

WSDGA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 8th, 2019

Location & Time

Subway Restaurant, 3850 Kitsap Way, Bremerton, WA at 5:30pm.

Attendance

Board Members:

Paul Wright, President
Lisa Nienhuser, Secretary
Sam Huff, Treasurer
Prescott Mabbutt, Member at Large
Allegra Archer, Member at Large
Deane Phillips, Member at Large

Members

Cathy Cohoon
John Cohoon
Barry Fischer
Gregg Kelsay
Dan Glynn

President's Remarks

With the 2019 tournament season winding down, it's been great to see the representation of the West Sound players at the tournaments outside of Kitsap County. The development of local player's skill sets has grown and it is now common to see a West Sound player with a podium finish at all the standard regional tournaments.

Comments from the Community

John Cohoon attended the September Kitsap County Parks Advisory Board meeting. He reports that he was a little too opportunistic for the timeline of disc golf course growth during his allotted public comment time to the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board did not align with the WSDGA short term goal of adding a new disc golf course on Kitsap County property. The WSDGA will continue to network and pursue appropriate planning processes to grow the number of courses. Cathy Cohoon went on a walk at a local park to check on some of the experimental teepad material that Kitsap County Parks has recommended to use in natural setting. She reports that the material is very slick and not suitable for a tee area. Barry Fischer reports that there have been recent discussions from the older players in the area about the lack of divisions offered for the age protected players at the local tournaments. The WSDGA Board discussed a few of the factors that determine the number of divisions offered at a tournament.

Course Discussions

NAD Park DGC

Bees nest on Hole 1 is active and marked with caution tape. Allegra Archer would like to use a bee removal company for future bee nests instead of killing the bees. Deane Phillips motioned that the landscaping timbers surrounding the basket for Hole 8 be improved before the NAD Park Putter Challenge. The WSDGA Board approved the motion. A wood chip work party is needed soon. Discussion on the need to improve a few of the tee areas (levelness and erosion control).

DISCOVERY DGC

Course conditions are good. Dan Glynn is working with 360 Disc Golf to make signs for the footboards at each tee area. Scheduled completion in late Fall. Needs a resource for steel frames. Paul Wright will assist.

Kitsap Fairgrounds DGC

Course conditions are good. Discussions on the continued and increased maintenance of brush growth to aid the playability of the course. Course stewards will lead periodic work parties to trim brush as needed to align with the course design. Sam Huff discussed the use of the longer B pin location on Hole 18. Basket rotation plan tabled until the next Board meeting. Gregg Kelsay would like to talk to Kitsap County Parks about clearing the upper fairway area of Hole 1 (brush) by the parking lot for increased visibility to the disc golf course. Discussed the need for a parking lot entrance sign.

Bud Pell at Ross Farm DGC

Course conditions are great. Hole 1 Red tee area needs some support on the back half of the teepad. Hole 2 Red tee will be home to the experimental alternate tee material.

Van Zee Park

Kiosk still needs a roof and a map. The tee signs are in need of an upgrade. Sam Huff will work on the replacement tee signs in the Fall. Sam Huff performed some minor brush trimming on a few select holes.

Horseshoe Lake Golf Course

The Lakeside and Canyon Courses are in great shape. The remaining permanent baskets (3) for the Canyon Course will be installed by the end of the year. Planned course improvements to the Canyon Course include tee areas and lengthening Hole 9 and 10 to become par 4s. Expected completion date is early 2020.

Old Business

East Bremerton DGC

Paul Wright has drafted a 9 hole disc golf course design to submit to the Bremerton School Board for approval. A multi-use path through the park is currently approved and we are certain the course design will accommodate the path throughout the disc golf course. The planning process is on hold until the School Board gives the WSDGA a green light to continue with course planning. Timing?

Insurance

Paul Wright stated that he will do more research and report back to the WSDGA Board. Discussion on insurance for Board members and Events. The WSDGA Board agreed that a policy is needed. Deane Phillips spoke with Eric Martin about insurance for non sanctioned events and talked to the City of Bremerton Parks Board. Discussion on covering the insurance costs of PDGA sanctioning for club endorsed events. EHL in Poulsbo insurance for non profits. Two types, director and officer. General liability. Paul motioned to have an event next year to raise funds for Insurance. Motion passed.

Eagle Scout Project (Kitsap Fairgrounds DGC)

The project proposal has been presented and has received approval from the Kitsap County Parks department. Installation is scheduled for Saturday, October 12. The location of the new Benches will be on Holes 6,14,17,and 18.

WSDGA Website Update

A committee was formed to refresh the website for the WSDGA. Lisa Nienhuser, Brian Johnson, Deane Phillips, Prescott Mabbutt, Cathy Cohoon, and Landon Mclaughlin are meeting to discuss the design of the club's website. Several members of the committee talked with Josh Kendall about a time he could meet with us for design ideas to discuss the wants and needs for the website. Membership registration on the website would be a great option. Email has been sent to Josh.

Volunteer Appreciation Cards

A new batch of cards were handed out to recognize recent volunteers.

Business Cards

Prescott Mabbutt discussed the value of WSDGA business cards to hand out at tournaments to new players or interested people, website information, and facebook address. Tabled until the next Board meeting to do more research on cost.

Kitsap Fairgrounds DGC Master Plan

Sam Huff is working on the update to the current Master Plan for the Kitsap Fairgrounds DGC for desired future improvements. The WSDGA will submit the revised Master Plan to the Kitsap County Parks Department after the final review by the WSDGA Board. The process is long and will require a course design committee to draft the proposal. A recent course walk through to scout alternate tees areas for the existing holes was good progress in the alignment of all stakeholders to finalize Phase II of the Master Plan. Expected date to submit the updated Master Plan is Winter 2020.

WSDGA Financial Audit

The WSDGA Board has requested a routine audit of the financial records and general ledger. Sam Huff will provide and coordinate the club's records to a local Auditor.

Coulter Creek Property

(Hooner Report) The available property at Coulter Creek Park is not conducive for a disc golf course. John Cohoon and several Board members scouted the adjacent Square Lake property as a possibility for disc golf. Square lake property has potential for a future disc golf course. It also has restrooms and a small parking lot. Long process and steering committee is in the works. Additional course scouting and design work is pending with planning approval from Kitsap County Parks Department.

WSDGA Membership Tags

Motioned to allocate funds (\$200) for new membership tags. Motion passed.

New Teepad Material

Discussion on alternate teepad materials. Kitsap County Parks is requesting the use of materials that are not concrete. The WSDGA will look into non-concrete tee materials and install a sample of the alternate teepad design at the Bud Pell DGC for testing.

New Business

Ice Bowl

The annual Bremerton Food Line fundraising event will be on January 18th, 2020.

2020 West Sound Event Schedule

Sam Huff discussed the need to start planning for the 2020 events. He asked all local event directors to start their event planning and select a date for next year.

Basket Discounted Rate from Innova

Paul Wright recently travelled to California and visited the Innova store. He discovered that his Ambassador status with Innova makes him eligible for a special discounted rate on disc golf baskets to help grow the sport. The WSDGA briefly discussed future needs for a new set of disc golf baskets.

PDGA Affiliate program

Sam Huff motioned to renew the club's status with PDGA Affiliate Program. Motioned and passed. Sam will process the request before the next Board meeting.

Membership Report

Current West Sound Membership = 235

NOTE: 2020 WSDGA Memberships are now available online (4discgolf.com) and in-person (Board member).

Treasurer's Report

Bank Account: \$13,879.32

Total Allocations: \$3,253.00

Allocation - WSDGA Membership Tags (\$200.00)

Allocation - Tee Area Material (\$400.00)

Allocation - Course Improvement Material for Woodland Creek Park (\$1,110.00)

Allocation - DISCOVERY Course Improvements (\$243.00)

Allocation - NAD Park Erosion Control (\$100.00)

Allocation - Kitsap Fairgrounds Erosion Control (\$100.00)

Allocation - Kitsap Fairgrounds Kiosk Improvements (\$100.00)

Allocation - Van Zee Park Safety Netting for Hole 8 (\$1,000.00)

West Sound Events

2019 Tournaments

- Throw Pink - September 14 (Bud Pell at Ross Farm) (PDGA C Tier)
- Fall Fling - October 12 (NAD Park)
- NAD Putter Challenge - November 2 (NAD Park) (PDGA XC Tier)

2020 Tournaments

- Ice Bowl - January 18 (NAD Park) (Fundraiser for Bremerton Food Line)
- West Sound Invitational - February 1 (Horseshoe Lake) (PDGA C Tier)
- Kitsap Classic - June 5-7 (Horseshoe Lake) (PDGA A Tier)

Weekly Random Draw Doubles

- NAD Park Family Doubles - Saturday at 9:00am
- Battle Point Park Family Friendly Doubles - To Be Determined
- Fredericksen Family Friendly Doubles - To Be Determined

Next Meeting Dates

Tuesday, November 12th at 5:30pm.

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Tuesday, December 10th at 5:30pm.

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