



Treasure Coast Disc Golf Board Meeting – Minutes
Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023 @ 8 p.m.
Virtual: TEAMS

ROLL CALL: Present: Secretary Erick Gill, Treasurer Brian LaPorte, At-Large Officers: Jeff Daugherty, August Lightfoot & Jeff Porreca

Absent: President David Keith (tried to get in, but had technical difficulties); Vice President Ryan Jouppi. At-Large Officers: Mark Baldwin, Robbie Keen, Bryan Botson & Michael Castro

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Membership: Erick sent the draft renewal letter to everyone (thanks to Jeff P for proofreading). The price will remain the same: \$20 to renew / \$25 for new members. August & David told folks that if they joined/renewed after Oct. 1 of this year – that membership would carry into 2024. Erick looked online and didn't see any members joining/renewing in October – only November/December, so the letter mentions November. People can pay cash to TDs to renew – but the TD MUST make them fill out the online form at that time, so we have their contact info. They can fill out the online membership form and just type that they paid with PayPal. Erick can see if they did PayPal or not and will follow up with the member and confirm cash was given to the TD and check with that TD to be sure. Erick went ahead and added those who signed up in Nov/Dec into the 2024 membership list. He needs to add Clayton as he won the putting contest at the end-of-year member party. (David set up a putting challenge with 9 different flags – each player got two putts from each flag – they had to make at least one to advance. If they missed both, they had to start back at one. The person with the most flags won a free membership and a disc of their choice.) We plan to run that game again at the tag drop in February. Erick will send the membership email in when he gets back from NC. The letter and form are already online.

Sponsor plates for Gordy Baskets: Jeff P found a place that can do plastic engraved plates that are 3x6 for \$15 each. August suggested vinyl. August was going to get some costs on that and see about how well that will hold up over time. Jeff said whatever we use shouldn't be taller than 3 inch so that it fits in the band around the top. Erick reached out to those who paid for a basket to see what text they want on their plate – he only heard back from a couple of people. Jeff D said he didn't get an email. Erick said that's because he doesn't have an email for Jeff D or John N. August will get some costs on vinyl and other options. There was talk about adding Treasure Coast Disc Golf plates to the ones not sponsored, but we decided to just leave them blank and hopefully people will buy the naming rights later.

New Swag: The club doesn't have much swag left. August said he and David discussed maybe instead of buying small stuff – we get members something big like a hat. Decent baseball caps are \$15. It was also mentioned that we look at bucket hats or maybe even give out whale sacks for members instead of having them for the player's pack at the MC Open. August was going to

check with Wilfred with Palm Beach as he has his own embroidery shop and Willie with the Birdie Project in Vero. No vote was taken as we need more info on costs and what members might want. Erick asked about Ace pins. We are down to about a dozen. It was suggested that Erick create a couple different versions like before and go ahead and order the same amount as last time. They lasted nearly two years.

Goals / Objectives for 2024: Erick suggested the board set some goals/objectives for the new year. He asked if anyone had a project in mind. Erick wanted to focus on getting alt pins in place at Indian Hills and signage. August asked if we should make new signs for Gordy with the new baskets. Jeff P – said yes, but we have time as some of the new baskets could be moved – let's give it time for people to play them. Brian and Erick both want to focus on putting in pads at Torpey. The Village won't allow us to pour concrete slabs, but we could do pavers. Erick took a photo of cool pavers he saw at a course in NY where they used different color tiles/pavers to write out the pad number. A putting league was also discussed. Jeff P said he would talk to the new outfitters near Halpatiokee to see if we can make that happen there. Erick also asked if we wanted to put out a survey to members in the new year, but he was concerned about people giving their opinions and making great suggestions, but we need people to set up and help execute those ideas. Nothing was finalized.

OLD BUSINESS

2024 Tournaments

- Martin County Open: Jan. 20-21: August will TD. Right now, we are about half sold. Good news is we can add more than 90 spots since we are doing tee times. August plans to promote this weekend at the South Florida Open. We will be adding \$750 cash to the payouts. Brian suggested we think about scheduling some fundraisers.
- Tag Drop at McCarty: Feb. 3
- Up the 10-Mile Creek: April 27-28: Erick agreed to TD, but needs to get certified
- Blackwater Open: June 8-9: David K will TD
- Kraken: Nov. 2-3: Brian L. will TD

Jeff P said he'd like to shadow someone and learn the backend of setting up a tournament on PDGA/Disc Golf Scene. August said Michael C said the same thing. August will work on some training as he has figured out the PDGA site now that he has some events under his belt.

Bag Tags for 2024: Looks like we'll be going with metal bottle openers. Erick found a vendor that can do them for about \$5 each with color images on them. Voting is underway. Right now, Pirate Rudy is leading, but doesn't have more than 50 percent of the vote. Erick suggested that if there isn't a 50 percent winner – we have a round two voting session with the top 2 or 3.

Course Updates

- Gordy Road: 2nd set of baskets are in; everyone seems happy with them so far. Erick added smart layouts for the new baskets/pads in UDisc. Red to gray baskets and red to blue baskets / Blue pads to Blue baskets and Blue pads to gray baskets.
- Rotary: No update

- Lakewood Park: No update
- Hobart: No update
- Hapatiokee: Erick said he did get a request to add a smart layout to UDisc for the long pads. August said he'd tackle that.
- Indian Hills: Erick said the city's Public Works Director recently mentioned that they might be looking to put in restrooms on the south side of the course near the road/canal, which might impact some holes. He will work with them to try and find the best location.
- McCarty: No update.
- Torpey: Erick still needs to find the original layout or get someone to walk it with him, so he can update UDisc. Jeff P said it looks like there is an old layout in UDisc, but it's not a smart layout.

TREASURE/FINANCE REPORT – Financial standings are good. We have \$4,727 in checking. Erick did try to change the TCDG PayPal account name and take Liz's off, but can't.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT/UPDATES – 107 members

PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN DISCUSSION – None