



Treasure Coast Disc Golf Board Meeting – Minutes
Thursday, April 4, 2024 @ 8 p.m.
Location: Virtual TEAMS

ROLL CALL: Present: President David Keith, Secretary Erick Gill, Treasurer Brian LaPorte; At-Large Officers: August Lightfoot, Bryan Botson & Jeff Porreca

Absent: Vice President Ryan Jouppi; At-Large Officers: Michael Castro, Jeff Daugherty, Mark Baldwin & Robbie Keen

NEW BUSINESS

Earth Day Doubles (April 20): E.T. is running this event at the new South County Course in Vero at the IG Center. Erick is assisting. E.T. was originally going to work with Elliese and Skylar as they are adopting the park. At the time E.T. was ready to start signups for the event – they hadn't finalized their agreement with Indian River County, so he asked if the Club would help provide insurance. Erick said as long as a \$1 from each player comes back to the Club – we could help with insurance and registration. Elliese & Skylar have since finalized their paperwork to adopt the park and will be handling the B pool payouts with their new disc store. The event will be a doubles event on Saturday, April 20 (two rounds: worst shot and best shot. For worst shot: If someone hits an Ace, they will get the Ace pot. But the Ace won't count for the score – unless the partner hits an Ace as well). Before each round, teams will be asked to pick up trash (as another contest). There will be 3 divisions: A pool (cash); B pool (product payout) and Mixed (product payout). Registration is on Disc Golf Scene and the payments go to treasurecoastdiscgolf@gmail's PayPal. Erick will get with Brian the week before to get the cash to E.T. With 3 weeks to go – registration is half full. The course was carved out of a wooded area next to a busy road and there is a lot of trash in there. IRC Parks team has done a great job putting this course together. Excellent baskets. The paver tee pads are all in and there are posts for tee signs. The county has taken care of the funding and installation for this course. ET and Brad Dewson handled the design and did a great job of working with what space they had. Erick did ask the Club to provide some TCDG stamped discs as prizes/CTPs. Everyone agreed. He'll grab them from August.

Bag Swap Event / Fundraiser at Halpatiokee (May 4/5): Arcadia reached out to the Club wanting to run an event at Halpatiokee to raise money for Parks to help with the course (either help pay for the relocation of holes 1, 2 & 3 or buy new baskets). Erick spoke to Mike with the Parks staff – he agreed that they could/would accept the donation. Erick provided her with all the paperwork needed and explained that Martin County does require a lot more paperwork and money (\$285) to hold events there. He suggested McCarty, Gordy or other parks where we have more freedom. She really wanted to hold the event at Halpatiokee on May 5. She let Erick know that Parks wants the submission to be sent by the Club, so he turned in the paperwork. But Parks replied that the first weekend in May was booked with other events. Plus they have updated their Certificate of Insurance paperwork and he needed to revise what was submitted.

They said the first two weeks in June were open. Erick reminded Parks that June 8-9 should have already been reserved for the Blackwater Open. Arcadia agreed to hold her event Sunday, June 2. It will be a bag swap. Players will trade their bag with another player, who will share their card. She is handling registration and payment. Erick let her know that the Club would need to get \$1 per player since the Club was having to provide the insurance and handle the paperwork. Erick suggested that the Club consider charging \$2 per player for larger events in the future. Weekly handicaps and dubs are supposed to get \$1, but for larger events there is more work on the Club. No formal motion was made or vote taken.

Trilogy Challenge at Hobart (June 1): Matt Hodges reached out to David asking if the club was OK with him holding the Trilogy Challenge at Hobart the first weekend in June (Sat. June 1). Matt has spoken to Brad with IRC Parks, who said the club's Adopt a Park agreement gives us four free events at that park a year and instead of Matt having to pay for the park to hold the event, maybe we could let him use one of our events. The group didn't have a problem with it. Erick suggested that the Club should get a \$1 per player – it would cut into his payout or revenue, but since it was the Club's insurance on the line – we should get something and it would be cheaper/easier for Matt in the long run.

Halpatiokee Basket Relocation/Protection Program: Martin County reached out to the Erick and a few others in the Club stating that they had concerns from pickleballers wanting holes 1 and 2 moved away from the courts. Erick, Jeff P and Jack met with some Martin County ERD staff to look at potential spots to relocate holes 1, 2 and 3. They suggested - at the very least - relocating holes 1 and 2 and relocating them to two potential areas (one near hole 6 going back to the river in a wooded area and two between the soccer fields and softball fields). See maps below. The ERD staff felt that moving baskets 1 and 2 were the priority. Moving hole 3 was mentioned by county staff because of the number of cars that park in the grass for larger event weekends. However, staff said while there is an old trail that is not being used before hole 6 going back toward the river – it would take some time to permit and clear that out.

The group that looked at the new proposed holes thinks they are great compromise. The new holes 17 and 18 would help with the flow. As you leave what is now hole 18 and head down the sidewalk toward the tennis courts, players just turn left by the restrooms. Hole 17 would be about a 270-foot shot between the fields with some Royal Poinciana Trees creating nice tunnels. Then Hole 18 would be by the backside of the softball field and create a nice 175-240 foot tunnel shot back toward the open field where basket 8 is, but there is enough room so the basket for new 18 isn't in the fairway of 8. Then players would be done and walk back behind the softball field and be right where the roundabout and covered pavilion is. The new wooded hole is the only tricky one. There is room in there to put potentially two holes, but we'd love to see a nice par 4. Maybe with two pads a par 3 and par 4.

It seemed that putting two holes by the soccer and softball fields was the easiest and quickest solution. Hole 3 could remain for now and be the new one, until ERD can clear some of the trail for a nice long par in the woods going back to the lake.

Following the meeting – Mike with Martin County Parks reached out to Erick asking if the Club could help with labor or funding to move these baskets. He is working to set up a meeting to finalize the details.

Proposed sites for new Holes 17 & 18 (relocating 1 and 2)



Proposed site for new hole 3. Hole 4 would be the new Hole 1.



Eagle Wings Zambia event – August is planning to run that flex start event again at Indian Hills on June 15. It doesn't require any financial obligation for the Club. Everyone was good with it: It does give people some PDGA points and a new disc (players pack)

Weekend Putting League at Lost River Kayak Rentals – Jeff P said the owner of the Lost River Kayak Rentals asked if the Club had any issues with them running a weekend putting league. Everyone supports the idea, but there aren't a lot of details. The rental place is still working on beer / wine license. The group feels that is crucial for success. There was some concern that if this was during the day – it could cut into leagues. But Jeff said he doesn't believe there are lights onsite, so they would probably want it to be during the day. More details to come.

War – Mike C is coordinating the war qualifiers and has some fundraisers in mind. He wasn't able to attend the meeting because he was running a qualifier.

Proposed dates:

- June 15 or 16 - Gordy triples
- July 13 or 14 - Rotary doubles
- Aug 3 or 4 - Gordy Special Doubles / Thank you BBQ

There was some discussion/feedback from board members and club members (who expressed concerns online and in-person to board members outside the meeting) about war being a paid vacation for a select group of people to party, instead of playing to their fullest potential. It was acknowledged that in the past – players might party harder than they played in the rounds. But that isn't exclusive to TCDG. It was also stated that we shouldn't use Club money to fund war – unless it is from war qualifiers or special events – where everyone knows where their funds are going. In the past – some Board members have used general Club funds to buy War shirts without a formal vote. That won't happen this year.

OLD BUSINESS

2024 Tournaments

Up the 10-Mile Creek: April 27-28 – 78 players signed up so far. Registration is good. Player packs have been ordered. For the AM Payouts – they will get to choose from the TCDG store with Club=stamped discs or get merchandise from the Birdie Project (hats, shirts, etc). Willie with the Birdie Project is also donating prints of this Gordy Road Hole 7 design as CTPs for each of the divisions on Hole 7. Erick & August just need to finalize sponsors for the shirts and trophies with Jack. Erick has been trimming/cleaning up the holes. ERD will do a rough cut before the event. Erick will also be putting up signage for day 1 since we are playing all 27 holes – you'll finish hole 7 and move to hole 7b, playing the back 9 through 6b – then come out and play hole 8. We'll also cover the baskets not in play. The group also decided to hold a random draw dubs (Dubs in the Scrub fundraiser) the Friday night before the event and early check in. Erick will get that set up in Disc Golf Scene.

Blackwater Open: June 8-9 – Since Martin County doesn't have a timeframe on when the baskets are moving at Halpatiokee, David suggested that if the baskets are not moved before the Blackwater (at least 1 and 2) we set up temporary baskets at the new locations and make that announcement at the time of registration. And we continue to work with parks to get those moved as soon as possible. David is TD'ing this event. Erick is taking care of the

paperwork and has already reached out to MC Parks about this solution.

Kraken: Nov. 2-3 – Brian will be TD for this event.

Course Updates

- **Gordy Road:** Other than the trimming, nothing to report

- **Rotary:** Kris H has cleaned up and fortified Gary's old practice basket. Erick has it and will work with Lance to get it installed as a practice basket near the pavilion. That should be done sometime in April.

- **Lakewood Park:** No update

- **Hobart:** It was reported on Facebook that the county staff is installing the new long pad. No other details provided. Brad did confirm that Timmy R. provided those concrete tiles for the pads. (At the Veterans event that was held there – Brad thanked Timmy for donating the pads, but later let Erick know that the Club should have been 'thanked.' While Timmy had the pads delivered – he used Club revenue from the events on Sunday and Monday at Hobart.) Erick noticed that the door on the drop box has been bent and a bottom hinge is loose. He reached out to Brad with IRC to see if they can work on it (they did in the past). If not – he'll remove it and see what can be done to secure it.

- **Indian Hills:** No update, other than Erick's main contact (Mike R.) recently left the city. Hopefully he can work with Mike's replacement to get the signage finalized. Erick has ordered a memorial plaque and gnome to put in the gnome garden honoring Mr. Cooper, who recently passed away. He and his wife (who set up the gnome garden) continue to support the Club and the course being added to that park.

- **McCarty:** No update

- **South County:** Erick has the layout up on UDisc. He also has a lost and found box that he is working on and will drop off at the Earth Day event.

- **Torpey:** No update. Erick still wants to put in pads like the new ones at South County/IG Center.

TREASURE/FINANCE REPORT – Brian reported that we had \$3,642 in the bank. We did have to pay some bills last month (\$1,200 for Innova discs, \$400 for insurance, \$70 to state for SunBiz, etc).

MEMBERSHIP REPORT/UPDATES – 94 total members. David mentioned that membership form wasn't working online. Erick has since fixed it.

PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN DISCUSSION – Bryan said his boys qualified for the Junior Worlds in July 16-20 and he was wondering if the Club would support a fundraiser or two for them. Everyone supported the idea – just come back with details and dates.