

BOYNE VALLEY DISC GOLF CLUB



Meeting Minutes from Tuesday 8/2/16

01) Attendance:

- Jason McCary, Will Hasseld, Forrest Omland, James Bunting, and Jody Bunting.

02) Secretary and Treasurer Reports:

- Official club membership right now is only 24 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 later this month. Asked at the last meeting that Will Hasseld step into the role and try to get at least 50 club members by the August. VERY IMPORTANT. Please ask everyone at league nights and at every tournament.
- Total club funds on 6/7/16 were estimated at \$817.64 since we didn't know how much was in the league cash box and didn't have good records of what went in and out of it each week. Actual club funds as of 8/2/16 were not known or estimated, and Jason requested an additional meeting to go over the club finances. Club checking account records were checked and verified by Forrest. He requests no more arbitrary deposits or it will make accurate year end income/expense charts nearly impossible. Just write down everything in and out each week so our deposits will mean something.
- Our board of officers had two vacancies left by Dave Gross and Rob Wiltjer which were filled by Bruce Dixon and Will Hasseld at the previous meeting. The next vacancy will be Forrest Omland but once again attendance was too low and we didn't have a quorum.
- Attending the monthly Boyne City Parks & Recreation Commission meetings is important. VERY IMPORTANT. Hoping that Will Hasseld or Marianne Watkins can attend the next one on 8/4.

03) Leagues:

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

- Jason said the total attendance so far not counting the last two weeks was 304 players. In an attempt to increase attendance he may change the format to incorporate doubles play once again.

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 8/2/16 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.

- Epoxy resin tee sign refurbishment was completed on 7/31/16. Total cost = \$270 for epoxy plus \$139 for other supplies = \$409 (about \$23 per sign including the main welcome sign). This was more than expected by about \$100 but the end result seems great. Hopefully it will last for several years.

- 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 is now sealed with epoxy too.

- 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 was a success with 39 players and making \$250 profit.

- The 4th annual Haunted Hyzer will be unsanctioned and it will be on Saturday 10/15/16. The last meeting was intended to be big enough to start forming the planning committee and complete many of the tasks before this meeting, and hardly anyone attended this one either so we are in big need of LOTS of volunteer support this year to make it the best, and help since Forrest is moving. The park usage request form has been submitted to the city clerk (Cindy Grice) and approved.

- 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). As of 8/2/16 Avalanche is ranked #28 in Michigan with 131 reviews!

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).

- Will Hasseld stocked the maps and scorecards at the main sign.

- Forrest repaired the bench on hole #2..

- At our request the city dropped off a large pile of wood chips by the garage. Everyone please

help spread them in several areas throughout the course (under baskets, on paths) as well as on upcoming projects like making a tee pad on hole #17.

- No update on the Paragon Discs order and what we still have leftover from Will Hasseld.
- 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.
- All of the carpet tee pads now have brooms.
- We may want to replace the slippery carpet on hole #11 with one of the two new pieces in the Avalanche garage. The remaining piece is for the new carpet tee pad on hole #17 (need helpers).
- 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.

06) New Business:

- No suggestions made on city budget requests for 2017 at this time.
- Attendees agreed that a carpet tee pad on hole #17 should be the next project we should try and complete before the NWS tournament at the end of September. However getting volunteers between now and then may be difficult and we need someone to take over the project from Forrest.
- Unfortunately no time was spent discussing the Haunted Hyzer due to low attendance. Forrest will try one more time to contact the planning committee members for help getting things done.

07) Share Announcements and Adjourn.

- No announcements made. Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.
- Next meeting = Tuesday 10/4/16. 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.