pads at Torpey. Erick asked if someone could draw the design of the pads/baskets so we can update UDisc. Bryan B said he could probably mark that up.

**TREASURE/FINANCE REPORT:** Unavailable

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT/UPDATES:** Renewals at 18

**PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN DISCUSSION:** There was talk about the Torino Course. Erick will reach out again to PSL Parks. Erick also said ET Baker up in Indian River County is working with the county to put in a small pitch and putt course. Erick let ET know the club is willing to help, if needed.