

East Portal Bocce Club Board Meeting
East Portal Clubhouse
June 1, 2026

Officers/Directors Present:

Jay James, President
Joe Pane, Vice-President
Dennis Siebert, Treasurer
Catherine Travers, Secretary

Officers/Directors Absent:

Annette Miller, Director

Steve Choe, Director
Karen Finn, Director
Iggy Lopez-Alvarez, Director
Romano Luchini, Director/Facilities Manager
Ryan Tracy, Director/League Manager
Al Velasquez, Director

The meeting was called to order by President Jay James at 5:30 pm.

Roll Call

A roll call sheet was passed around by the secretary.

Minutes

In response to an email from Steve, Catherine rewrote the paragraph concerning the YouTube video made by Thomas Herget showing Steve demonstrating shooting. Also, Karen asked that a sentence be rewritten about Annette scheduling a Zoom meeting for the Annual Dinner committee. Al moved and Romano seconded a motion to approve the May minutes with the proposed changes. The motion passed. The Minutes will be available on the website.

Concrete Meeting

Catherine and Romano reported that they met with Jason Weisenmann of the Parks Department on Wednesday, May 20 at the bocce complex to discuss the plans to pour concrete at the site. Three other Parks employees joined the group. We explained that the Board has three objectives:

- 1) to even out the hole where the tree was that fell to ensure safety
- 2) to make it easier to keep the area clean of leaves and debris
- 3) to have a surface for a barbecue

Jason brought up two concerns:

- 1) putting concrete too close to the existing tree's roots
- 2) drainage

He suggested pushing the bleachers next to courts two and three over several feet to keep the tree roots clear of concrete. Romano told him that the concrete will only go four inches deep. Jason will look into the purpose of an existing drain next to the new walkway and if drainage will be an issue. He said there will have to be a park employee present when the work is done. Jason will consult with park employees and get back to us.

Treasurer Report

Dennis proposed to contact Dave Zaffa in the future with a form or document to verify his monthly hours. Steve noted that having a Summer League really has helped our bottom line, adding more members and teams. Catherine asked that Dennis change the language about club dues and league fees to make it clearer. Deposits are \$3,190.00 and withdrawals are \$1,715.05. The ending balance for May is \$43,859.65. Al moved and Romano seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed. The report will be on the website.

Dennis researched putting perhaps \$30,000 to \$35,000 into a money market CD earning 3.0% annual interest with the Bank of America which would be completely flexible with no penalty for withdrawing. Al moved and Joe seconded a motion to have Dennis handle getting a CD under those terms. The motion passed.

Calendar Report

Dennis reviewed the calendar for June and July including several rentals. The Hot Shots for Tots Tournament in July continues to take the place of the Friendship Tournament. Participants will be asked to bring a toy worth at least \$20 or donate \$20 which will be brought to WEAVE which will be distributed to the children. Last year close to \$1,000 was raised. There was a discussion about how the calendar looks different if you look at it on your phone as opposed to a laptop/desktop computer. It's set up through GoDaddy which can be limiting. It's best to view the calendar on a computer.

Maintenance Report

Romano reported that he is working on a new door for the kiosk by the front gate. There are two boards on a grandstand which have to be replaced. Steve asked about a lock on court 5. Romano secured some locks with a metal strip and also extended the chain on some locks.

League Manager Report

Ryan said that we had 56 new players show up for the Summer League. There are ten new teams so we may have to add a league on Monday or Wednesday night in the Fall. Ryan thanked Steve for pulling together a team for Wednesday night to bring the league to eleven teams from ten. Steve noted that because we are getting new players it's a good idea to arrange the schedule to have the newer teams play each other at the beginning of a season to get them used to the game.

Ryan brought up the idea of a misting station to help with the heat during the summer. Steve would like someone to investigate misters since the City provides for water and electricity.

Ryan thanked Dennis for helping organize the new players and teams recently. Dennis reminded everyone that we have to come up with a "call date" for the next season. One month before the season starts should be sufficient. Ryan told everyone that it's fun to watch the Wednesday night three-person league. It's very social. Steve said it's fun because you get to play on both sides and there's more shooting.

Old Business

Players Showing Up Sick

Jay had sent an email to the Board bringing up the issue. Ryan pointed out that the Bylaws only allow for makeups due to inclement weather. He's wondering if illness should be a reason for a makeup. It was agreed that this doesn't need to be a bylaws change. However, if both teams come to an agreement, then a match can be rescheduled. Steve will write up several sentences to send as an email to EPBC members and run it by the Board.

VIP Tournament

Jay reported that there were 47 teams on Sunday, May 17. There weren't enough volunteers for the afternoon. Jay believes we didn't have enough notice to get the word out. Also, we need more volunteer badges. Catherine will ask Michelle Rogers where she got the badges so we can order more.

EPBC Website

Dennis showed the EPBC website on the overhead projector. Jay would like the website to be cleaned up and have old information and photos removed. Jay will contact Mike Moylan and ask him to do that. In principle, only Iggy and Mike Moylan can put items on the website.

Spreading Out the Workload

Jay believes we should share the work with some of the directors. Dennis said that the calendar is a small percentage of his work and he can handle the work right now and is delegating some of the work. Steve will start work on the 2027 calendar. Ryan spends a lot of time playing matchmaker and putting people on teams. There was a discussion about how to handle emails to the website.

Steve asked for help on the Summer Evening League playoffs. He and Al will be out of town on August 15 so Romano and Dennis will help with the playoffs.

Chipped Balls

Steve doesn't think we need to order new balls yet because we have six sets in the shed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.