



Treasure Coast Disc Golf Board Meeting – Minutes

Thursday, April 6, 2023 @ 8 p.m.

Location: Virtual via Teams (seemed to work best – once Erick let everyone in the meeting)

ROLL CALL: Present: President David Keith, Secretary Erick Gill, At-Large Officers: Bryan Botson, Jeff Daugherty, August Lightfoot and Jeff Porreca

Absent: Vice President Ryan Jouppi and Treasurer Brian LaPorte (tried to attend, but had technical difficulties). At-Large Officers: Jimmy Branch, Robbie Keen and Mark Baldwin

NEW BUSINESS

New Course in Indian River County: Erick was contacted by Brad with Indian River County Parks as the county is looking to put in a new course and the IG Center off Oslo Road in Vero. He looked at the area that the county is clearing and it appears it could hold a 9-basket course with two tee pads. Mark B. told Erick (outside of a meeting) that he looked at it a while back. However, it has since been cleaned up. Jeff D. also mention he was contacted by Brad as Timmy doesn't have the time and is focused on Hobart. David said he is familiar with the site and will check it out. It seems Indian River County is going to pay for everything and handle the installation. Brad was reaching out to the Club for input. Erick will follow up again.

Donations for United Way Ball Golf Tourney in May: Erick said that St. Lucie County is hosting a ball golf tournament for the United Way at Fairwinds in May. Last year, Erick volunteers to run a disc golf putting station during the event. Players got two tries to sink a 20-foot putt (Erick brought a practice basket and putters). For each putt made; the player was entered into a raffle for a disc golf starter pack, donated by TCDG. Erick will donate the sling bag, but wanted the Club to continue some TCDG stamped started discs. Everyone voted in favor of that.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

Martin County Open Recap: Erick spoke to Milton since the last meeting about the tournament and the funds. Let the record reflect that the tournament shortfall was due to the \$750 cash added (Milton thought the Club understood that was going to be donated by the Club). There was also a mis-calculation on the cost of the players' packs by \$5. Multiple that by 90 players – the explains the loss of revenue for that event. Milton told Erick that he has donated thousands of dollars in money and time to the Club over the years. He told Erick was planning to TD the Blackwater, but wasn't going to be involved after the miscommunication.

Memorial for Gary Hudson: Erick purchased the memorial granite slate and stones and set up the memorial March 15. He admits he got too glue happy and was going to go back and cleanup the memorial once he got back from taking his daughter on a college tour during spring break. He received a call from Lance, who was disappointed that he didn't get to help, and that several members thought the memorial looked "bad" with the excess glue and that the granite slate was flat and hanging off the edge of the stones. Lance wanted to re-work it so that slate was on

a stand and clean up the glue. Erick explained that he planned to go back and clean up the memorial and would work with Lance on it. A stand has been ordered. And in the event the slate doesn't come off cleanly, Erick purchased another slate (with his own funds). That should be done after Easter. Erick also wanted to get a local mosaic artist to cover the top of the stones with TCDG or Treasure Coast Disc Golf. But she has had some health issues, so that might be pushed back. Erick will get an estimate on what that would cost. There is still \$200 in memorial funds to cover that if the Board.

Second Set of Baskets for Gordy: Everyone supports this. We just need to find volunteers to run some fundraising events and set that money in a separate account. David said he will follow up with Mike Castro, who expressed interest in running something.

2023 Tournaments

- **Easter Birdie Hunt at McCarty (April 9)** – No updates.

- **Up the 10 Mile (April 15-16)** – Erick had just finished the virtual players meeting video. No other updates.

- **Eagle Wings Zambia Fundraiser Tournament at Indian Hills (May 13)** – Erick submitted the insurance and event registration with the city staff the first week in April. He hasn't heard back about any issues/concerns. It was mentioned verbally to Erick that the city might ask the Club to rent port-a-potties for larger events. Erick explained that this event is a flex start, so it should cut down on a large crowd being there at once.

- **Blackwater Open (June 17-18):** There was discussion about a new TD. August offered to do some research with PDGA to see about switching TDs. He and David both agreed to work that. There was discussion about having a vendor. David said he left Rob F. know that we can't have other vendors when Sun King is main vendor/payout. David didn't realize that Sun King didn't handle the Halpatiokee tournaments, so Rob was confused if he was still going to be allowed to serve as the vendor of those events. David was going to follow up with Rob. Jeff D. mentioned that the manager at Play It Again in Stuart told him that they are interested in running a tournament at Halpatiokee – maybe even a 3-disc challenge. Jeff told him, he'd check with the Club. The Club supports getting Play It Again involved. They could run a tournament or just sponsor/serve as the vendor for a tournament – possibility the Blackwater. Players could get vouchers and they could stay open a bit later after the round for people to cash in.

- **Kraken (Nov. 4-5):** No updates

Putting League: August said he was hoping to have that going during daylight savings and we've missed that window. Everyone agreed it would be best to have that in the fall after the clocks turn back.

Course Updates

- **Gordy Road:** The course looks the best it has in years. Jeff and Jeff have been putting in extra hours trimming. ERD did an excellent rough cut.

- **Rotary:** Someone told Erick that the drop box was busted up. Jeff P. said it looked like someone busted up the wood on the top making it easier to reach in. Erick will look at it when he works on the memorial. We have some extras that can be swapped out.

- **Lakewood Park:** No update.
- **Halpatiokee:** No update.
- **Hobart:** Erick did invite Timmy to the meeting, but he was crossing over to the Bahamas for work.
- **Indian Hills:** Erick asked the city if the Club could trim the trees around the NW corner of the lake on hole 4 and move the alligator sign on hole 1. The city has addressed both of those issues. August went out with a Bushnell and measured all the tee pads. He gave those numbers to Erick, who has updated them on UDisc.
- **McCarty Ranch:** At the request of Joe B for the Easter tournament, Erick asked the city Parks staff if the club or city could clean up the exotic vegetation on basket 2. Parks said they would take care of it.
- **Torpey:** No update

Revisions to By-Laws: Jeff P. has provided his suggested changes. David said he was going through and marking it up. He was about halfway there. Erick suggested that everyone send him changes before the next meeting and he'll have a draft for review.

TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT: Erick had about \$600 to turn in from Friday nights, the 27-hole fundraiser and Gary's fundraiser. Brian told Erick (prior to the meeting) that the Club's non-profit status has been renewed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT/UPDATES: We have 75 members. Everyone was reminded that people have to sign up online. Even if they pay cash to a TD. We need updated contact info from everyone each year.

PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN DISCUSSION: Bryan asked for support to put in temporary "whiskers" to make some green/junior pads at Indian Hills and/or Gordy. This would help get a junior league going. He's not looking for tee signs. Just mark them on UDisc. He noticed a lot of families and kids playing Rotary recently. Everyone supported the idea. August even said he'd help so that we have them in place for that Eagle Wings tournament at Indian Hills.

Scratch League: David said he wants to get an 8-week scratch league going this summer. Have an A & B pool, rotate courses, earn points each week. August offered to help. The two are going to work on a plan and bring it to the May meeting. David also plans to bring back Skin City in late summer.

Vendors: August said he was pitched by Latitude on some disc. Perhaps we could reach out to some companies and see if we can do pre-tournament special stamped Halo discs for the Kraken. It could be a source of revenue.