

**East Portal Bocce Club Board Meeting  
East Portal Park  
October 2, 2023**

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

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

**Officers Present:**

Jay James, President  
Bob Luca, Vice-President  
Iggy Lopez-Alvarez, Treasurer  
Catherine Travers, Secretary

**Officer/Directors Absent:**

**Others Present:**

Jim Cassie  
Joe Pane  
Henry Powell, Director  
Michelle Rogers  
Al Velasquez

**Visitors:**

Romano Luchini, Facilities Manager  
Stephen Choe  
Thomas Herget

**Roll Call**

The roll call sheet was passed around by the secretary.

## **Approval of September Minutes**

Moved by Henry Powell and seconded by Jim Cassie. The motion passed.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Moved by Henry Powell and seconded by Al Velasquez. The motion passed.

Iggy noted that the checking account contains \$70,254.31, the CD is \$60,234.41 and the total is \$130,488.72.

## **Announcements**

Romano announced that there were six successful rentals in September. He said that The Sacramento Pioneer Association (one of the renters) loved the history of the Little Italy neighborhood and the history of the bocce courts.

Iggy said that the insurance is paid for the year but it covers 90% of liability. To increase that to 100% would cost \$195.01. The year goes from September 21, 2023 to September 20, 2024. They consider the facility in two parts: Building #1 (Courts 1-3) and Building #2 (Courts 4 & 5). It was moved by Joe Pane and seconded by Al Velasquez to pay the additional money for 100% coverage. The motion passed.

Henry brought up his concern that the City might not agree to the rebuild even with our payment due to politics. Some discussion ensued and then Joe noted that the engineer is working on his report and we should wait for that.

## **Old Business**

### **T-Shirts**

Al is now working with Custom Print Bros on Florin Road. He's looking at polo shirts with an emblem/logo on the pocket. He has to get the order in at the beginning of November to make sure they're available for the banquet in December. He will send us an email with the proposed color & design. He would like to keep it under \$20.00.

### **Email from Jay James to Paulo Ibañez**

Everyone reviewed the email. Once again, we're waiting for the engineer's report in order to proceed.

### **Court Surfaces**

Steve Choe informed the Board that member Paolo Cipullo (who is fluent in Italian) volunteered to contact the Colleoni Bocce Company. Their reps are primarily Italian speakers and have not responded to Steve's attempts to contact them. Colleoni Bocce is an Italian company that builds synthetic bocce courts like the ones they built in Stockton, Marin and Los Gatos. The goal is to have them come to EPBC, look at the condition of one or two of our courts for the potential of conversion to a synthetic surface and give us an estimate on replacing one or two courts with their surface. This is one more exploration of possible options for us.

Stephen is also looking into battery operated cordless ball cleaning machines under \$50.00. He wants something that won't scratch glass so as to protect the surface of the balls we have. So far only 0000 steel wool (the finest steel wool) works well. In addition, Michelle Rogers' husband is working on a machine.

## **Senior Bocce**

Tom Herget reported that the senior league is going well. There are photos that could be put on the website. Iggy said that the Gallery is where photos would go.

Tom also said that he would like to do a Tony Benedetto Memorial Tournament. Al told him that a tournament would cost around \$450.00. Iggy said that the rental request forms are on the website and that would be a good start to get the tournament on the calendar.

Tom also mentioned that there is a Bocce Broadcast Network.

## **Update on Umbrellas**

Romano said that it's going to be hard to repair the one broken umbrella and now he knows why they cost only \$35.00 (nonrefundable). He's going to take them down and store them after the season.

Bob Luca commended Romano for the great job he did on the pavers in front of the gate. Everyone applauded.

## **Maintenance**

Romano also reported that courts 1,2 & 3 need to have their stripes repainted and he's getting an estimate on having wood preserver put on the side boards.

It was noted that the score boards on courts 1 & 2 don't have a zero. Romano will fix it.

Jay told the group that there's no update on the marble from St. Mary's.

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

Joe reported that there are 14 sign-ups so far.

## **Update on History Timeline**

The weather event at the end of 2022/beginning of 2023 was added.

Adding the National Champion Team information was discussed. Romano said the banner is in the shed.

## **New Business**

### **By-Laws Change**

Jay directed our attention to the change he is proposing to the Bylaws which will allow a member to be nominated for a Board seat without attending the banquet. Jay appointed Bob Luca to chair a committee with Jim, Joe and Romano to finalize language for the change. Several questions to be resolved include new bylaws language, should the vote take place online or at the dinner, sending an email blast asking for signups for vacant seats.

Stephen Choe volunteered that he would agree to be on the board. Bob Luca won't be on the board again.

## **Chain Link Fence**

Iggy told the group that we are spending \$85.00 per month for the temporary chain link fence. The wrought iron fence that was destroyed by the tree can't be repaired. Romano will work with Eric Gantenbein to replace the fence. Iggy moved and Michelle seconded the motion to have Romano get a quote on repairing/replacing the fence.

## **Prize Money for Tournament**

Romano requested \$600 in prize money for the playoff tournament. Jim made the motion and Al seconded it to put aside the money. The motion passed.

Henry moved and Al seconded to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.