

**East Portal Bocce Club Board Meeting
East Portal Park Clubhouse
Monday, September 8, 2025**

Club website: www.epbcsac.com

Officers/Directors Present:

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

Steve Choe, Director
John Leonard, Director
Romano Luchini, Director/Facilities Manager
Dennis Siebert, Director
Al Velasquez, Director

Officers/Directors Absent:

Jay James, President

Visitors:

Annette Miller
Debbie Keller
Tom Weiser
Thomas Herget
Al Deminico

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Joe Pane at 5:30 pm.

Roll Call

The roll call sheet was passed around by the secretary.

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Iggy reviewed the Treasurer Report. There were deposits of \$660.00 and withdrawals of \$2,037.96 leaving a balance of \$15,267.10. Catherine added that there is \$21,689.03 in the FOES account. John moved and Al seconded a motion to

approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed. The August Treasurer Report will be posted online.

Catherine requested that Iggy prepare a proposed 2026 budget between now and December which he will do.

Calendar Report

Iggy used the new projector to show the calendar on the wall. He reviewed the leagues and rentals for the month. The City also has reservations for the courts (Access Leisure) without a fee in line with the lease agreement. Also, the courts are closed from Monday, November 17 to Friday, November 21 to resurface courts 2 & 3.

Old Business

Resurfacing Courts 2 & 3

Steve talked with Andy from Sierra Synthetic Putting Greens, and he agreed that it is a good idea for us to tear out the existing carpet on Monday and Tuesday which would give him Wednesday to Friday to complete the work. Romano explained how he will handle the removal, restaining and replacement of the boards. Iggy asked Romano to coordinate with Steve and Mike Moylan to send out an email blast two weeks before the project to ask for volunteers. Catherine asked Steve if he could ask Andy if he has a suggestion about painting lines on the courts that last.

Friday Bocce Sessions with McClasky Center

Joe reminded the group that Henry has scheduled people from the McClaskey Center to play on the courts on some Fridays. Now Henry is out of town for most of the dates and needs volunteers. They are on the courts from 12:30 to 2:00. Romano, Al and Joe will cover the dates. There will be eight individuals. A teacher, Lisa, will be there and will be Iggy's contact.

Forfeits

Catherine read the language from the last Minutes regarding the proposal for the Bylaws. Al moved and Joe seconded the motion to approve the change for the Bylaws. The motion passed.

End of the Year Dinner

It's still scheduled for November 18 at the Dante Club.

Optional Playing Formats

Al and Catherine think it's too soon to know what the members want. Catherine also said that if we change the playing format, we will have to change the Bylaws.

New Business

Online Fee Payments

Iggy reported that he, Dennis and Mike Moylan met last Wednesday about using Zelle as a means of payment. A lot of people don't have checking accounts. They found out that there's no cost to the user or the Club if someone uses Zelle. They are thinking about rolling out Zelle to pay for the End of the Year Dinner. John wasn't sure why it needs to be rolled out slowly. Iggy explained that what he receives from the bank doesn't have any supporting documents like an application. The problem is trying to figure out how to connect the payment with an application form. Dennis talked about his recent efforts with banks, and he thinks we will eventually be successful.

2026 League Calendar

Henry and Dennis sent the Board members a proposal for 2026 league dates. There are three 11-weeks leagues with one week in between. Henry noted that he had put regional tournaments on the bottom of each month. Iggy pointed out that this information is on the website and used the projector to show the group. Catherine asked that, as a rule, only events that happening at the bocce complex be put on the calendar.

There is a new Wednesday morning league proposed. Also proposed are a second Summer 3-Player league on Mondays at 7:00 pm., and more Summer Night Leagues. Iggy would like to send an email blast to the membership to see if there is interest in another morning league. Also, he pointed out that as we add leagues, we need people to manage them and that Ryan Tracy has a lot to do right now. Iggy moved and Dennis second a motion to accept the seven-league 2026 calendar. The motion passed. Iggy will put the dates for the seven leagues on the calendar.

Pops in the Park

Henry proposed that we set up a table at two Pops (East Portal and McKinley Park) where we had a great reaction in May.

WEAVE

Al reported that he attended a presentation for the college students who sponsored an event for WEAVE. The Toys for Tots tournament raised \$230 for WEAVE. Including cash and toys \$990 was raised. They gave a thank you letter to Al which he read and gave to Iggy.

Maintenance Report

Romano reported that the benches by courts 2 & 3 have been raised. The bulletin board with the standings is done.

Al Deminico

He attended the meeting to bring up complaints from members about the fee increases for leagues and rentals. He asked what our overhead is. Iggy pointed out that our fees haven't increased since 2011. Members pointed out that the insurance has gone up, the rebuild cost a lot, and the treasurer's report is on the website. Also, we voted to spend around \$25,000 on replacements for two courts. Iggy used the projector to show him how to access the treasurer report online. Catherine pointed out that our budget for this year is \$50,000 and we also fundraised \$23,000. Iggy told him that \$120 is the team/league fee and \$60 is for the club membership. John pointed out that while most entities raise prices by 2% to 3% a year, the Club hasn't raised prices for 14 years. John also said that the Board looks over the budget/treasurer's report every month which is posted on the website. Joe believes that the Board is very professional and transparent and the decision to raise fees was documented in the Minutes.

Thomas Herget

He is a member of the Club. He did a video of Devin who partnered with the Club for the Weave “Hot Shots for Tots” Tournament. In the video, Devin praised the Club for its work on the tournament. Thomas would like the Club to partner with Sac State (Sacramento State University) to create opportunities for students to learn bocce and create teams. The Club could host a bocce team and create scholarships. He would like the permission of the Board to approach Sac State students to discuss the possibilities while putting up flyers and telling students about bocce.

Steve pointed out that the Open Bocce Day once a month is making bocce available to new people. John expressed a concern that we be cautious about managing our growth and make sure that we can handle further growth. Also, he noted that students can pay \$60 a year to play on the courts.

Joe suggested that we table the issue for another meeting. Al moved to have Thomas’ bocce video put on the website. Joe seconded the motion which passed.

John moved and Al seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.