

**East Portal Bocce Club Board Meeting
East Portal Park Clubhouse
December 1, 2025**

Club website: www.epbcsac.com

Officers/Directors Present:

Jay James, President
Joe Pane, Vice-President
Iggy Lopez-Alvarez, Treasurer
Catherine Travers, Secretary

Steve Choe, Director
John Leonard, Director
Romano Luchini, Director/Facilities Manager
Dennis Siebert, Director
Al Velasquez, Director

Officers/Directors Absent:

Visitors:

Annette Miller
Ryan Tracy
Louie Lodi

The meeting was called to order by President Jay James at 5:30 pm. He welcomed newly elected Board members Annette Miller and Ryan Tracy. He thanked the Board for taking care of business when he was absent.

Roll Call

The roll call sheet was passed around by the secretary.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Al and seconded by Romano to approve the November Minutes. The motion passed. The approved November Minutes will be posted online.

Treasurer's Report

Iggy reviewed the Treasurer Report. The total deposits are \$5,500.00 and withdrawals totaled \$7,456.96. The account balance is \$9,625.80. There was a rental refund because of inclement

weather. John moved and Joe seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed. The November Treasurer Report will be posted online.

Maintenance Report

Romano reported that some boards on courts two and three have been replaced since they were in bad shape. They've been coated with a wood preservative. He will start striping the courts soon. There is a lot of extra carpet. Steve thought we could put it underneath the bleachers to make blowing off leaves easier. He recommends that we figure out where we want it.

Steve checked out the new courts and thinks Sierra Putting Greens did a really good job. He thanked Romano, Dave, Tom and all the people who helped taking the side boards off and reconditioning them. But he pointed out that some of the newer boards are taller than the original boards. Someone could trip on it and injure themselves. There were suggestions about how to fix it (a saw or a planer) and who could fix it. Romano will get it done.

Calendar Report

Iggy projected several months of the calendar on the wall. He reviewed events, including Open Bocce Day and the McClaskey group on Fridays. There's nothing happening in January except the Annual Dinner. February is full with the deadline to sign up for Spring 2026 Leagues on Monday, February 9 and the leagues starting on Monday, February 23. John pointed out that there are only two weeks between the end of sign-ups and when the leagues are starting. Ryan came up with this timeline and is confident that it will work.

Iggy also showed the group the form to sign up for a league and the form to apply for Club membership which can be done online and with a Zelle payment.

Old Business

Open Bocce Day

Steve reported that it's going great and bringing in a lot of people. He said that there's an average of 8-12 people who show up.

Hot Shots for Tots/Friendship Tournament

Steve explained that the Hot Shots for Tots was done instead of the Friendship Tournament because a student that Al's son-in-law knew brought the idea to the Board. Around \$1,000 in toys and money was collected. Teams were coordinated by the organizers .

Director Election

Dennis apologized because he had volunteered to contact Club members without email by phone to help them vote and it didn't happen. Iggy said that no one let him know that they were unable to vote. Less than 18% of the membership voted which was 79 voters out of 445 members. Iggy guessed that it's more than 12 members without emails. Annette recommended sending a push text to members' phones to communicate with them in the future. Iggy will share the Excel spreadsheet with the membership information with Annette to do that.

Annual Dinner

Iggy told the group that he has received money for 38 attendees. Joe said that he expects 100% board turnout and he needs volunteers to sell raffle tickets, etc. More email reminders will go out. Al will have t-shirts available to sell.

Recent Playoffs

Ryan reported that it went well. Steve said that since there were four sections it went quickly. Steve has ideas about how to make the playoffs more like a league championship. A committee will be formed to plan the next playoffs. Joe asked that the committee be Steve, Romano, Ryan and Al.

Bylaws Changes

Catherine showed on the overhead projector the language discussed and agreed to from the November meeting about the three formats:

There are three formats for play:

- 1) The **Default Format** is two players against two players positioned at opposite ends of the court. Each player throws four balls per frame.
- 2) The **Social Format** is two players versus two players. All four players are at the same end of the court. Each player rolls two balls per frame in any order they choose. All four players walk to the opposite end of the court to begin the next frame.
- 3) The **Full Court Format** is four players versus four players. Each team places two players at each end of the court. Each player rolls two balls per frame in any order they choose. Both teams must agree to use either format two (the Social Format) or three (the Full Court Format) instead of the Default Format.

Joe moved and John seconded the motion to accept the above language for the Bylaws. The motion passed.

Also, she read the new language about playing in more than one league. This was discussed at the November meeting:

However, a player can play in two different leagues, for instance, an evening league and a morning league. During the summer season a player can play in three leagues (morning, evening or the three-person league).

Dennis proposed that the “or” in the last sentence be changed to “and”. This was approved.

Joe brought up that last year we threw together the three-person league and summer league and now he’s asking if teams must play in all three seasons to keep their spot. It was discussed and decided that teams that play in Fall have priority for the Spring season. It was undecided if teams who play in the summer have priority for the next summer.

Joe moved and John seconded a motion to approve the new language. The motion passed.

Catherine reminded the group that she is going to send everyone a copy of the new Bylaws to review before being approved at the January meeting. Also, the Board must vote on new officers in January.

New Business

John Leonard

Jay thanked John for his work on the Board since he won’t be on the Board next year.

Scoreboards on Courts 2 & 3

Steve told the Board that Dave Johnson, a member, has the woodworking skills to fix the scoreboards. He is willing to fix both for \$150.00. Steve moved and John seconded a motion to approve \$150 to fix the scoreboards. Steve will find out what it would cost to fix the sideboards and let us know. The motion passed.

New Combination & Locks

There was a motion to approve a new combination for next year. The motion passed. The new combination will be sent to members before the Spring season. Steve asked that some locks be fixed in January which Romano will do. The lights on Court 1 were fixed.

Christopher Columbus Statue

Louie Lodi of the Sons and Daughters of Italy dropped by to pass around photos of the statue he is donating to the Club. He explained that the statue is marble and about five feet tall. We will

probably need a base to put it on. John believes it should be put on a tall platform, out of reach so a ladder would be needed to get to it. He notes that even if it's put on the ground, it would be behind a locked gate. Louie thinks it weighs between 300 and 500 lbs. We will probably need a dolly, a pick-up truck and several men to bring it to the complex. Romano needs a timetable to organize it. There was some discussion about where to place it. Romano asked people to help find a base.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.