

East Portal Bocce Club Board Meeting
East Portal Clubhouse
September 14, 2026

Officers/Directors Present:

Jay James, President
Joe Pane, Vice-President
Dennis Siebert, Treasurer
Catherine Travers, Secretary

Officers/Directors Absent:

Steve Choe, Director
Karen Finn, Director
Iggy Lopez-Alvarez, Director
Romano Luchini, Director/Facilities Manager
Annette Miller, Director
Ryan Tracy, Director/League Manager
Al Velasquez, Director

Visitors:

Paulette Wells

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.

Minutes

Al moved and Romano seconded a motion to approve the Minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer Report

Dennis reviewed the August Treasurer Report. Total deposits were \$1,490.00 and withdrawals \$1,851.54 leaving an ending balance of \$53,605.01. Iggy cautioned Dennis that if we have more than \$60,000 in the account, he will have to file an extra report with the IRS. Joe moved and Al seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer Report. The motion passed.

Calendar Report

Dennis reviewed the calendar including rentals. We now have a list of rentals and events and club members who are responsible and can be called if there is a question or problem. Dennis will send it to us. Dennis reviewed the end of league play in November which is important because court 4 will be resurfaced November 16-20.

League Manager Report

Ryan is working with his brother who has sent a flyer to the president of the Renaissance Society of Sac State to encourage them to investigate bocce. They have 1,800 members who take classes. Ninety percent plus are retired so he sees them perhaps playing in the morning. His report covered the Community Bulletin Board, the Renaissance Society and the Overstreet/Stratton Family Recognition which are all covered in this Minutes.

Maintenance Report

Romano has been doing painting and bench repair. Steve scheduled the recovering of court 4 on November 16-20. Also, the cement work has to be scheduled. Catherine and Romano received the updated estimate for the cement work which is now \$9,000. Catherine sent Jason from the City an email and the updated estimate on September 2 and hasn't heard from him. She'll send him a follow-up email. Joe moved and Iggy seconded a motion to approve the updated estimate for the concrete work. The motion passed.

Annual Dinner Committee

Joe sent an email to the Dinner Committee letting them know that the Dante Club is in flux and they may have to shut down or sell it. There has been a lot of employee turnover. Joe has talked with several board members of the Dante Club and found out they are in the process of hiring a chef, then a manager. Paulette Wells has been to several large lunches at the Northridge Country Club and the setup and money required for an event are similar to the Dante Club. Dennis cautioned that we have over 500 members now and we need to think about if we want to subsidize the dinner for members. Joe said that we had around 125 participants last year. Annette will contact the Dante Club tomorrow about our plans.

Old Business

Overhead Fans

Jay asked about the status of installing fans over the courts. Al will talk with John Leonard about it.

Community Bulletin Board

Ryan's focus is to post a list of new people looking for a team and teams looking for a player on a board next to court 4. He wants to wait until after the Fall Season is over so people don't think they can join now.

2027 Schedule

Steve prepared a schedule for next year which he sent to the Board.

Playoffs

There had been a previous agreement that Al and Steve would organize the Spring playoffs and Ryan would organize the Fall ones. After a long discussion, it was decided that the playoffs will be organized this Fall as follows:

Evening Leagues:

Red Pool (the top five teams)
November 14

Al & Steve

Green Pool (the bottom six teams)
November 7

Ryan

Tuesday Morning League

November 10

Ryan

Furthermore, it was agreed that Ryan and Steve will run the Spring playoffs as above, Ryan will continue to organize the Tuesday morning league (Fast, Fun and Done) and Ryan will do the summer playoffs except the summer three-person league which Steve will organize.

Bylaws

Catherine reminded everyone that if anyone wants to propose a change to the Bylaws that it needs to be done soon since it takes two meetings in a row to finalize. She's hoping that new Bylaws can be put on the website in January. We made a lot of changes to the Bylaws last year.

Elections

Annette volunteered to be on the election committee (Joe, Catherine & Annette). Five people need to be elected to the Board this year. Three incumbents are running. She showed a proposed candidate form which will be sent to the membership in October. Members requested

several changes to the letter which she will complete. The committee must come up with deadlines (when to send the form, what is the deadline to send it in, and the dates for voting).

New Business

Overstreet and Stratton Families

Ryan believes that both families were involved in building the clubhouse and they have been with the Club for a long time. The Overstreet family suffered a tragedy when their son/grandson was shot and killed in Seattle recently. Dennis talked with Jack Seargent who knows Brennan Overstreet and learned that there is a fund to donate to. Dennis asked if the Board wishes to donate to the fund. Annette is concerned that if we donate then there are many other members who have needs also. Ryan wonders if we could provide a link to members so they can decide to donate. The consensus is to have Dennis contact Jack to contact the family and let us know what they feel comfortable with.

New Pallinos

The new pallinos are stainless steel which tends to corrode less and retain their color.

Grouper Partners Network

When Steve advertised an upcoming regional tournament, the Grouper Network contacted him. He did a Zoom meeting with them. The Grouper Partner Network (GPN) is a sponsorship marketplace that connects clubs, associations, and community groups with trusted health and wellness organizations. He believes that since bocce has a lot of senior citizens, they want to set up a table on site and provide information. If the group has 50 to 150 people, they will provide a sponsorship and pay \$300 per sponsor. He offered the idea for them to set up during league nights when we have two leagues. Steve would like to give them available dates to have individual sponsors set up at the complex. Annette moved and Al seconded a motion to have Steve work with GPN to provide dates. The motion passed.

Bocce Balls

Steve wants to order four more boxes with sets of four balls at around \$200 per box. Al moved and Dennis seconded a motion to let Steve spend up to \$1,000 for new balls. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.