

**East Portal Bocce Club Board Meeting  
East Portal Park Clubhouse  
October 7, 2024**

**Club website: [www.epbcsac.com](http://www.epbcsac.com)**

The meeting was called to order by President Jay James at 5:27 pm.

**Officers/Directors Present:**

Jay James, President  
Joe Pane, Vice-President

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

Romano Luchini, Facilities Manager

**Officers/Directors Absent:**

Iggy Lopez-Alvarez, Treasurer  
Catherine Travers, Secretary

**Visitors:**

Stephen Rogers  
Paulette Wells  
Thomas Herget

**Roll Call**

The roll call sheet was passed around by the acting secretary, Henry Powell.

**Approval of September Minutes**

It was moved by Joe and seconded by Steve to approve the September minutes.  
The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

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

## **United States Bocce Federation (USBF)**

Jay discussed his zoom meeting with the USBF. Debbie Canon from the Chico Bocce Club told the group that they hold a lot of tournaments there. They have a special Friday night bocce get-together for \$10 per person. Jay told them about the three-person tournament that Steve Choe has organized for November 2. Mark Bigel, the secretary from San Diego announced that in Hawthorne and Fresno they are setting up three-person tournaments. Apparently this is a trend in the bocce world.

- The Federation now requires one club representative instead of two.
- Margaret Schindelus is the new vice-president of the USBF Western Section.
- Their new president is John Liberto.
- Next year the Bocce Broadcast Network West (BBNW) on Youtube will begin broadcasting tournaments from the Marin Bocce Club.

Henry brought up the shooting clinic that was cancelled. People thought it was going to be free but there was a fee for the instruction but not for the demonstration. Jay said when it was cancelled and an email went out about that, he got a lot of emails from members who didn't realize it was even scheduled.

### **November 2 Tournament**

There are twenty teams and there is a team on the waiting list from Portland. Steve said that next year he would like to have the club spend \$300 on a cup and call the tournament the Capital Cup.

### **Calendar Report**

There are six rentals in October. The veterans' group would like to come an additional day to improve. Jay pointed out that they would need more volunteers. Al noted that if they became members, they could come to the courts anytime.

Romano is working with several women who want to learn bocce.

### **Maintenance Report**

Romano reported that there is lighting in the shed as well as an outlet. Joe brought up the lighting on courts four and five. He had an electrician come out who said he

could put up spots to enhance the lighting. However, there's no need for it right now.

John said that the three electrical boxes on the column with the termite damage will have to be moved which can be done any time now.

## **Old Business**

### **End-of-Season Tournament**

Al reported that the tournament was a big success. Steve brought a TV which was hooked up to a computer and he was able to show the round robin and the brackets. He believes that it went very smoothly and people were happy. It ended at around 3:30 pm. There was a discussion about providing a bullhorn or microphone with speakers to be able to project announcements during the tournament. Something can be bought at Best Buy for \$99.00.

### **Bylaws Change**

Henry read Catherine's proposed language regarding rescheduling matches. John would like to change the word "game" to "match". Now the proposal reads as follows:

Matches can be rescheduled only due to weather (heat, cold, rain) and when both team captains agree to reschedule. The team that is unable or unwilling to reschedule a match takes a forfeit. If both teams opt not to reschedule then the match will be recorded as a 0 for each team. A rescheduled match must take place within two weeks of the originally scheduled match.

This sentence was added:

Prior to a proposed cancellation, communications must occur between the two team captains/or assigned captains no later than two hours prior to the scheduled match/matches.

Joe moved and John seconded a motion to table the proposal to the November meeting.

### **Shade Structure Update**

John reported that he has been working with a couple of general contractors and has a good feeling about one that is out of Fresno; he's working with him on a car dealership right now. It's a big company with around 80 employees. They have

the necessary equipment and do jobs like this all the time. He met with the contractor on Friday and was impressed with him. He even identified a couple of issues to be dealt with. John talked with him this morning and told him we have \$130,000 to deal with which John believes, due to past experience, is good to get ahead of the bid. After another conversation with the contractor, John believes we're on track.

John has also talked with SMUD and believes they will donate the poles.

There are also some extra small expenses: a field contractor, onsite field welding by a qualified welder, and a third-party inspector. John would like to get everything in place and scheduled within the next sixty days.

Henry asked about the status with the City. John said the permits are close to being ready. Also, they will be working on the courts with equipment. Steve asked if it's at all possible to try to stay off court 5 since courts 2, 3 & 4 are next in line to be resurfaced. John believes there will be thick plywood sheets covering the courts.

## **Capital Cup**

Steve would like to schedule it in the spring, not summer. He will work on getting a date, doing flyers and a trophy. Al mentioned that they would like to schedule three tournaments during the year. Jay brought up that there are USBF tournaments scheduled that we may have to work around and that the Parks Department needs to know our schedule for next year.

## **Pest Control**

Steve sent out an email several weeks ago about it. He went over the contract and Steve will take charge of it. It will cost the Club \$50 every three months for the treatment. Steve will give them our credit card number for automatic payments and is not too worried about fraud because we have such a low maximum on the card. John moved to approve the contract and Steve's handling of it. Joe seconded it. John asked if we could do a scheduled online bill pay so that we don't have to give the company our credit card number. Steve told us that a club member will be doing the actual work. Henry asked what product they are going to use. It's an organic and natural oil. The motion passed.

## **Update on Election**

After a short discussion, Romano was nominated as the new director. Joe moved that we accept Romano's nomination to the board. Steve seconded the motion which passed.

## **Update on Morning League**

Michele said it's fantastic with nine teams. The season ends October 29. There are no playoffs. She is hoping it will increase to three leagues next year. She hopes to start in March next year.

## **Update on Volunteer Badges**

Michele showed an example of the badges. The group congratulated Michele on her work.

## **Status of Training Clinics**

They have yet to be scheduled.

## **New League Schedule**

Steve believes the dates are set and agreed upon.

## **Update on End-of-the-Year Dinner**

Joe told us that Paulette has set up an agenda for the dinner. David Heard and Mike Moylan have paid for the dinner and Ryan Tracy has not. The problem is that the Club is honoring them and they shouldn't be paying for the dinner. They will be reimbursed and Al will contact Ryan Tracy to let him know he doesn't have to buy a ticket and should plan on attending. Al has the plaques.

Joe went over the agenda quickly. Paulette noted that we need volunteers to sell raffle tickets and sell t-shirts.

## **New Business**

### **Streaming Security**

Tom Herget proposed putting up security cameras. There was a discussion about how or where the cameras would go and how much coverage there would be. The

video could be on the EPBC website. Steve asked him to contact Mike Moylan about putting it on their website.

## **New Business**

### **Raising Court Fees**

Right now, the fee is \$30 for one court all day. Steve is proposing \$30 for the morning or afternoon or \$60 for all day. So, it would be \$300 to rent all five courts for one day. Al proposed asking \$50 for an all-day rental. Romano said that most people don't rent for more than four hours. Romano asked if the goal is to make more money. Steve believes the courts are going to become more popular and the relatively low price takes up courts so they're not available for practice. John believes the courts are undervalued when we take into consideration the time involved in opening up the gate and setting up the courts for the rental.

Steve proposed that the issue be tabled for more discussion. Joe so moved, Al seconded and the motion passed.

### **Friends of East Sacramento/Fundraising**

Joe talked about Cecily Hastings and Lisa Schmidt who would be willing to run our fundraising through them. Their group is a 501(c)(3). Any donation through them would be tax-deductible.

Jay envisions a Friends of East Portal Bocce Club and handed out a two-page proposal. His proposal would be a fundraising arm of the Board and would offer free memberships for a \$200 donation.

Henry pointed out that if we give something in exchange for a donation then the amount of what is received is deducted from the donation for tax purposes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.