

BOYNE VALLEY DISC GOLF CLUB



Meeting Minutes from Tuesday 6/7/16

01) Attendance:

- Shala Archer, Bruce Dixon, Greg Fiel, Will Hasseld, Forrest Omland, and David Wilson.

02) Secretary and Treasurer Reports:

- Official club membership right now is only 12 people. Our goal is 100 and \$500 which was 1/4 of our club income last year. Although it was decided that Pat Hood and Matt Wixson would be handling it this year, they don't have the time, and we need someone to step and do this ASAP before too much more time passes this summer. There are a lot of events yet to come that are great opportunities. Annual club dues are only \$5. Next year we may choose to change our plan but right now we need to keep trying. Forrest will be moving out of the area soon. Asking that Will Hasseld step into the role and try to get at least 50 club members by the August meeting. VERY IMPORTANT. Please ask everyone at league nights and at every tournament.
- Total club funds on 4/5/16 was \$669.50 with the only expense since 2/2/16 being the \$375.00 spent on the Paragon Discs order. As of 6/7/16 the club has \$656.64 in checking and savings and an unknown amount in the league cash box. Estimating that value at about \$160, we have about \$817.64 in total club funds.
- 2015 taxes were successfully filed by Forrest on 4/10/16 (simple form 990-N, an e-postcard with about 10 easy questions, due 5/15 of each year). See our club charter for more information.
- Our board of officers has two vacancies left by Dave Gross and Rob Wiltjer. As explained in the previous meeting minutes, and once again due to extremely poor attendance, we are filling those two vacancies with Bruce Dixon and Will Hasseld. Both have expressed interest and are here. Forrest will update our club website. Re-elections can take place in the future as needed.
- Attending the monthly Boyne City Parks & Recreation Commission meetings is important. VERY IMPORTANT. Unfortunately only Forrest was willing to commit to attending the next ones.
- PDGA affiliate club program: use code 16BOYNE0R4AFF in 2016 to get \$5 off each membership.

03) Leagues:

Planned 2016 Season = 24 weeks from Wed 4/13/16 through Wed 9/21/16

- No update from the league committee. Forrest created a special 19-hole scorecard (available on our club website) printed on yellow paper that could be used for leagues and incorporates our temporary basket between holes 8 and 9. Adding it as a permanent hole is one of our future goals.

04) Status of 2016 Club Goals:

Quick Summary of Course Projects = #1 Finish the Existing Course (baskets, tee signs, tee pads, trash cans, benches, navigation & caution signs, tree protection), #2 Existing Course Improvements (long & short tee pads, stairs, trash container upgrade), and #3 Add More Holes (starting with 8A and 17A).

- Safety is our #1 priority and caution signs are at the top of our project list. We purchased one 12"x12" "caution flying discs" sign (\$14 + shipping) to show the BC parks & recreation commission and we are posting it just beyond the basket on hole #14 where we have the worst blind corner. We have a long list of proposed signs and locations but we are starting with this one simple sign for evaluation before we proceed with more.



Please look for it when you're on the course and tell us what you think.

- Upgrading nearly all tee pads to carpet is nearly complete. As of 6/7/16 the only holes that don't have carpet are #2 (concrete pavers), #8, #14, and #17 (targeting this one next, have carpet). Special thanks to the city of Boyne City and their maintenance department for purchasing most of the materials that we needed to complete them (carpet remnants, treated lumber, and hardware). Note: last year on 8/6/15 we received approval from the parks & recreation commission to proceed with one concrete tee pad for trial purposes, but we have decided as a group not to do that just yet. With very few exceptions everyone seems to love the carpet so far, so that is our focus now. The treated 4"x6" frames have all been set in the ground in such a way that they would be perfect for pouring concrete into someday, but for now we are taking things slow and are loving the carpet. Forrest has been buying and adding brooms to each hole as the carpet pads are completed. He has not needed to buy very many brooms since most of them were donated by a local company.
- Tee sign refurbishment is next on the list. We made all new signs last year but the few coats of polyurethane we used was not enough to protect them. Forrest would like to buy a gallon of epoxy resin from www.bestbartopepoxy.com (\$79.95 with free shipping) and get started right away. If it works we can purchase more at a cheaper price to finish the job, possibly 2-3 gallons needed total. They need to be removed, sanded, repainted, given seal and flood coats of epoxy, and reinstalled. Forrest's last day at his current job is 6/17/16, and after that his primary goal is to get all of the tee signs done before the Trilogy Challenge on Sunday 7/31/16. Any help would be appreciated.
- Here is our list of 9 proposed alternative long & short tee pad locations that has been on the "back burner" since 2013: #2 long, #5 short, #9 short, #11 short, #12 long, #13 short, #14 short, #16 short, and #17 short. These are all just tentative future ideas and subject to change, but they would possibly give the course some alternate tee pads on half of the holes if we wanted to proceed with them someday. One of our club's primary objectives is simply to complete the first 18 holes of the existing course so that each one has the basics like a basket, sign, tee pad, trash barrel, and bench. Just to see what two different alternative short tee pads might be like, we will move our two small 4'x6' rubber pads from holes 12 and 18 (which are now carpet) to holes 16 and 17 for evaluation. Please try out the new temporary #16 short and #17 short tee pads and tell us what you think.
- We moved the entire course sign closer to hole #1 last year and made a few improvements (approved by the parks & recreation commission) such as the "Avalanche Disc Golf Course" sign at the top, a new box for maps and scorecards, a 12"x18" PDGA code sign, and small shelf surfaces. We have more sign improvements planned including some hinged plexiglass windows, but this is a lower priority and may wait until next year. The top sign will be sealed with epoxy soon which will hopefully look nicer and last for a very long time.
- Not only is Avalanche part of the Northern Waters Series again this year, but we are scheduled to be part of the championship weekend with River Road in Petoskey on September 24 & 25! Be sure to put this on your calendars and help us get the course in great shape between now and then.
- Our Trilogy Challenge is coming up soon on Sunday 7/31/16. Spread the word and sign up soon.
- The 4th annual Haunted Hyzer will be unsanctioned and it will be on Saturday 10/15/16. This club meeting was intended to be big enough to start forming the planning committee and complete many of the tasks before the next meeting in August, but Forrest will send out separate messages to try and make that happen. We will need LOTS of volunteer support this year to make it the best. Forrest will start by submitting the park usage request form to the city clerk (Cindy Grice).
- One of our club goals is to follow the Avalanche course rating on Disc Golf Scene, encourage all players to leave a (hopefully) positive review along with their comments, and to keep working on

the course to make it the best it can be. We started out at #99 in Michigan in 2013 and worked our way up to #35 in Michigan rated "A-" with 121 reviews on 2/2/16 (we did not record our status in April or June). It would be incredible if Avalanche could be in the top 30 by the end of the year. Please encourage everyone to leave a review and let's see if we can get up to 150 of them by 2017.

05) Calendar Tasks & Unfinished Business:

- Forrest took care of emptying all of the course trash barrels with bags provided by the city. We should do it again in the fall after the Haunted Hyzer, and it would be nice to have some volunteers to help the city empty the trash barrel on hole #1 each week (none chosen yet).
- Forrest printed enough maps and scorecards to keep the main sign stocked for two years, but Matt Wixson has been unavailable lately to bring them. Asking Will Hasseld to help with this.
- Forrest is working on repairing the bench on hole #2 before the next meeting.
- Forrest has asked the city to drop off a large pile of wood chips by the garage. Once they are available we can spread them in several areas throughout the course (under baskets, on paths) as well as on certain projects like making a tee pad on hole #17.
- Michael Grubaugh deposited \$425 from the Paragon Discs order so far (not sure how many shirts, towels, and tags are left). Hopefully he can provide an update for the next meeting. Lots of people have been asking about them but he's not always at leagues. Suggest that we hand this over to someone like Will Hasseld to manage the club membership and item sales as one person.
- We are running out of time to find volunteers to take over most of Forrest's duties before he leaves for Grand Rapids in July. VERY IMPORTANT. Please get involved and help the club if you can.
- No updates on the bag tag challenge rules or status from Michael Grubaugh or Pat Hood.
- No update on Stroll the Streets or Sunset Park activities. Volunteers are still needed.
- We successfully cleared most of the fairways last year (from all of the dead branches on the ground) but we still have a few to go. Holes #13, #14, and #15 are still in need of some major work. We've tried having "work bees" in the past without much success, but let's keep this on the list and perhaps once we get a few more major projects done we can try focusing on this again.
- On 4/14/16 Forrest went to the 4Front credit union and was finally able to take care of what we decided on last year and what we put into our 2/2/16 meeting minutes. Forrest is our sole club treasurer for now. However the club will need a new treasurer in 2017. His choice would be Adam Hubble if he would be interested in taking over that responsibility, but of course any motion could be made at any time for an appropriate successor. The ideal person would have their own personal computer, internet access, and be very detail oriented. The hardest part is getting us to write down where all of our income comes from, not just our expenses, which we do a good job of. One of the main problems is that we try to use our league cash box as the only cash box for the club, and money is always going in and out of it without anything being written down. VERY IMPORTANT. This can't keep happening if we want accurate annual cash flow reporting.

06) New Business:

- Forrest was hoping to get more support and feedback on the club business cards which are very helpful for many reasons. They are especially handy for giving to people out on the course to communicate when our events and club meetings are, as well as our club contact information. He took it upon himself to spend \$49.20 at www.printrunner.com since we are running out of time this summer and probably won't have a quorum for a long time, but he will gladly reimburse the club if everyone decides they were a waste of money. Personally he feels they are well worth the cost and recommends that the club print something similar each year. The cost is actually much

lower the more that you get, and they came out really nice through this company (recommended).

- Someone wanted to look at purchasing a club banner, but they have not responded since then or come to the meetings, so we will once again remove it from the agenda. It's a great idea and I'm sure we would use it, but we are still focusing our efforts on finishing the existing course.
- We haven't received much feedback on ordering club bag tags again this year from Justin Mosley (other than several people asking if we are doing them again) so we are going to proceed. Will Hasseld will buy bottle opener tags (60 for \$50) to be paid for by the first 10 new member recruits.
- Several people have expressed interest in making special "ace signs" on certain holes (so that players won't write their aces on the benches). This is a great idea and anyone can work on it at any time. In fact Dave D'Amour and Toby Bunting were going to bring samples to this meeting but they did not. They can be added to future unfinished business if someone wants to take the lead.
- As for discussing a major change in the board of officers format and our club charter, Forrest did not have the time to pull together all of the information he wanted, and the attendance wasn't high enough anyway, so we'll try again in August. It's still very important and needs to be discussed.
- No update on city budget requests for 2017. Try discussing at the next club meeting in August.

07) Share Announcements and Adjourn.

- No announcements made. Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.
- Next meeting = Tuesday 8/2/16. All 2016 meeting dates = 2/2, 4/5, 6/7, 8/2, 10/4, and 12/6.
- Email contactus@boynevalleydiscgolf.org to have anything added to next meeting agenda.
- Visit www.boynevalleydiscgolf.org or email us for a copy of our meeting minutes.