

**East Portal Bocce Club Board Meeting  
East Portal Park Clubhouse  
May 5, 2025**

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

**Officers/Directors Present:**

Jay James, President  
Joe Pane, Vice-President  
Catherine Travers, Secretary

Steve Choe, Director  
John Leonard, Director  
Romano Luchini, Director/Facilities Manager  
Henry Powell, Director  
Al Velasquez, Director

**Officers/Directors Absent:**

Iggy Lopez-Alvarez

**Visitors:**

Ryan Tracy  
Dennis Siebert

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

**Roll Call**

The roll call sheet was passed around by the secretary.

**Approval of April Minutes**

John asked for some corrections in the Minutes in the Rebuild Update. The word bid should be changed to invoice and the correct amount in the sentence should be \$34,000.

It was moved by Joe and seconded by Henry to approve the April Minutes. The motion passed.

Jay had a question about the Minutes. Jay had several people ask him why we don't put the total amount in the bank account in the Minutes. It was pointed out that the Treasurer's Report is on the website. The secretary will note that the Treasurer Report can be seen online.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Henry reviewed the April Treasurer's Report. John asked how the funds from Friends of East Sacramento (FOES) are going to be handled. Joe said that we will receive an accounting of the funds received and what is being paid out. John asked if EPBC could manage the money. Joe reminded the group that we must keep the nonprofit money separate from the Club funds. Joe will ask Lisa Schmidt how the money should be handled in the future. Henry moved and Joe seconded a motion to approve the Report. The motion passed. The Treasurer's Report for April is online.

## **New Business**

### **Facility Manager's Report**

Romano got a nontoxic herbicide for weeds. He started on raising up two benches. He is working on the bulletin boards.

### **Rebuild Update**

The rebuild is done. Simile Construction's bill is \$146,000. The original number was about \$125,000 but we were able to get five more columns than we originally planned, and they are made of steel instead of wood. Mark Haley, a player from Thursday night, donated his time doing electrical work which came in at \$1,380.00 for materials. We also were able to get the siding on the gable end done. D7 Roofing did it for \$500 which was less than the estimated \$5,000. John's painter did all the columns and column caps for \$250. The disputed bill for a drilling machine was settled for \$16,000 which is included in the total. The final total is \$148,332.

### **Three-Person League**

Steve reported that there are around eight teams on Wednesday. The league could go up to ten teams. Week ten on Wednesday will be the league tournament. He's awaiting confirmation from the captains who've already paid to finalize the league. It will start Wednesday May 21.

The End of the League Tournament is set for May 17. There will be \$600 in prize money. He will use the debit card for food and beverages. There will be between 16 and 20 teams. Emails will go out to remind teams to sign up and give them information.

Steve moved that the Club pays for \$600 for prize money. John seconded the motion which passed.

There was a discussion about the new proposed Summer League. There is an application and a deadline to apply (May 22). Six teams are signed up. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday starting at 6:30 are available. It will start the first week in June.

### **Open Bocce Day**

Joe reported that Catherine papered the neighborhood with flyers and so a lot of neighbors came to the courts. Joe spent around \$400 for food, water and condiments which Lisa of FOES reimbursed him for. There was a table in front to greet people. Catherine said that six people filled out Club applications and many people took an application to take home. She printed off 30 and had five left when she returned home. The volunteer firefighters did a great job.

Romano would like a big sign next year and TV coverage.

Henry moved and Joe seconded a motion to have a community bocce day every year. The motion passed.

Catherine wants to send an email blast to the Club members and let them know how it went and how much was raised from the fundraiser. She reviewed the names of the volunteers to thank.

### **Fundraising**

Catherine reported that \$890 were collected at the Open Bocce Day. The total of money collected is \$22,699.03. Steve asked if we received any more donations from East Sac Preservation to which she responded no.

### **T-Shirts**

Jay said that there are some shirts left (they were being sold at the Bocce Event). An order will go in for more shirts that are extra-large. Nine shirts were sold and \$216 collected.

### **Request to Add a New Player**

A Club member and team captain, Mike Michel-Evleth, sent an email to Iggy telling him that they added a player after the rosters were set. He's a new captain and didn't realize he couldn't

add someone after the league begins. He's asking to finish the season with the player. There's only one week left.

After a discussion the group decided that since the team is in last place and there's only one match left that he should continue with the team. Steve will send him an email.

### **League Manager**

Henry proposed that Iggy be relieved of the responsibility of managing the leagues and suggested having Ryan Tracy be league manager. Iggy would still be responsible for collecting money and keeping track of the membership. Then he would pass the information on Ryan. The league manager would be responsible for setting league times, dates, rosters, captain information, standings, schedules and putting it on the calendar.

Jay moved and Al seconded a motion to create the position of league manager and have Ryan Tracy fill it. The motion passed.

### **Recommendation to Increase Leagues Slowly**

Henry noted that Steve wanted to add a three-person league which the Board approved. He thinks planning on five nights was too large to begin with. Henry's idea is to start slowly with any new leagues in the future with one or two nights instead of five.

### **Board Size Increase**

Henry told the group that when he started on the Board the membership was under 200 people. Now there are over 400 members. He is recommending that the Board consider increasing the number from nine board members to eleven. John moved and Al seconded a motion to change Article 3 of the Bylaws to increase the board to eleven members. It will require a second discussion at the next meeting. The motion passed.

There was a discussion about having the Board appoint, for instance, a league manager without it going to a Club-wide vote. Catherine brought up that the Board needs more women and asked members to recruit women to join the Board.

### **Email From Ron Fox**

A Club member emailed about the issue of trying to play two games between 5:00 and 7:00 on Thursday and now on Tuesday. He wants to know what the rule is. Romano said that courtesy

dictates that the game ends at 7:00 unless another frame is needed to end a tie. Jay suggested that we add to Article 7 (End Goal of Game) that each match must end in two hours. Steve suggested that on nights when we have two leagues that the first session must end by 7:00 unless there's a tie in which they can play one more frame. Steve will provide language for the Board to look at.

### **Email from Michelle Wilson**

Jay received an email from Michelle Wilson who is not on the Club roster. She wrote that she is involved with a children's program and one of the students created a video about bocce. She sent the video if we want to put it on our website. Jay will thank her for the note.

Romano told the group that the City is moving the kids' program to McKinley Park from East Portal Park.

### **A. Warren McClaskey Adult Education Center**

Henry told us that there is a school nearby for special needs adults. He will approach them to see if they would be interested in a program at the bocce complex in the morning. Henry will contact them. Romano said there is a group of special needs people practicing on Sunday.

### **Changing from Two Players to Four**

Steve told us that there are many leagues in Northern California, and nobody has one team member roll on each side of the court. He would like to propose keeping our system as a default but give teams the option to have four team members playing at once. He believes it's a more social system. He would like to put it in the Bylaws as an option. Teams with five members would be able to give everyone a chance to play.

Romano believes our Club accepts change gradually and we need to poll the members. Steve has talked with numerous people, and no one thought it's a bad idea.

### **Six Person Teams**

Henry pointed out that we discussed increasing teams to six people but it's not in the Minutes. Catherine apologized for somehow missing it. Jay proposed changing the Bylaws in **I. Teams** to say: A Team shall consist of...a maximum of six (6) players. Jay moved and Henry seconded a motion to make the change. The motion passed.

## **Old Business**

### **Maintenance**

Jay thanked Romano for putting the lock back on the gate. Jay would like to find a welder to fix the problem. Jay moved and Al seconded a motion to hire a welder to fix the problem. The motion passed.

Jay proposed that Romano buy a new battery charger for the leaf blower. If the leaf blower is not put on the battery charger, then it won't work for the next person to use it. Jay moved and Steve seconded a motion to have Romano buy a new battery charger. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.