

**East Portal Bocce Club Board Meeting
East Portal Park Clubhouse
November 3, 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
Debbie Keller
Paulette Wells

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Joe Pane at 4:57 pm.

Roll Call

The roll call sheet was passed around by the secretary.

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Iggy reviewed the Treasurer Report. Total deposits for the month were \$591.25. Withdrawals were \$524.07. The ending balance is \$11,582.76. Dennis moved to approve the report and Jay seconded the motion. The motion passed. The October Treasurer Report will be posted online.

Calendar Report

Iggy reviewed upcoming calendar dates including rentals and playoffs which are on the website. The courts will not be available from November 17-21 due to courts 2 & 3 being resurfaced.

Old Business

Elections

Iggy showed a list of the current nominees. Mike Moylan will send out a last call for nominees. The last date to nominate is Friday, November 7. Iggy then showed a sample ballot which Mike Moylan will prepare for the website. Also, Iggy is asking nominees to prepare a short biography introducing themselves and saying why they would like to be a director.

Catherine told the group that Mike is working it out so that members can only vote from their email which is on the EPBC roster. Iggy explained that if, for example, someone has two email addresses, Iggy can scan the entire roster so that if an email address comes up that's not on the roster, then the vote will be considered null and void. Mike will report to the membership how many votes each person received.

John withdrew from the ballot after seeing that ten people are running for six spots and would be happy to be a consultant on any issues in the future.

Iggy went over the election dates:

- 11/7 Nominations end
- 11/10 to 11/14 Nominees will be asked to submit their bios
- 11/16 Bios will be posted on the website
- 11/16 to 11/29 Email voting period
- 11/29 to 12/3 Votes will be counted
- 12/4 Directors-Elect are notified and shared with the membership

Jay noted that some members don't have email addresses. Iggy replied that it's very difficult to notify someone without an email. Dennis volunteered to call the people without emails. Iggy showed a sample ballot. John requested that the existing directors be called incumbents. Iggy praised Mike for the work he's doing on the election, knowing that this is the first time we've had an email vote.

Bylaws

Board Director Resignations

Catherine presented a second reading for board director resignations. The word "empty" was changed to "vacant". Catherine read it:

Section 1. Directors

c) A Director may resign before the end of their term by submitting a letter to the president. The Board may use its discretion to:

1. leave the director position temporarily vacant, or
2. appoint a replacement to serve out the remainder of the resigning director's term.

John moved and Steve seconded a motion to accept the Bylaws change. The motion passed.

League Rosters

The Board has discussed the issue of playing in more than one league. Catherine proposed the following language under "Section 1. Teams" which she read out loud and Iggy showed on the projector:

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).

John asked for the reasoning to not allow a person to play on, for instance, two evening leagues. Steve responded that we've always had waiting lists and we don't want people playing multiple times when people are waiting to get in. Also, there's an issue about playoffs—would players then have to choose what team to play on?

There will be a second reading and a vote in December.

Three Formats

Catherine reminded the group that Steve sent everyone an email with proposed language. His version includes an introductory paragraph, an explanation of each format and examples. He has already changed some of it to make it clearer. Iggy read some of it for the group.

Catherine proposed different language that was much shorter and simpler. Dennis proposed a fourth format with one person at one end of the court and two players at the other end. He also feels that if both teams agree, then any format could be used. Steve feels that it helps to start with only several new formats. At the same time, no one is proposing to criticize a team for doing something different and perhaps in the future more changes can be proposed.

The group accepted the shorter version for the Bylaws. It reads as follows:

d. Play of Game

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.

Catherine proposed that the longer version be put on the website for players to consult, if necessary, which was acceptable to the Board. There will be a second reading in December.

Tournament Director

Joe reminded the Board that the role of tournament director was discussed in July and although it was thought that Steve was the director, he let everyone know that

he couldn't fulfill the role at that time due to prior commitments. Joe said that the discussion was about responsibilities tied to the tournament director position which were never discussed. Jay reminded the group that he designated Steve the tournament director to empower him to plan the regional tournaments he wanted.

Steve told the group that for years Romano, Al and Steve organized the playoffs. Steve sees it as a problem that Ryan Tracy stepped in as the organizer without discussing it with them. Steve and Al were surprised to get an email telling the membership how the playoffs were going to be organized. Steve talked with Ryan to go over what seemed to be workable. However, Ryan took over from Henry to organize the summer playoffs which worked well because there ended up being six teams playing four games in the morning and six teams in the afternoon.

Now we have 77 teams in the Fall and 40 teams that signed up to be in the playoffs. Ryan organized red and green pools with ten teams each with the top sections/segments. Steve feels that it's unfair to limit a playoff to the top ten teams for the championship. There's a difference between a third-place team on one night as opposed to another third-place team on another night depending on their record. He believes that the best way to make it work is by having four segments—two segments of red and two segments of green. The top twenty teams could play their four rounds in the morning, and twenty teams could play in the afternoon. Al asked how the top ten teams can be determined when there are seven leagues.

John complimented Ryan on his effort and all he does for the Club. He feels he overreached by organizing the rules by himself and sending an email to everyone in the leagues. John was confused by the lunch schedule and prefers the previous schedule in which all the games were played on one Saturday. Catherine recommends a playoff subcommittee to work out the details and then they can come to the Board and tell us what they're decided.

It was agreed that this is the result of a lack of communication. Iggy would like to spend some time in December on a recap of the playoffs and agree on what went right and wrong and how it could be improved.

Playoffs

Ryan gave Joe a written explanation of the upcoming playoffs which echoed what was laid out in the above conversation. There are three pools scheduled to play on Saturday, November 15 (10:00 am, 1:00 pm, 4:30 pm). He has the medals.

Everyone playing will get an email setting out times, courts, and opponents. He will probably buy pizzas with the budgeted \$700. Courts 1, 4 and 5 will not be available for play on Sunday, November 16 so that playoff will have to be rescheduled. Romano will oversee the Tuesday playoffs with Dennis.

Resurfacing Courts 2 & 3

Steve has an invoice for \$3,000 for a deposit. Steve will give it to Catherine who will send it to Lisa at FOES for payment. Romano and David Johnson have the tools necessary to remove the side boards on Sunday.

Kick-Off Annual Dinner

Joe asked for \$500 to give to the Dante Club for the reservation and \$600 to give to Paulette to pay for gift cards, etc. which Iggy will take care of after the meeting.

Paulette Wells presented the final 2025 Getting to Know You Kick Off Dinner flyer which will be posted to the courts by October 31. She also distributed dinner applications on the courts targeting new members.

There are complimentary door prizes from four teams and two 2026 EPBC membership for the Board of Directors. There will also be raffle tickets sold.

Joe said that there will be a 50/50 raffle and door prizes with gift cards. We will need volunteers from the Board at tables to sell tickets.

Iggy showed the proposed reservation form which will be on the website. It includes an option to pay by Zelle.

Club Forms

Iggy reported that the 2026 membership application forms are on the website now as well as the Spring Evening League and Morning League forms.

New Business

Maintenance Report

Ottavio's (Romano's Dad), bench is in place and chained to a pole.

Sons and Daughters of Italy

Louie Lodi is the vice-president of the Sons and Daughters of Italy for California. He appeared to tell us that he has an expensive marble statue of Cristopher Columbus which was built in Italy in 1976 and shipped to their organization. It's about 5 feet tall and damaged on the face. It's in storage right now. It was ordered to honor the 50th anniversary of the Roseville Lodge which is now closed. They would like to donate it to the EPBC. He is just asking for a plaque next to it saying that they donated it. John moved and Jay seconded a motion to accept the statue. The motion passed. Romano will take charge of it.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.