

**East Portal Bocce Club Board Meeting
East Portal Park Clubhouse
April 7, 2025**

Club website: www.epbcsac.com

Officers/Directors Present:

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

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

Officers/Directors Absent:

Visitors:

Louie Lodi
Dennis Siebert

The meeting was called to order by President Jay James at 5:29 pm.

Roll Call

The roll call sheet was passed around by the secretary.

Approval of March Minutes

It was moved by Al and seconded by Joe to approve the February Minutes. The motion passed. Joe expressed disappointment that the Board discussed the issue of scheduling events at the complex without him and Iggy present which he had asked for in an email.

Treasurer's Report

Iggy reviewed the March Treasurer's Report. Henry moved and Joe seconded a motion to approve the Report. The motion passed. The report is missing March deposits which Iggy will catch up on this month.

Calendar Update

Iggy reviewed the upcoming rentals:

Saturday, April 19	Birthday Party	two courts
Friday, April 25	Army CID 9:00 to 4:00	five courts
Saturday, April 26	Sons and Daughters of Italy Tournament	four courts
Sunday, April 27	Birthday Party 11:30 am	two courts
Saturday, May 10	American Cancer Society Tournament 8:00 am to 6:00 pm	five courts
Sunday, May 18	Sacramento VIP Bocce Special Olympics 7:30 am to 5:00 pm	five courts

Iggy believes the three-person league is still starting on Monday, May 19

President's Report

Jay read a letter to John thanking him for his work on the rebuild.

John expressed gratitude for the acknowledgement.

Dear John Leonard,

April 7, 2025

I hope this message finds you well. On behalf of the EPBC, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your outstanding service and dedication to our club.

Your commitment to our project to rebuild the shade structure over courts 4 and 5, as well as taking the lead on negotiating a new lease agreement with the City of Sacramento, has significantly contributed to our club's success. For instance, your steadfast efforts with the aforementioned projects led to our club being able to relax a little when it comes to our relationship with the City of Sacramento and to having the shade structure completed so that when the summer sun starts to get hot, our members will be protected from that very hot sun while playing bocce. Your work on these projects has led to positive outcomes, which greatly benefited our members and the community.

Your enthusiasm and hard work have not only advanced our mission but have also inspired fellow members to engage more deeply. We are truly fortunate to have you as part of our team.

As you move forward, please know that your contributions have left a lasting impact on the EPBC. We hope to stay connected and wish you all the best in your endeavors.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Jay James, President, EPBC

Old Business

Rebuild Update

John reported that we're close to the end. The structure is completed.

- 1) The end cap was not on the plans, which was an unfortunate mistake. The contractor should have brought it up. John received a proposal to finish the gable end for \$5,000 which he believes is too high. John found another roofing contractor to ask for a bid which should be around \$2,000.
- 2) There is a dispute about a drilling machine. The project was originally designed for a twelve-inch auger to do the job. They came out with an 18-inch auger at a cost of \$6,000 a day planning on three or four days. Then they needed seven days after they found more columns that needed to be replaced. They sent John an invoice for \$34,000. John believes we owe them \$14,000 which is in the contract. It amounts to two days plus an additional column. He believes that he's right in the amount, but the contractor is holding fast to his position. It's Sacramento Drilling and they are threatening to put a lien on the project with the City of Sacramento. John believes it comes down to the contract which clearly provides for drilling three holes for \$6,000. They also expressed a belief that they could do all twelve holes in three days. There was never a signed change order. There is a conference call on this issue tomorrow morning.
- 3) The only thing left to do is the electrical work which should happen on Wednesday. The Board had approved John to spend up to \$1,500. He believes we will end up with five new lights and use five of the old lights. Club member Mark Haley is doing the work at John's request. He didn't provide for painting the columns. There are six black painted columns and two rust colored primer columns.

Court Reservations

This is an issue about requiring court reservations and notifying the Board if someone wants to use more than two courts. Jay summed up that an email should be sent to Iggy if a club member wants to use more than a few courts. Joe said that he would like the issue explained. Steve recapped that people organized an informal tournament which brought up the question that if many courts will be in use should it be put on the calendar so members can be aware.

Joe asked that if a tournament is scheduled that it be started on courts 4 & 5 so that people driving by can see that, for instance, several courts are not being used. Iggy asked if the courts would be paid for in this scenario. Board members agreed that it should be first come first served. Iggy said that the only way to reserve courts is to send in an application. Specifically, the only way to reserve a court is to pay for a rental. A reservation form (rental) trumps first come first served. Iggy doesn't believe it's necessary to put anything on the calendar unless it's a rental. Al asked if he planned something on a Sunday should he inform Iggy. Iggy responded that he can't reserve a court without a paid reservation. John and Iggy pointed out that members must check the calendar before coming to the courts.

Fund Raising

Joe showed the next ad to go into Inside East Sac which promotes the Open Bocce Day on May 4. Joe would like a commitment from each Board member to be there.

- Joe said that the fire department is bringing their barbecue and Joe will be buying burgers, hot dogs, chips and condiments. We don't know how many people will show up.
- Catherine passed around a copy of the Google Sheets that Steve Cohn set up. It has prospective donors on it and the Fundraising Committee would like to see if anyone on the Board can contact these people or add to it.
- Catherine will set up a table at the front gate to give information, hand out a lunch ticket and collect donations.
- Catherine will pass out flyers to the houses around the park.
- Joe encouraged members to send the email appeal to family members and friends.
- Catherine passed out the volunteer sign up and the Google Sheets.

- Catherine reported that \$11,101.50 has been raised.
- She also pointed out that out of 438 members to the Club, only 30 Club members have donated out of 42 separate donations. We will send an email blast pointing that out.
- John suggested that we pass out half-page flyers at league nights asking for donations and encourage people to bring their families so they can see what playing bocce is about.
- Romano asked if we want to ask for television coverage. Catherine will ask Steve about that.

League Schedules

Henry requested that when the three-person league is straightened out the dates can be set. Iggy said that we need to honor the date when the forms are to be in to set the dates. People have until 4/30/25 to sign up for the three-person league. There are eight teams signed up now. There are enough for Wednesday. Henry believes there is a very short window for the summer league applications. Iggy responded that the three-person league was proposed before the summer league. Henry would like to start the summer league close to when the three-person league starts. Iggy confirmed that the three-player league is to start the week of Monday, May 19. The Tuesday Morning League is starting on Tuesday, May 27 for eleven weeks.

Henry moved that Mike Moylan sends out an email on May 1 to let members know the days available for the Evening Summer League starting Monday, May 26 for eleven weeks (probably Monday, Tuesday or Thursday). Al seconded the motion which passed.

Club Logo Design

Steve designed a 3D logo which he sent by email to the Board and which can be used for certain situations. He used it for an appeal to Dr. Green from the Sacramento Preservation Society who has pledged \$2,000.

Also, Steve ordered three more sets of red balls and three more set of green balls. Originally the cost was to be \$1,075.66. But Steve requested their free engraving service so that the balls be engraved with EPBC which didn't happen. He used the

logo on an email to bring it up with the company and they gave a 20-25% discount. The bill ended up being \$823.00.

The new pallinos are bigger and heavier. Our current pallinos are bigger than 1.57 inches. He ordered pallinos at 1.75 inches which he believes is a good size and similar to what we had. The pallinos for the three-person league are two inches so they don't leave the court.

Ralph Venturino Email

Jay received an email from Ralph Venturino which he feels illustrates how our replacement policy works. Their captain had to quit the team because of back spasms and Ralph sent an email letting Jay know happened and that he will act as captain. Jay explained the Bylaws covering replacement and Ralph thanked him for the information.

New Business

Special Olympics of Northern California

Jay received an email regarding their upcoming tournament in Lincoln asking for volunteers. Jay had to tell him that we are having an Open Bocce Day on the same date so Jay had to tell him that the Club can't help.

New Window on the Website (NEWS)

Mike Moylan added a page on the website called NEWS where news and updates can be put. It's for our members. The information about the new schedules will go on there.

Email from Ron Fox & Bob Overstreet

They sent an email about the three-person league and giving suggestions about how to handle rescheduling matches during the rebuild.

Sail Shade

Henry was talking to members about providing a cover between courts 3 & 4 and they suggested that instead of putting up a permanent roof we could put up a sail shade in the summer. It could be taken down in winter. Some Board members are more concerned with rain than the sun. John noted that unless it's pitched it will collect debris.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57.