

**East Portal Bocce Club Board Meeting
East Portal Park Clubhouse
November 4, 2024**

Club website: www.epbcsac.com

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

Steve Choe, Director
John Leonard, Director
Michele Rogers, Director
Al Velasquez, Director

Romano Luchini, Facilities Manager

Officers/Directors Absent:

Henry Powell, Director

Visitors:

Stephen Rogers
Kristen Hewitt

Roll Call

The roll call sheet was passed around by the secretary.

Approval of October Minutes

It was moved by Al and seconded by John to approve the October minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Iggy reviewed the report. Joe asked what we spent on the dinner. Iggy believes it was \$1,200 for the entire dinner. John commended Joe for the dinner. Everyone agreed and applauded. Al moved and John seconded a motion to approve the report. The motion passed. Iggy will update and send us a preliminary budget for next year.

President's Remarks Regarding the End-of-the-Year Dinner

Jay thanked Joe for the dinner. Everyone agreed that the food was great and the dinner was a big success. John commented that there should have been three or four bartenders instead of two. He also thanked Al for setting up the YouTube video of bocce.

Calendar Report

Iggy reported that we've made \$3,400 on rentals so far this year. Last year at this time we made \$2,900. There is only one rental this month. All five courts are rented on Thanksgiving Day by a family from 10:00 to 1:00 for \$150.

Maintenance Report

Romano reported that he had the kids' poster from the summer program laminated and it will be hung up where it won't be rained on. The gutter is ready to be put up this week on court 3 on the side of the shed.

Old Business

Shade Structure Update

John thanked everyone for their feedback on the proposed change of plans. He believes the changes are a cleaner, less expensive solution. He's not sure if he should pull the building permits now and then get updated permits later. The second option is to make the changes now and then request the permits. He's waiting for the structural engineer to revise the documents and then he can decide. The process will take one to three weeks. The contract with the builder isn't ready because John is waiting for the cost estimate from the steel fabricators.

Capital Cup

Steve reported that the tournament on November 2 went well. The goal was to bring recognition from the best players who want to win money. He collected \$3,000 from fees and spent \$2,400 on prizes for a 20-team tournament. There is \$311 to contribute to the rebuild. He learned that half of the players (30 players) bought lunch for \$10 which was a quality lunch. For \$300 he could have provided lunch for everyone. He thinks a trophy will cost between \$300 to \$450.

He believes that EPBC, Fresno and Huntington Beach will participate in a triple crown.

Update on Elections

The new directors were elected at the dinner and they will take over in January. At the December meeting new officers (president and vice-president) will be elected.

Update on Lease Agreement

Catherine gave a timeline about the agreement negotiations. We met with the City on May 6 and hadn't heard from them since. Steve Cohn emailed Jason Wiesemann from the Department of Youth, Parks & Community Enrichment on October 21 requesting their version of the lease agreement since we're ready to sign a contract with a builder to reconstruct the pole barn over courts 4 & 5. Jason sent the revised agreement to him on October 24. After a Zoom meeting with John, Catherine and Iggy, Steve sent our updated version to Jason on October 28. We're awaiting their response.

There are three issues to be resolved:

- We want to delete the sentence that provides the right of the City to move the fence for "unrestricted access" to one court.
- We want a five-year lease with a five-year extension or a ten-year lease with an option to extend for ten years.
- We agree to 12 days of public use per year but want to omit the words "at least".

Steve Choe would like to make sure that the public use doesn't include use of the Club's equipment.

Update on Morning League

Michele reported that it went well and a majority of the teams want to return. They had pizza at the courts on the last day. Iggy said that the application for the Tuesday morning league is on the website. There is a new team that wants to play on Tuesday morning. Steve would like to make it possible to add a second day for next season, picking a new morning.

Bylaws Change for Rescheduling Matches Due to Bad Weather

After a discussion new language was agreed upon:

Matches can be rescheduled only due to inclement weather (heat, cold, rain). A rescheduled match must occur within two (2) weeks of the originally scheduled match. The team unable or unwilling to reschedule a match will take a forfeit. If both teams opt not to reschedule the match will be recorded as a “0” for each team. Before a proposed cancellation, communication must occur between the two captains no later than two hours prior to the scheduled match.

John moved and Steve seconded a motion to approve the above language. The motion passed.

Iggy reminded us that there are three changes to the bylaws coming on January 1:

- 1) Rescheduling a match
- 2) Health and injury roster change
- 3) New board member vote update

Court Rental Fees

Steve believes our court rental fees are too low (\$30 for a court all day). He proposes a fee of \$30 for one court up to three hours. All day use should be \$60. Romano said that an average rental is for four hours. All-day rental is unusual. Steve pointed out that our courts are high quality and tournament players love to play here. Iggy moved that we increase the court fees from \$30 per day to \$50 per day starting on January 1. Joe seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Status of Training Clinics

Al said that a training clinic could be one of the public access days. Joe moved that we table this issue. Iggy seconded the motion which passed.

New Business

Security Cameras

Al moved to table the motion which Steve seconded. The motion passed.

Friends of East Sacramento/Fundraising

Joe said that the Friends of East Sacramento is a non-profit. Their group is a 501(c)(3). Any donation through them would be tax-deductible. Joe will talk with Lisa Schmidt to work out details. Joe has worked with them for ten years.

Kristen Hewitt/Fundraising

Kristen has been with the Club for seven years and plays on Monday night. She has experience with fundraising. Having a crab, pasta or a tri-tip dinner was discussed. Members talked about locations, food, raffles, and silent auctions. John recommended that we take time to consider this for the future.

Romano asked that we put on a future agenda two items:

- 1) having the patio with a barbecue finished
- 2) fundraising

Jay wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Iggy moved that we adjourn which John seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.