

**East Portal Bocce Club Board Meeting
East Portal Park Clubhouse
January 6, 2025**

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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

Officers/Directors Absent:

Steve Choe, Director
John Leonard, Director
Romano Luchini, Director/Facilities Manager
Henry Powell, Director
Al Velasquez, Director

Visitors:

Dennis Siebert

Roll Call

The roll call sheet was passed around by the secretary.

Approval of December Minutes

It was moved by Steve and seconded by Al to approve the December Minutes with one change: A sentence is to be added on page 4 in the Public Use section — “The motion passed”. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Iggy reviewed the report. Joe moved and Al seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. The motion passed. Catherine confirmed with the group that with the checking account and CD balance we have enough money to pay for the rebuild.

President's Report

Jay thanked us for the support for the officers during the past year and is sure we're going to have a great 2025.

Old Business

Bylaws Changes

Jay reviewed the proposed changes. Henry requested that we name the leagues Spring, Summer & Fall which was approved by the group. Joe moved and Henry seconded a motion to approve the new bylaws. The motion passed. Iggy will post the updated Bylaws on the website and then ask Mike Moylan to send an email blast notifying members.

Update on Friends of East Sacramento Fund Raising

Joe told the group that he met with Lisa Schmidt, Iggy and Catherine. Friends of East Sacramento will promote the Club and put an ad in their Inside East Sacramento publication to fundraise to repair and restore the Bocce Complex. It would be a tax-deductible donation. Iggy pointed out that Lisa will pay our vendors directly and Iggy doesn't have to handle the money. Friends of East Sacramento will not take a percentage of the donations. They can give us an accounting of the balance anytime we want.

To have the ad appear in their March paper, we would have to have it ready this month. We need to have an event planned and Joe believes we should do it at the bocce courts. Also, thank you letters must be written to donors.

Joe believes that everyone on the Board should participate equally in this endeavor. Joe would like to have an email blast go to all members (Iggy told Joe that we have around 370 emails on file) letting them know we need to fundraise. He also would like to see phone calls going to every captain.

Henry asked what steps need to be taken in order. Joe laid it out for us:

- 1) Get the ad done with Lisa.
- 2) Email blast to membership
- 3) Call captains
- 4) Create banners and send thank you letters

There was a discussion about how much money to ask for. Ninety thousand dollars was mentioned. Joe isn't convinced we need to ask for a certain amount.

He asked if we want to do fundraising every year. Joe thinks the main reason to raise money is to redo the courts. Romano asked if we want to provide a cover between courts three and four.

Joe suggested a fundraiser at the courts in May.

Steve and Joe will co-chair the fundraising effort. Jay would like to bring in Kristin Hewitt, club member, to help with fundraising.

Steve would like to start the GoFundMe effort before the rebuild starts.

Update on Lease Agreement

Catherine read John's last email to the City. He prodded them to finalize the agreement soon and reminded them that we want to start the rebuild.

Rebuild Update

John said the contractor is standing by patiently and he's not worried about the rebuild. Jay asked about the timeline. John thinks it could be from 30 to 46 days of construction and should take less than 90 days from the go ahead from the City. Joe asked if there will be an issue of courts being played on during construction. John replied that we can do this without a safety/security fence and can use yellow tape and signs to fence off the area. There's not going to be a gaping hole to avoid. Steve asked when is the earliest that the project will be done which John couldn't say.

Update on Officers & Directors Insurance

We have insurance effective 12/17/24 for one year. We are covered up to two million dollars maximum.

Summer League

Steve is working on a flyer, application and the rules for the Summer League. He will send it to us for approval. Then he will ask Mike Moylan to send out an email blast and will have it posted to the website. Joe asked how many teams he is expecting. Steve is hoping to get teams five days of the week. There would be a minimum of six teams and a maximum of ten. He would like to have an even number of teams so there is no bye.

Joe asked about the condition of the courts. There was a discussion about Colleoni courts and what the process is to put them in. Also, there were questions about

having a covering built between courts three and four. John believes we would need a building permit from the City for that.

New Business

Locks

There is a new combination, and the locks will be changed after January 20. Steve would like to buy new locks. Romano bought all new locks last year and had to lubricate some of them. He will buy new locks if necessary. Steve would like locks where the numbers can be rotated when the boxes are open so people can't see the combination. Romano will check all the locks at the end of January and replace locks as necessary.

Facilities Report

Romano is asking that board members walk through the courts to see if anything needs repair. He will be repairing the bulletin boards.

He would like to move forward with plans for the barbeque patio this year. Romano moved that he should get designs and estimates for the project. Henry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

John recommended that we not use the marble tiles since they are porous and can be slippery. The consensus was not to use the marble.

Calendar

Iggy let us know about upcoming calendar dates. He said there are ten teams on the wait list.

Beautification Project

Henry asked if there is an update. Romano said that their next step is to put rocks under the bleachers.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.