

Mason County Disc Golf Association

Board of Directors Meeting - April

Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Location: Shelton YMCA

ATTENDANCE: Ryan Smith, Janice Jones, Mark Hill, Justin Holzgrove (minutes); Clinton Gauthier, Hueston Kratz, Sunshine Pearson, Daniel Trippi

2023 ANNUAL MEETING

- I. Call to Order - Ryan Smith, President
- II. Approval of Agenda

III. ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS

- A. State of the Club Address (President)
 - i. See transcript at end of the minutes.
- B. Bylaws Review & Adoption (first presented 02/11/23; discussed 03/06/23; adopted unanimously on 04/17/23)
- C. Voting for new board members:
 - i. Candidates:
 - a) Ryan Smith - affirmed unanimously.
 - b) Justin Holzgrove - affirmed unanimously.
 - c) Clinton Gauthier - affirmed unanimously.
 - ii. In 2024, there will be an option for absentee voting for members.
- D. Assigning Officer Positions to Board Members:
 - i. President - Ryan Smith
 - ii. Vice President - Janice Jones
 - iii. Secretary - Justin Holzgrove
 - iv. Treasurer - Mark Hill (assigned)
 - v. Membership Administrator - Clinton Gauthier
- E. Bylaw Requirements: Annual Report (Secretary) & Financial Report (Treasurer)
 - i. Justin and Mark will work together to put it together. A draft will be brought forward to the next board meeting for review and adoption.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Tee Pads Project Update
 - i. Plinths are painted; tee signs, wayfinding posts and signs, Mando signs, Caution Flying Discs signs, are all installed.
 - ii. MW18 needs to be delivered, set, and painted. (Morgan)
 - a) Bake has the plinth.
 - b) Mark suggests that a future plinth to be considered for replacement is Timber Claw 15 as it continues to degrade.

- iii. Misc reimbursements were made this past month to Janice, Ryan, and Justin for material purchases for this project.
- B. WATDG has graciously agreed to fund the tee sign, concrete, etc. request of \$2950.09!
 - i. A larger thank you sign is to be designed, printed, and installed at the kiosk (Morgan). Ryan confirmed that this is on Morgan's list when they talked on Saturday.
- C. Red & Black Tee Sign Auction? (Old wayfinding signage was left by the practice basket on Friday and all disappeared by Monday!)
 - i. Mark suggests that we put them for sale for \$50/each, with all proceeds going to MCDG. All agreed this was a good idea, to at least see if people are willing to purchase them. Signs have to be cleaned first.
- D. SSO Fundraiser - One Disc Challenge - Update from April 8 event (Mark)
 - i. 20 singles + 18 teams. The weather was terrible but \$976 was raised! In addition to the \$450 raised at Josh's NYE fundraiser, that's a total of: \$1000 added cash to pros and \$426 in additional script for amateurs!
- E. Benches - Jeffery Logan?
 - i. Nobody knows him.
- F. Course Use Agreements?
 - i. Cascade Challenge (Jeff K) - Mark will follow up.
 - ii. NADGT WA State Am Championship (Matt V) - Ryan

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. MCDG Member Drawing for April.
 - i. Greg Car was selected for April!
 - ii. Mark was given labeled prizes for previously drawn members and has delivered them to most winners.
- B. 501(c)3 update (Mark)
 - i. As long as we stay under \$50,000 revenue, we just have to submit a postcard each year. If we go over, we have to itemize.
 - ii. Mark will purchase the previously approved chainsaw at J&I Saw Shop now that we're an official non-profit.
- C. Mason County DiscGolfers Facebook Group - admin challenges
 - i. The Mason County DiscGolfers Facebook Group is not club owned, maintained, and run. Club posts haven't been showing up in the facebook group. The club will continue to post to the official facebook page, but cannot guarantee that posts will be posted to the group, for those that may be looking for official posts there.
- D. Proposed Events:
 - i. Heuston Kratz is present to discuss Yin & Yang Tournament idea.
 - a) Date and approval - August 27, 2023 event day. Registration to open in May-ish.
 - b) Safety - Site walk required with a board member to give final approval on hole design.

- c) Considerations of course damage - Vegetation, removal of temporary markings, new footpaths (e.g. players meeting; marked with little blue flags), etc.
 - d) The first event was at Lakewood. He got 46 registered and 40 players participated.
 - e) Motion: Approval for the event on 08/27/23; conditional of a safety site walk with at least one board member before announcement on DG scene. Conditionally Approved.
- ii. Josh Heideman submitted an event request for "Star & Stripes Dubs".
 - a) Josh is not present to answer questions that board members have about the event. Discussion tabled.
- iii. Trilogy Challenge on Springboard - Sunday, August 13 (Mark)
 - a) Approved.
- iv. Builders First Source: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Fundraiser Tournament idea (Shane Hardin)
 - a) Justin provided background. The club will support this when/if it develops. This is why we exist!
- E. Earth Day Course Cleanup - April 22, 9:00 am - 12:noon
 - i. Raffle prizes were received.
 - ii. Asking workers to bring rakes, buckets, and gloves.
 - iii. List of work: SB17 teepad area, TC10 teepad area, extensions on 5 & 12.
- F. Potential future: Pour Long Teepad for Hole 3
 - i. This would allow DGPT to run Hole 3 as a true PAR 5 and the FPO from the SB pad as a true PAR 4.
- G. Ryan asks for a motion to purchase 20 new locks in case we can't get the old ones unlocked to replace the baskets. SPSDGC purchased their matching locks from uline.com. Approved.
- H. There will be no board meeting in May, with the focus on prep for tournaments.

VI. DGPT CASCADE CHALLENGE (dedicated section of agenda until event)

- A. Ryan & Justin met with Jeff Korns & Scott Withers and the City of Shelton on 03/28 - meeting recap
 - i. The City fixed the gravel overflow lot as a one-time gesture. The YMCA now owns the lot. Any future work would need to come from the YMCA.
 - ii. The City approved event parking in the kitty corner lot from the course. 50' set back from the power tower requested.
 - iii. The City approved the use of the field across from Hole 3 as a warm up field for pros.
 - iv. Ryan will coordinate with the City for an electronic reader board for the week before the event and will submit a traffic control plan, per their request.
- B. No Parking Sign Discussion.
 - i. People should not be parking on the grassy upper-shelf in front of Chainman. Signs and announcements are ignored. A barrier is needed.

Preference is for 5-man rocks. There are challenges. Old poles are another option. Let's table this for now.

- C. Resistance Discs is donating 18 new Chainstar Pros to MCDG!!
 - i. A larger thank you sign is to be designed, printed, and installed at the kiosk (Morgan). Ryan will follow up with Morgan to be sure it's on his list as well.
 - ii. MCDG purchased two additional baskets for \$872.10 (practice + spare)
- D. PortaPotty & Garbage account support request (Course & Camping)
 - i. Jeff & Scott are working with Little Creek to try to secure sponsorship and room blocks.
 - ii. Shelton Presbyterian Church is letting 60 or so campers utilize their overflow parking lot for the week. They ask that a garbage bin and a portapotty are made available.
 - iii. Jeff & Scott asked the club to book portapotty and garbage on our account, to be reimbursed following the event.
 - iv. Motion: to allow the MCDG portapotty & garbage accounts to be utilized as a pass through with DGPT for these facilities. Approved unanimously.
 - v. Justin will contact Mason County Garbage. Mark will contact AAA Septic.
- E. Volunteer Coordinator & Work Party Scheduler Update (Clinton)
 - i. 78 current volunteers already signed up!
- F. To-Do List:
 - i. Sleeve install for shorter basket 3 (Monday, May 22).
 - ii. Hole 9 cleanup work party.
 - iii. Friday, May 19 - Jeremy Ogg will be at the course with his tractor/mower!
 - a) Mow new fairways - 1, 5, 12
 - b) Clean out scotch broom for viewing on left side of Hole 16
 - iv. Wood chips for all pathways and baskets
 - v. Wood chips to cover all of island
 - vi. Take down hazardous leaner trees (6, 11, 13, 17, etc.)
 - vii. Move island stone and pallets by May 7 (Morgan)
 - viii. Hazard signs on hazard trees (Morgan)
 - ix. Install new distance markers for 12?
 - a) Yes, it needs to happen, but it isn't a high priority. It should match the other Par 4s.
- G. DGPT Coordination with Local Contacts
 - i. Liability Insurance for the City
 - ii. Special Event License if there will be alcohol on site for the event; Jeff says no alcohol.
- H. Ryan reached out to the following food trucks for participation:
 - i. Ana Pupuseria - confirmed yes.
 - ii. Pig Boys BBQ - interested
 - iii. Radio Fryer Foods - yes.
 - iv. Kona Ice of Olympia is interested.
 - v. Belfair Pop Sweets & Treats is interested.

vi. Shelton Centennial Lions Club - yes. (Sunshine)

VII. COURSE REPORTS & EVENTS

SHELTON SPRINGS

- Siren of the Springs Women's Disc Golf Event, April 30.
 - ◆ TD: Jennifer Czuprynski
 - ◆ 46 registered now. Janice will mark shorter tees for Juniors.
 - ◆ Course Closed during the event.
 - ◆ https://www.discgolfscene.com/tournaments/Sirens_of_the_Springs_Evergreen_Womens_Series_2023
- Windfall Masters Cup - May 13-14, 2-Day, B-Tier
 - ◆ MASTERS ONLY, 40+; National Disc Golf Masters Tour
 - ◆ Tournament held at Shelton Springs & Evergreen.
 - ◆ TD: John Anderson with Rob Beach AssTD at SS.
 - ◆ Course will be Closed during the event.
 - ◆ https://www.discgolfscene.com/tournaments/Windfall_Masters_Cup_2023
- Shelton Springs Open - PackEx Cup - May 20-21, 2022, B-Tier
 - ◆ TD: Mark Hill with Jeff Kornas as AssTD.
 - ◆ Course Closed during the event.
- DGPT Cascade Challenge - Silver Series - May 26-28
 - ◆ TD: Jeff Kornas
 - ◆ Course Closed from Monday, May 22 - Sunday, May 28
 - ◆ PDGA page: <https://www.pdga.com/tour/event/67660>
- NADGT: Washington Amateur Championship, July 2-4, 2022, A-Tier
 - ◆ TD: Matt VanDusen
 - ◆ Course Closed during the event. Tentative Approval; waiting on agreement.
 - ◆ https://www.discgolfscene.com/tournaments/2023_NADGT_Zanfel_Premier_Tour_WASHINGTON

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Bank Accounts:
 - PayPal: \$10,850 (mostly SSO registrations)
 - Checking \$9,621.81
 - Savings: \$542.14
- Membership: 40

STATE OF THE CLUB, as provided by President, Ryan Smith on April 17, 2023:

I'm thrilled to report that over the past year, we have made significant improvements to Shelton Springs. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers and sponsors, we have added 18 new cement tee pads and have undertaken a course redesign effort, creating three distinct 18-hole layouts that offer diverse challenges and exciting new opportunities for players to test their skills. This redesign has been well-received, providing a fresh and dynamic experience for both seasoned players and newcomers alike. This has not only improved the overall playing experience but has also made our courses more accessible for players of all skill levels.

To enhance the navigation experience for players, we have also installed 54 new tee signs throughout the courses, providing clear and informative guidance on hole layouts, distances, and pars. Additionally, we have updated our wayfinding navigation signs, ensuring that players, especially new ones, can easily navigate the course and enjoy a smooth and enjoyable round of disc golf.

Finally, we are thrilled to announce that we have secured a donation for the acquisition of 20 new Chainstar Pro baskets! This exciting project will be taking place during the week of May 15th, and we can't wait to see these new baskets in action.

Early this year, we successfully applied for and were approved to be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. This designation is a significant milestone for us, as it allows us to further our mission of promoting and advancing the sport of disc golf in Mason County. As a nonprofit, we can now seek grants, donations, and other funding opportunities to support our initiatives, including course improvements, events, and community outreach programs. This achievement wouldn't have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our board members and I want to thank them for pursuing this exciting opportunity.

In addition to the accomplishments of the past year, we are also excited to share some upcoming projects that we have in the pipeline. We are currently working towards applying for funds for a 2024 project to build a picnic shelter and install picnic tables in the area behind hole 2, near the practice basket.

The addition of a picnic shelter and tables will provide a much-needed amenity, offering a place to rest, refuel, and socialize during tournaments, leagues, or casual rounds. It will also enhance the overall experience and make the course more welcoming. We will have more information on this project as it draws closer, we are in the beginning stages of the project but are excited about the improvement it can provide to the course.

In August, we will be seeking funds from the City LTAC (Lodging Tax Advisory Committee) to build a bridge over the wetlands area between holes 2 and 3 at Shelton Springs.

This project is aimed at enhancing safety for our players by keeping them off the side of Wallace Kneeland Boulevard and providing a designated path across the wetlands. It will also reduce the overall impact on the wetlands by consolidating foot traffic onto a single trail, minimizing the ecological impact of multiple trails. By keeping foot traffic off the wetlands, we can help protect the natural habitat and preserve the wetlands' ecological integrity.

We are working diligently to present a compelling proposal to the City LTAC, showcasing the benefits of this project for both our community and the environment. We are hopeful for a positive outcome and will keep the club updated on the progress of this project.

Recapping the events held last year, we had an exciting lineup of tournaments that brought disc golfers from near and far to Mason County. We hosted the Shelton Springs Open, the NADGT Washington State Amateur Championship, the Senior Games, and the Shelton Showcase. These events were a huge success, showcasing the talent and passion of our disc golf community, and further establishing Mason County as a premier disc golf destination.

Looking ahead to this year, we have an impressive array of events planned as well. We are proud to host the Sirens of the Springs, which is part of the Evergreen Women's Series, promoting and empowering women in disc golf. We also have the Windfall Masters Cup, the Shelton Springs Open, and the 2023 NADGT Washington State Amateur Championship on the calendar.

But the excitement doesn't stop there! The highlight of our upcoming events is the Cascade Challenge, a DGPT Silver Series event happening over Memorial Day weekend. This tournament will draw top-tier professional disc golfers from around the world, putting Mason County on the map as a must-visit disc golf destination.

These events are not only a celebration of our love for disc golf but also an opportunity to showcase the natural beauty and hospitality of Mason County. We are grateful for the support of our sponsors, volunteers, the city, and the entire disc golf community in making these events a success year after year.

I would also like to take a moment to recognize and highlight the efforts of Mark Hill, who has been organizing the Veterans for Vets tournament for the past four years in January. This event has been a special occasion that brings together disc golfers to support local veterans. The funds raised from this event have contributed in helping to build a housing development across the street from our disc golf course. This development is set to celebrate its ribbon-cutting ceremony in the upcoming months, and we are proud to have played a part in making it a reality. Mark Hill's dedication and passion for disc golf and veterans have made a significant impact on our community, and we are grateful for his tireless efforts in organizing this meaningful event. It's a shining example of how disc golf can be used as a force for good, bringing people together and making a positive difference in our local community.

I would also like to recognize the outstanding efforts of Janice Zachman Jones. Her dedication and commitment to our club and the disc golf course have been truly commendable. From her early embrace of the Adopt-a-Hole program to her tireless efforts in keeping the course clean, Janice has made a significant impact.

Janice has taken it upon herself to haul off hundreds of pounds of garbage from the course, emptying trash cans and ensuring that our disc golf course remains clean and enjoyable for all players. Her willingness to volunteer and show up for every project and work party has been truly amazing. Janice's selfless contributions to the club have not gone unnoticed, and we are incredibly grateful for her hard work and dedication.

Janice serves as an inspiration to us all, showcasing the true spirit of community and volunteerism. Her unwavering support and tireless efforts have made a significant positive impact on our disc golf community.

Finally, I would like to extend a special commendation to Justin Holzgrove. During our recent redesign phase, Justin played a pivotal role by meticulously drawing every hole, ensuring that the new layout was well-planned and optimized for our players. His exceptional organizational skills and attention to detail were evident in the successful planning and execution of the concrete pour for the new cement pads.

Justin has also been instrumental in the installation of wayfinding and navigation signs throughout the course, making it easier for new players to navigate and enjoy their disc golf experience. In addition, he has spent countless hours clearing brush, trees, and limbs, making significant improvements to the course's overall aesthetics and playability.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the numerous club member volunteers who have consistently shown up and supported various projects during this time.

Bryan Roush has been a regular presence, running doubles every week and actively participating in our work parties. Taylor Simmons has put in countless hours digging holes, clearing tee pad areas, and maintaining the course. Morgan Rothrock has contributed both creative vision and exceptional execution, designing our new tee signs and spearheading the new island design. Clinton Gauthier has been invaluable in organizing volunteers, coordinating with Jeff Korns, and developing plans for the upcoming Cascade Challenge, which will require a large volunteer effort.

There are many other individuals who have contributed to our remarkable success this year, and it is thanks to dedicated club members like all of you that we are able to achieve continued success.

As we continue to strive towards improving our courses, providing a top-notch disc golf experience for our players and creating a disc golf destination in the Northwest, we are grateful for the ongoing support and enthusiasm from both players and our community. Together, we can make these upcoming projects a success and further enhance the state of disc golf in Mason County.