

**East Portal Bocce Club Board Meeting  
East Portal Park Clubhouse  
September 9, 2024**

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

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

**Officers/Directors Present:**

Jay James, President

Joe Pane, Vice-President

Iggy Lopez-Alvarez, Treasurer

Catherine Travers, Secretary

Steve Choe, Director

Henry Powell, Director

Michele Rogers, Director

Al Velasquez, Director

Romano Luchini, Facilities Manager

**Officers/Directors Absent:**

John Leonard

**Visitors:**

Stephen Rogers

Paulette Wells

**Roll Call**

The roll call sheet was passed around by the secretary.

**Approval of August Minutes**

It was moved by Al and seconded by Henry to approve the August minutes. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Iggy reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Henry asked if the interest from the CD is taxable. Iggy responded that as long as we have less than \$50,000 in the account it

is not taxed. It was moved by Henry and seconded by Al to approve the August Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

### **Calendar Report**

Iggy told the group that we now have 386 members which he believes is due to Henry and Michele starting up the Tuesday morning league. Steve asked how many of the members are playing in a league. Iggy believes it's around 300.

Iggy reviewed the rentals for September. The Club has taken in \$1,200 in rentals for September alone. Iggy commended Romano and Ryan Tracy for doing a tremendous job in coordinating reservations, greeting customers and opening the ball boxes for them. Steve noted that someone can rent all five courts for a day for \$150 and that we should discuss raising the fees. Henry made a motion that we put the issue on the agenda for next month. Steve seconded it. The motion passed. Henry asked if this is a change to the bylaws and it was decided that it isn't.

### **Maintenance Report**

The power box on court two is done. He's going to add a light on the inside of the shed. He will raise the benches on courts two and three next year. Elizabeth's landscaping project is underway. Her crew spread bark and will be putting rocks under the two bleachers. Henry brought up the scoreboard issue where there is no difference between 0 and 1. Romano will rebuild the scoreboards eventually.

Michele talked about the spider webs that are everywhere and probably due to black widows. Romano will find a company to spray. Steve will contact an ex-member who may be able to help with a non-toxic spray.

Joe pointed out that there are pits on Courts #2 and #3 from players shooting. Steve said that court five (the oldest court) looks new because it's made of nylon. Once we replace courts #2, #3, and #4 they won't show pits. Also, Joe said that temporary lights were hung up about a year ago and now they're sagging. He will look into getting another strand or two.

### **Old Business**

#### **Shade Structure**

Below is an email that John sent the Board on September 7 about the roof repair:

As you know, I have been working diligently on the roof repair. We have a very inexpensive (subsidized) agreement of \$13,200 (plus required field welding) for the fabrication of all 12 of the steel column caps, the primary component of the repair. We have a solid and very palatable quote for the fabrication and delivery of the required trusses, and a second quote pending. As discussed last month, we are also replacing not one but two columns, as I have identified a second column that has failed due to dry rot. I'm now waiting for, not one, but two general contractor bids for the execution of the project. Both contractors are highly qualified and reliable. I expect the first one in hand by EOD Tuesday, and the second hopefully later in the week.

There are a lot of moving parts to this that will require coordination, but at this time I do not know the total project cost. I have done everything in my power to mitigate the risk to the general contractors, so I am cautiously optimistic that the number will be palatable.

All of the required revisions and value engineering to the plans have been completed per my request and description to the BOD last month. David Heard and Paulo Ibanez have done great work at my request, and we are now fully resubmitted to the City of Sacramento for final permit approval as of last Tuesday. On a separate but related note, I have been in contact with the Assistant City Manager Ryan Moore, and Park Planning and Development Services Manager Jason Weismann regarding my request for waiver of the building permit fees. They are unable to have the Building Department waive the fees, but Jason has graciously offered to pay those fees out of his budget on our behalf, and I have confirmed with him in writing that his payment of those permit fees do not trigger prevailing wage.

We are making good progress toward a viable project. Now we just need a general contractor's budget to see if we can afford it.

Please feel free to reply to this email with any questions or comments you may have. You can rest assured that I am doing the best I can to keep this project cost down and make the repair economically accessible and affordable.

### **Bylaws Change**

Catherine mentioned that we were supposed to discuss a change to the bylaws with regard to rescheduling games. It will be put on the October agenda.

## **New Business**

### **Election Committee**

We are in the middle of nominations for the Board of Directors and Jay wants to officially appoint an election committee with Joe, Iggy, and Catherine. Joe said that an email has been sent out with an expiration date. We may have to ask at the dinner for nominations for one more director. Four directors are up for reelection: Iggy Lopez-Alvarez, Henry Powell, Catherine Travers and Jay James. There will be one “vacant” spot since Michelle Rogers decided not to run for reelection. Iggy read the email form that is asking for nominations. We are supposed to have the vote online before the dinner. Joe would prefer to announce the new directors at the dinner. We only need five nominations (the four present directors and a new one). Iggy pointed out that once we have the five or so names an email will go out to the club membership to vote. Steve thinks that if we don’t have a fifth name perhaps we can put in the bylaws to give an additional opportunity to fill the opening at the end-of-the-year dinner.

### **Update on New Morning League**

Michele reported that there are nine teams and everyone seems to be happy. She asked for first, second and third place medals. She wants to provide a meal for the end of their league. Henry would like to have three consecutive morning leagues. The length of weeks will depend on how many teams there are.

Steve would like to encourage people from the morning league to play in the end-of-season tournaments. However, people can be on more than one team.

### **Volunteers**

Michele would like to have lanyards and volunteer badges available. Michele moved that the Club purchases badges with lanyards for volunteers. Henry seconded the motion. The motion passed. Michele will buy them.

### **Training Clinics**

Henry and Michele would like to schedule several mornings to have volunteers train new players. Henry moved that some days and times be set up for clinics. Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **Proposed League Schedule for 2025**

Steve sent out another copy of a proposed schedule. The Spring League will start a little bit earlier (February) and the Fall League will end later (October). That will create ten weeks in between those two leagues to fit in a third league. This will bring in money and provide an opportunity to do something fun and different. It will be a shorter summer league. It will be a three-person league. Teams will roll six balls instead of four. Teams will roll from both sides of the court. We may have to buy more balls.

Al moved to accept the new schedule and Henry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **Play Off Funds**

Iggy moved that Romano receives \$600 for the prize money for the Summer 2024 Play Offs. Henry seconded the motion and it passed.

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

Joe reported that there are only 12 sign ups right now. Joe is working on the itinerary for the evening, i.e. celebrating members and the new city councilperson. He organized board members to bring it up with people on their league night. Joe has worked on improving the menu with the Dante Club. Joe pointed out that we don't have to do a dinner or could do it at the bocce complex.

## **November 2 Tournament**

Steve, Al and the Castle Rock team organized the tournament for several reasons:

- To get name recognition for Sacramento for tournament play
- To fund raise for the shade structure
- To draw attention to the need to fund raise

Steve moved that the tournament be sponsored by the Club and that the \$150 court rental be waived. Joe seconded the motion which passed.

The winning team (three people) would receive \$300 each.

## **Friends of East Sacramento**

Joe talked with Cecily Hastings and Lisa Schmidt who would be willing to run our fundraising through them. Their group is a 501(c)(3).

Romano mentioned that Channel 3 will put a special interest segment on their channel.

Joe would like to have a fundraising committee set up which will be done at the next meeting.

## **Capital Cup**

Steve would like to propose for next year a Capital Cup which will include a trophy for the names of winners each year. He'll bring it up later.

## **Insurance**

Iggy told the group that the insurance bill for this year is \$3,893.84 which covers the property and liability. Steve asked how much they would pay for replacing a roof structure. Iggy said it would be \$265,000 per roof structure. Iggy moved and Joe seconded a motion to pay the insurance bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.