



Treasure Coast Disc Golf Board Meeting – Minutes
Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023 @ 8 p.m.
Location: Virtual

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: Robbie Keen and Mark Baldwin

NEW BUSINESS

Torino Regional Park: Erick and Bryan B attended the virtual meeting help by the City of PSL. The park is more than 197 acres. The main section is L-shaped and there is a separate 44-acre rectangle that Erick suggested would be a great location for a disc golf course. Erick spoke to the City of PSL's Parks staff to see where the Tradition Regional Park was in the building process, because the club was successful in getting a disc golf course included in that master plan. Parks staff said Tradition is on hold due to funding from the developer. Erick worried about asking for too much to get another park in the new Torino Regional Park. But the Parks staff said they support disc golf because it is low cost and low maintenance. Additionally, the surveys/feedback from residents in that area (including those on the virtual meeting) expressed that they want the Torino Park to be more natural and wooded area – not clear-cut baseball/soccer/football fields. It is still in the early stages as the master plan process is expected to last through the rest of the calendar year. But Erick and Bryan will continue to track the progress and lobby for a new course since that looks like it won't be too far off from what residents want in a park.

Second Set of Baskets for Gordy: Jimmy asked what the group thought about purchasing a second set of permeant baskets for Gordy. Erick said ERD wouldn't have any issues with it, but they wouldn't help fund it. Overall, the group supported it as a long-range goal. Perhaps we could even purchase them in phases (3-5 at a time). This could be done with raffles and other events.

Joe Baily Tournament at McCarty: Joe Baily with Palm Beach Disc Golf reached out to Erick asking if Joe would be able to host a C-tier event at McCarty in late April. He wanted to know how difficult the parks staff would be. Erick said because of the remote location – Parks is pretty easy about holding events there. Apparently Joe has an RV and is thinking about camping at McCarty and running a fun one-day tournament.

Set Goals/Policies for Annual Finances/Budgets: On going. With a limited Board; discussion was tabled.

WAR: No update

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

Memorial for Gary Hudson: Erick agreed to pick up this project. He contacted the City of PSL's Parks. They are OK with a memorial plaque going in at Rotary for Gary. They even provided the name of a vendor they use for bronze plaques. The quote came back pretty high (\$1,500). Erick will work on getting a more reasonable tribute that falls within our budget (\$350). It was suggested we put some stone/bricks around the base of the basket (similar to what was done for Drew at Gordy). Erick also reached out to Gary's wife, Deb, to let her know what was going on. She told Erick that she still has Gary's rakes and a basket that she would like to donate to the Club. Erick agreed to pick them up. These can be used for raffles for new baskets at Gordy.

2023 Tournaments: No major updates. There were a lot of questions on Disc Golf Scene about the MC Open. Jeff P. said he would reach out to the TDs and see if they needed any help.

Liz and Jeff D. are hosting a random draw dubs fundraiser for Up the 10 Mile Creek on March 25. It is posed on Disc Golf Scene and Erick will send out an email and Facebook post after the MC Open, but players don't need to pre-register. Pay and sign up on the day of.

- Martin County Open (Feb. 11-12)
- Up the 10 Mile (April 15-16)
- Blackwater Open (June 17-18)
- Kraken (Nov. 4-5)

Torpey Redesign: No updates. Jeff D. said he would reach out to Dan H., who agreed to take the lead.

Putting League / Survey: The results of the putting league were shared with everyone. August said he just needs to find the time to get that going. Hop Life seems like the No. 1 choice, followed by Pierced Cider. Erick suggested that once we get it running at Hop Life – it could move to Pierced Cider (closer to him) and he could TD there.

Course Updates

- **Gordy Road** – Jeff D and Brian L have been working on the back 9. It was asked if we could get ERD to do a rough cut more around the back 9. Erick said he would ask ERD if one of the club members could be notified and meet them as they start the cut to help define the boundaries. He will ask.
- **Rotary** – No update.
- **Lakewood Park** – No update.
- **Halpatiokee** – No update.
- **Hobart** – No update.
- **Indian Hills** – Erick was contacted by the City of FP stating they have a contractor to pour concrete pads and they would like to start working as early as Feb. 13. The city is contracting a vendor to pour two (5x10) pads for each basket. Erick suggested the group meet at Indian Hills Feb. 4 in the afternoon to finalize the layout. Erick, August, Brian L, Bryan, David, Jeff D and Rob F. all met at Indian Hills and marked the pads with flags and spray paint. Erick also asked the

city staff to let him know before the contractor frames out the pads so we can double check the placement and alignment. We ended up with two pads at every basket, except for No. 5 (the one coming back next to the houses. If we need to play a long pad – we can use the sidewalk, but we didn't really want people throwing over the parking lot and there is a bad blind spot from that sidewalk toward the other sidewalk) and No. 8 (the one that comes back across the ditch/next to the bridge. There isn't a lot of good choices for a long pad with the powerline there). Since we have two extra pads – we plan to put three pads in on No. 17 and 18. This will give us an extra-long pad on No. 18 and a drop zone pad on No. 17.

- **McCarty Ranch** – No update.

- **Torpey** – No update.

Revisions to By-Laws: Jeff P. submitted his suggested changes and ask everyone to review and let's finalize them for the March meeting.

TREASURE/FINANCE REPORT: There is \$7,149.94 in the main account; \$1,276 in the PayPal (membership) and another \$6,000-ish in the tournament fund. But we still have not received the bill from Sun King for the 2022 Kraken.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT/UPDATES: We have 64 total members. Erick stressed the need to make sure we get the TDs to push membership and not give full payouts unless their membership renewal is confirmed.

PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN DISCUSSION: It was suggested that the next meeting be in-person at the House of Brews in Jensen Beach.

Zoom has limitations and cutoff the meeting at 40 minutes. Erick will use his Teams account next time. That shouldn't have any limits. It was also asked by a member if the virtual meetings could be streamed or open to anyone. Since we are still struggling with the technology – for now – virtual meetings will just for the Officers and At-large members.