

**East Portal Bocce Club Board Meeting  
East Portal Park Clubhouse  
January 5, 2026**

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

**Officers/Directors Present:**

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

Steve Choe, Director  
Karen Finn, Director  
Romano Luchini, Director/Facilities Manager  
Annette Miller, Director  
Dennis Siebert, Asst. Treasurer/Director  
Ryan Tracy, Director  
Al Velasquez, Director

**Officers/Directors Absent:**

**Visitors:**

Louie Lodi  
Paulette Wells  
Laura De La Rosa  
Henry Powell

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.

**December Minutes**

It was moved by Al and seconded by Dennis to approve the December Minutes. The motion passed. The approved December Minutes will be posted online.

**December Treasurer Report**

Iggy went over the December Report. Total Deposits were \$15,896.00. Withdrawals were \$4,103.72. The ending balance is \$21,873.08. Al moved and

Romano seconded a motion to approve the Report. The motion passed. The December Treasurer Report will be posted online. Catherine added that two members donated \$200 to the Friends of East Sacramento account. Iggy sent an email thank you.

### **Maintenance Report**

Romano reported that courts 2 & 3 are done along with the sideboards. In the future he will be recommending to the Board that some of the boards on courts 1, 4 & 5 be replaced which he can do himself. He will change the combination on the locks January 11. There will be an email blast sent to all dues-paying members.

Steve said that he talked with Dave Johnson about the scoreboards. The Board has agreed to pay him \$150 to repair the scoreboards but he had to spend \$28 for some paint. Steve moved and Joe seconded a motion to pay Dave Johnson \$178.00 for the repair and paint. The motion passed.

There is a lot of leftover carpet. Al would like to cut up some carpet to put on the benches to sit on. Steve recommended forming a committee to come up with a plan for how to use the extra carpet. A subcommittee of Romano, Al and Henry was formed to do that.

### **Calendar Report**

Iggy projected the calendar on the wall. January is quiet with the dinner but no rentals. February is busier with sign-up deadlines and the start of the leagues.

Catherine brought up that Ryan planned an event in December without bringing it up at the December meeting. She would prefer that events be on the agenda ahead of time so that Board members can be aware of them and can ask questions. Several other members voiced their agreement. He ended up cancelling it for lack of interest. Ryan also was encouraged to perhaps email the Board with an idea ahead of time.

### **Introductions**

The Board members went around the room and introduced themselves to the new Board members. Iggy announced that since he won't be on the Board next year, he is training Dennis to be the next treasurer. As such, he is the assistant treasurer this year. Iggy will still be working on the website and calendar.

Iggy talked about the new optional system to pay dues and league fees with Zelle. He noted that some people are paying without filling out the membership form. Both must be done. So far fifty members have used the online Zelle membership

sign up system. We are using Zelle because there's no cost to the Club or the sender.

## **Old Business**

### **Public Open Bocce Day**

Steve, Al and Mark are present every scheduled day. Steve finds that people who have joined the Club keep coming back to get tips on playing bocce.

### **Annual Dinner**

There are 116 people signed up. Joe has four volunteers to help sell raffle tickets, etc. Everyone who attends will receive one door prize ticket. The seating arrangements will be at the entrance. Anyone who didn't request a table can walk around and pick a table. There will be an hour in the bar with starters. Jay and Joe will speak. Lisa Schmidt from Friends of East Sacramento will be there. Louie Lodi will sing a few songs. The Board, Officers and new Board members will be introduced.

### **EPBC Logo Shirts**

There are two shirts now: ones with the older logo and ones with a new logo. Jay moved and Joe seconded a motion to sell the old ones for \$20 and the new ones for \$30. This would mean a \$2.00 loss on the old shirts and an \$8.00 profit on the new ones. The motion passed. Shirts will be sold at the dinner.

### **Election of Board Officers**

A slate of officers was put up for election:

Jay James	President
Joe Pane	Vice-President
Catherine Travers	Secretary
Iggy Lopez-Alvarez	Treasurer
Dennis Siebert	Assistant Treasurer

There were several motions to elect the above officers. The motions passed.

## **New Business**

### **2026 Bylaws**

Karen had several questions about language in the Bylaws which were answered by Board members. Al moved and Annette seconded a motion to approve the 2026

Bylaws. The motion passed. Catherine will forward the new Bylaws to Mike Moylan to put on the website and let Club members know. Also, she will ask him to separate out the rules and send them to each member.

Karen requested a copy of the Directors and Officers Insurance policy which Iggy will send to everyone.

Catherine requested up to \$100 to post the new rules at the bocce courts. Catherine moved and Romano seconded a motion to approve the \$100.

### **American Cancer Society Tournament**

Laura de la Rosa requested use of the courts without a rental fee. Her tournament is scheduled on Saturday, May 9. Jay moved and Joe seconded a motion to make the courts available to her and to donate \$500 to the American Cancer Society. The motion passed.

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

Steve moved and Jay seconded a motion to renew our membership with the USBF at a cost of \$300.00 and allow Steve to sell the 15 membership cards we receive for \$17.00 each which is a 15% discount. As a result, we recoup \$255.00 making the actual cost of the membership fee \$45.00. Karen asked what the club gets for our membership. Jay explained that it's the governing body for bocce and we get voting rights on issues that come up such as rules changes. Steve also explained that we can be present at monthly meetings when changes in rules, etc. are discussed. Catherine said that the USBF is really about tournaments and promoting Volo and Punta Raffa Volo and there's not much on their website about recreational bocce. Steve feels it's useful to know about changes in rules nationally. The schedule of bocce tournaments including USBF sponsored ones are listed on our website.

### **Christopher Columbus Statue**

Louie Lodi let us know that there is a base for the statue. It will end up being eight to nine feet tall. Each one (statue and base) is 300 to 400 lbs. A trailer and heavy dollies will be needed. Romano will work on the project with Louie.

## **Court Four**

Steve believes we will need to resurface court four soon. He said that court five is in great shape because of the surface that was used. He thinks it will cost around \$13,000 to \$15,000.

Steve also talked with Andy from Sierra Putting Greens about painting the lines on the nylon surface of the courts. Andy suggested that we bring a sample or the carpet to the paint store. Steve found information about potential paint brands to use.

## **New Shirts**

Jay explained that the Club needs to buy two more tubs with locks to store the new shirts. The locked tubs are stored in the clubhouse. Jay moved and Al seconded a motion to buy two more tubs with lids and locks. The motion passed.

The meeting ended at 6:51 pm.