

**East Portal Bocce Club Board Meeting
East Portal Clubhouse
February 2, 2026**

Officers/Directors Present:

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

Steve Choe, Director
Romano Luchini, Director/Facilities Manager
Annette Miller, Director
Dennis Siebert, Director/Assistant Treasurer
Ryan Tracy, Director/League Manager
Al Velasquez, Director

Officers/Directors Absent:

Karen Finn

Visitors:

Louie Lodi
Henry Powell

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.

January Minutes

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

Treasurer Report

Iggy presented the Treasurer Report. The total deposits are \$16,714.03. Withdrawals were \$11,629.53 leaving a balance of \$26,502.58. Joe moved and Annette seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer Report. The motion passed. Steve asked what percentage of the balance is what was expected so far. Iggy said that's hard to say. Catherine pointed out that our projected budget for this year is \$60,000. Most teams have paid their dues and league fees so far. We have 329 paid members to date. Last year we had 445 members.

Maintenance Report

Romano told us that the Christopher Columbus statue we're getting from Roseville is not much taller than him. It does have a base with it. He will go with Tom Irwin to see what it's going to take to get it here.

Romano talked about the extra carpet from the recovering of courts 2 & 3. Annette asked if the leftover carpet can be used for court 4. It's not wide enough. Al cut up some carpeting to use to sit on the benches. It's not advisable to put the carpeting under the bleacher; it won't help us with the leaves. A club member wants to buy some of the carpeting for \$200. Al moved and Iggy seconded a motion to sell the carpeting. The motion passed. It's 4 ½ ft. wide and 70 feet long.

He also asked for an estimate to pour concrete where the fallen tree used to be and under the bleachers. Al said that volunteers could clear out the dirt to ready it for the concrete which would cost about \$1,000. Joe is worried about liability if someone trips in the dirt or on unsecured carpeting. Catherine and Joe suggested that we get an estimate for the concrete work without relying on volunteer work. The landscape committee will do that. Iggy suggested that we notify the City before we do any concrete work. Catherine will send an email to Jason Wiesenmann, Park Planning and Development Services Manager, Department of Youth, Parks & Community Enrichment to give him a heads up.

Romano has ordered paint from the list that Steve gave him for the lines on courts 2 & 3.

Calendar Report

Iggy reviewed court activities and deadlines for league signups. Open Bocce Day is Sunday, February 15. League play starts on Monday, February 23. There are no rentals in February and March. There is one rental in April. Ryan answered some questions about sign-ups for the leagues. Joe asked if the sign-up date should be earlier than two weeks before the season starts. Ryan will work on that for the Summer League.

Old Business

Annual Dinner

Joe reported that he is waiting for some numbers. We are being charged \$150 because there was glitter on the tables. We will get our deposit back on February 13. Iggy went through the dinner expenses. The dinner cost the Club \$613.64. This is less than the previous three years. Iggy thanked Paulette Wells, Mike Moylan, Joe and Sue Pane for their hard work. Iggy pronounced the dinner a success on behalf of the Club.

Joe is ready to turn over the organization of the dinner for next year. Jay asked the Board to think of members who would be willing to do it and several names came up. We will go out and recruit.

2026 Proposed Budget

At Jay's request Iggy showed the 2026 proposed budget which showed income of \$64,325.00 and expenses of \$39,825.00 for a surplus of \$24,500.00.

Steve asked if it would be possible by the end of the year to spend around \$15,000 on recovering one more court and Iggy responded that it looks like that could happen.

New Business

Steve's Checklist

Steve reviewed his sale of the USBF membership cards which resulted in the Club paying \$45 for USBF membership instead of \$300.

He would like to have a lock for the front gate that doesn't allow the correct combination to be viewed when it's open. Romano responded that it's not difficult to scramble the lock numbers on our locks. Steve believes that the lock he has in mind can be found on Amazon for around \$15 which he is recommending. Iggy asked that Steve buy several locks so that one can be tried out on the front gate.

Steve said that Henry would like to see two morning leagues in the Summer which could be done through the application process. Iggy reminded the group that before we schedule a new league, we should ask Club members if there is interest. Henry recommended that we ask for interest on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Jay pointed out that the Veterans Group plays on the first Wednesday morning of the month.

Steve passed out a proposed application to gauge interest which he explained at length. Dennis proposed that we keep the existing summer leagues (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday night). He pointed out that an inquiry is different than asking for a sign up. Iggy said that once people start sending in their money and find out that the league they selected is not going to happen, then money must be refunded which is confusing. Steve believes that the Wednesday night Summer League was able to be filled because players were asked in advance what their preference was and he was able to give some people their second choice which was Wednesday. Iggy doesn't want to collect money until he knows a league will work. Joe proposed a hybrid approach: getting signups and money for existing leagues and also gauging interest for new leagues without collecting money. Iggy pointed out that there is the possibility of adding a league on Tuesday or Friday night in the summer.

Ryan will establish a signup date for the summer leagues. Iggy recommended that the date be a month before the start of the league. There will be a query sent out to see if there's interest in a Monday, Thursday or Friday morning summer league.

Tee-Shirts

Jay suggested to Romano that he purchase two metal shelves for storing the tee-shirts which are in four buckets. The shelves will be put somewhere in the clubhouse. There are 80 new shirts and 60 older ones. Romano will report on it at the next meeting.

Team Signups

Iggy projected a color-coded list showing which teams have signed up and paid or not.

The meeting ended at 6:52 pm.