

**East Portal Bocce Club Board Meeting
East Portal Park Clubhouse
December 2, 2024**

Club website: www.epbcsac.com

The meeting was called to order by President Jay James at 5:34 pm.

Officers/Directors Present:

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

Officers/Directors Absent:

Michele Rogers, Director

Romano Luchini, Facilities Manager

Steve Choe, Director
John Leonard, Director
Henry Powell, Director
Al Velasquez, Director

Roll Call

The roll call sheet was passed around by the secretary.

Approval of November Minutes

It was moved by Al and seconded by Steve to approve the November minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Iggy reviewed the report. Al moved and John seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Calendar Report

There are no rentals for December except the VA group coming this Wednesday. The Club has made \$3,470 on rentals for the year which is \$500 more than last year.

United States Bocce Federation (USBF) Zoom Meeting

There is a Zoom meeting scheduled for tomorrow. They want a list of upcoming tournaments. Steve wants to participate in the meeting as our Tournament Director.

At the end of the meeting Steve moved and John seconded a motion to send \$300 to the USBF for membership dues. The motion passed.

Maintenance Report

Jay gave Romano's report. He will be raising the benches behind courts 2 & 3. The rain gutter on the shed is installed. He is looking into a plan for a barbecue and patio. People who rent the courts sometimes ask if there is a barbecue. John recommended that we keep it simple and look for a used Weber gas barbecue.

Romano also wanted us to discuss security cameras. There is a concern with the added twelve days of public access per year. Iggy is wondering how to view the footage with no Wi-Fi at the courts. After a discussion, it was decided to table the issue for a future meeting. Steve moved to table and Al seconded. The motion passed.

Bylaws Update

Catherine, Jay and Iggy made some changes to punctuation, language and organization. Iggy would like to finalize the Bylaws and adopt them at the January meeting. Iggy then pointed out Article 9—Founding and Elder Members which provides for an annual Tony Peretti Memorial Tournament. Apparently, the family told Romano that they're no longer interested in having the tournament. Jay suggested that we replace the language with the Friendship Tournament. John moved that we adopt the Bylaws with the proposed change to Article 9 and Henry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Steve would like to set forth rules for the Summer Three-Person League. Iggy wondered if the three-person league is a test or if we're planning on having it every year. It was agreed to put off changing the Bylaws for the three-person team rules until next year and send the rules to the team captains.

Training Clinic

Al would like to schedule a training clinic for one of the public use days. John also thinks that we should invite people in the neighborhood to participate. Sunday would be a good day. There are no tournaments on Sunday.

2025 Budget

Iggy sent out a proposed 2025 budget to the Board. He reviewed it. John advocated for higher fees, saying that no one he has talked with feels the fees are unreasonable. Steve believes that we shouldn't raise the membership dues any higher since we just raised them this year. He also pointed that other clubs, like Concord, charge \$350 for a league fee. They play more games per night (three) and have bigger teams (eight to ten people). Steve proposed that we increase the number of players up to eight per team. Al affirmed that our costs are the cheapest in California by far. There was a long discussion about how much to raise the league fees and when.

- 2025 Summer League: There was a discussion about what to charge for a league fee for the summer league. Steve moved and Joe seconded a motion to charge \$75.00 for the Summer League starting May 19, 2025. It's nine weeks. There will be three to six people per team. The motion passed.
- Steve moved and Al seconded a motion that the Fall 2025 League team fees be raised to \$120. Also, teams can have six members. The motion passed.
- The Morning League team fees will also be \$120 in Fall 2025.

Fundraising

Joe sent us an email with a proposal to fundraise with the Friends of East Sacramento. They will put an ad in Inside East Sac to fundraise for the rebuild on courts 4 & 5. They will include other needs for the courts including care and maintenance. Joe moved and Henry seconded a motion to accept their proposal. The motion passed.

Getting sponsorships and a GoFundMe page link to Friends of East Sacramento was also discussed.

Jay gave us a written response from St. Mary Church regarding renting their facilities for a fundraiser. It was agreed that their fees are too high for our purposes. Members would like to send a copy to Kristin Hewitt to get her reaction.

Lease Agreement

Catherine told the Board that Steve Cohn would like the Board to empower the Negotiating Committee (Catherine, Steve & John) to approve a final agreement since there are only three outstanding issues. John reported that Steve has

communicated with Ryan Moore, Deputy City Manager. There are three items left to resolve:

1) Length of the Lease

John explained that currently they have agreed to a five-year term with an option to extend for another five years. We would have the ability to use the option, not the City, which benefits us. Apparently, Phil Pluckebaum wants to have a longer lease and we are willing to let him negotiate that.

2) Clubhouse Use

John said the language now says that we have to work with the City to schedule use of the clubhouse. This means that Iggy must request use of the clubhouse and not assume that we have it for certain events although we do have a reservation for our meetings. Iggy showed us how he uses their reservation process.

3) Public Use

John pointed out that, although they took out the provision for moving the fence, the language from the City gives them the option to allow for “additional public use and programming” if they make investments. We are proposing that we simply meet quarterly about a schedule and other details that the City wants.

Catherine relayed that Steve Cohn would like the Board to empower the Negotiating Committee to approve the last changes. Al moved and Henry seconded a motion to allow the committee to finalize the lease agreement. The motion passed.

Once the document is agreed upon it will go to the City Council on their consent calendar. Also, once we have agreed on the lease with the City, Steve Cohn believes we can go ahead with the rebuild before the City Council vote.

Rebuild Update

It will take several weeks for the contractor to order the materials and start the build. We have a building permit and a contract to pay \$124,723 for the build which we can pay for right now. Joe moved and John seconded a motion to have Jay, the president, sign the rebuild contract when it’s available. The motion passed.

New Business

Directors and Officers Insurance

John recommended that we get D & O insurance to protect the board members. Iggy said that we have a general liability insurance (\$1,000,000) and a separate policy for damage (\$275,000). Iggy will look into it and let us know.

New League

Henry would like to open another evening for teams (Tuesday evening). There are six teams on the waiting list. He would also like to add a new morning league in the Fall (Friday). Henry moved that two more days are added for teams in Fall 2025: Tuesday evening and Friday mornings. Al seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Election of Board Officers

Steve nominated Jay as the president. Iggy nominated Joe as vice-president. The nominations were accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.