

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

Club Website: www.epbcsac.com

Officers/Directors Present:

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

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

Officers/Directors Absent:

Jay James, President
John Leonard

Visitors:

Ryan Tracy
Dennis Siebert
Alison Renison

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Joe Pane at 5:29 pm.

Roll Call

The roll call sheet was passed around by the secretary.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Iggy and seconded by Al to approve the June Minutes. The motion passed. The approved June Minutes will be posted online.

Treasurer's Report

Iggy reviewed the Treasurer Report. Catherine added that we have raised \$23,649.03 during the fundraising drive. There is \$21,689.03 in the Friends of East Sacramento (FOES) account. Henry moved and Al seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed. The June Treasurer Report will be posted online.

Calendar Report

Iggy outlined the dates for July. July 14 is the priority due date to sign up for the Fall Leagues. He said that Mike Moylan and Ryan Tracy have been sending email reminders to the team captains to sign up. July 16 is the last day for the three-person league. Saturday, July 17 is the Hot Shots for Tots tournament. August 1 is the deadline to sign up for the Fall Tuesday or Friday morning league. Only one team has shown interest in the Friday morning league.

There is an availability list under Club Forms on the website for people who are looking for a team. Iggy moved that players could play on both Tuesday and Friday teams only in the morning leagues. Henry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Fundraising

Iggy reminded the Board that if money is spent the invoice needs to be made out to FOES so the payment comes out of that account.

Steve told the group that he will be proposing in the future that we use the money in the FOES account to resurface several courts. He is interested in doing court 4 instead of courts 2 & 3 right now. Catherine asked why courts 2 & 3 have to be done at the same time. Steve responded that since they are next to each other it would be easier to do them at the same time. She believes that courts 2 & 3 are in worse shape than court 4. Steve will look into the cost of having courts 2 & 3 done at the same time.

Old Business

New Bylaws Language About Play Length Time

This is the second reading of proposed language to clarify playing time on the nights when there are two leagues. Catherine recited the proposed language:

For league games scheduled to commence at **5:00 P.M.**, no new frame shall begin on or after **7:00 P.M.** Upon the conclusion of the final frame, the team that has achieved **15 points** or holds the higher score will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie score after the final frame has been played, a **tie-breaker frame** will be permitted, as games cannot end in a tie.

Al moved and Henry seconded a motion that the language be added to the Bylaws. The motion passed. Iggy will prepare emails to notify the membership of the changes to the Bylaws now since it won't be finalized until the end of the year.

Hot Shots for Tots

This is replacing the Friendship Tournament. This tournament is sponsored by the Club for members and their families. Al and Steve will form the teams. Steve sent out a flyer to people he knows. Some people can't make the tournament, so they sent money and he's collected \$60.00.

Open Bocce Day

Steve started on a flyer which the Board has. This will happen on the third Sunday of the month starting in August. Iggy will make sure that there are no other rentals on that day. Steve said that lessons can happen from 10:00 to 1:00 because it just takes five minutes to show someone how to play.

Henry talked with Phil Pluckebaum's staff (the City Councilperson for the district the Bocce Complex is in). Henry doesn't believe it's enough to put the Open Bocce Day on our website. He asked if the City Council has a city-wide calendar which they do. He mentioned that one of the questions from people at Pops is if we provide lessons. The City publishes a General Community Calendar once a year. Henry wants us to contact the City and get our events on the calendar. He will send the flyer about Bocce Day to Phil's office. Ryan thinks we should work with Sac State to create intramural bocce teams to play on our courts.

Al moved that we devote the third Sunday of each month to Bocce Day starting August 17. Henry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Proposal For 4-Player Option

Steve sent an email to the Board with proposed language to send to the membership about the 4-player option. Catherine thinks there should be two options for play instead of three. It's going to take some time and effort to explain three options to other teams. Steve has discussed this with other players and believes they are excited about the new options. There was some discussion about how the options work. Henry would like to tell the membership that this is coming and have the option in Fall 2025, then start it formally in the Spring 2026.

Steve moved and Henry seconded a motion that information about a proposed new Rule VIII be presented to the membership to be tried in the Fall and may be codified for Spring 2026 after getting feedback from Club members. The motion passed.

A. Warren McClasky Adult Education Center

Henry has been in contact with the director of the school. He has reserved two Fridays which Iggy has to put on the calendar. One to two courts will be used. The dates are September 19 and October 31 at 12:45. This is a young adult program for people with developmental disabilities.

Plaque Placement

Iggy brought up the memorial plaques at the bocce complex. There are no criteria or standards for the plaques, but the Club paid for the plaque for Ottavio Luchini because of his special significance to the Club. He received an email from a Tracilyn Peters asking about a plaque for her friend and bocce partner, Marie Arnaudo. As a result, Iggy would like the Board to discuss three things: the criteria for a plaque, the size, shape and font, and who pays for it.

Iggy decided on plaque dimensions moving forward: 2 ¾ by 6 ½ inches. He suggests that the plaque be paid for by the person requesting it. Romano suggested that one criterion be old-timers/founders/contributors. The second criteria he suggests is one for memorial plaques to be paid for by the family. Romano believes the box will probably need to be enlarged and rebuilt in the future.

Iggy moved and Al seconded a motion to adopt a standard size and font for plaques (Times New Roman) and (2 ¾ by 6 ½ inches), that the Club will pay for plaques for foundational or legacy members, and any other memorial plaques will be paid for by the family members. The motion passed.

New Business

Henry's New Business

August will be Henry's last meeting. He presented us with a list of items he would like the Board to consider:

1) New members sometimes don't have checkbooks and want to pay with PayPal, Venmo or Zelle. Dennis Siebert will help with setting up a Zelle account with Bank of America. Iggy will work with him and Mike Moylan to make it happen to see about making the applications interactive online. This would allow the person to fill out the application online and at the same time submit a payment through Zelle.

Iggy pointed out a potential problem for him in that he could receive the money from Zelle but then he must get the completed membership form to match the Zelle deposit. Now, he gets the check and completed form at the same time. He would like to work with Dennis and Mike to

get the money and application form at about the same time. Steve has seen that some clubs hire someone to handle signups or design steps in which someone signs up first then pays.

Iggy warned about credit cards payments because there is a transaction fee and who would bear that cost.

2) Henry would like to see us establish the calendar for the leagues next year by September. This information needs to be shared with the City Council and put on their calendar as well as sent to the city councilperson for our area.

3) We should get a table for Pops next year.

4) We need a set time to review the Bylaws each year before January.

Tournament Director

Catherine asked about an email that the Board received from Steve a day before a tournament scheduled for Saturday, June 14 in which he wrote that it was an “East Portal Bocce Club Sponsored Capital Cup of Sacramento”. She asked how the Club could have sponsored it when we didn’t know anything about it. Steve described it as a private function but that he wanted to get the Club’s name out there. She asked when this happened and who he talked with. Iggy responded that Steve had put out an email in December 2024. In the December email Steve said that he had scheduled two tournaments in the future. Iggy then put the “regional tournaments” on the calendar. Steve and Al will pay a rental fee for the two tournaments in question. Iggy said that by calling it a “sponsored” tournament, they can rent the clubhouse at no cost from the City. The goal is that the Club gets notoriety, a rental fee and some extra money as a fundraiser. One hundred and twenty dollars was collected from the June 14 tournament as well as the rental fee. The rental fee is collected after the event.

Catherine thinks it’s time to lay out responsibilities for the tournament director as we have for the team captains and the league director. Steve said that there is more than one person on the Board who organizes tournaments so there is not one single director. Catherine would like to get the information ahead of time to learn about the regional tournaments and said that no one should assume that members of the Board know about all the details. It would be a great learning experience for Board members. Steve called it a high-paying or high-stakes tournament, and he didn’t want to answer questions about it and the prize money (\$3,600) ahead of time which he didn’t think would be relevant. Catherine thinks it’s important for club

members to know what's going on at the bocce complex. Steve doesn't think it's wise to explain these issues to members who might not understand them. He thinks it's important to call it a regional tournament which should satisfy members. She thinks that if the information ends up in the Minutes and questions are answered, then members will become educated.

Romano pointed out that what's being done with regional tournaments is totally new. Steve said that this has been done before by Mike Mathis and was called the Little Italy Tournament. Steve pointed out that he considers these tournaments private events. Romano pointed out that unlike most of our tournaments involve club members and regional tournaments bring in non-members.

No-Show No-Call

Ryan Tracy prepared a two-page report for the Board that gives a timeline of the Bocci Amici team and their history dealing with no shows and forfeits. There is a team with members from El Dorado Hills and Folsom who have shown up to play six times in the last calendar year and their opponent has not shown up without notifying them. Castle Rock has done this to them twice. Ryan is asking if there is another penalty besides the two forfeits each time that can be imposed on the team captain to change the behavior.

Romano said that as a former president he got calls like this and his recommendation is that the team should come before the Board with an explanation. Iggy doesn't believe that the Bylaws are strong enough on this issue. There was a recommendation that Jay writes Danny Marcucci (captain of Castle Rock Uno) a letter telling him that if this continues, he cannot be a captain of a team in the future. Henry moved and Iggy seconded a motion that Jay is to send Danny Marcucci a letter telling him that if his team doesn't show up again for a match without notifying the other team that they are forfeiting, he will be removed as captain. The motion passed.

Membership Application

A suggestion was made to include a box to check off to say that the applicant has read and agrees to abide by the Bylaws. Iggy will follow through with that.

Maintenance Report

The benches are done. Romano has taken off the display box by court four on the wooden pole. He is looking for large sheets of magnetized white board material to redo the display box where the standings are posted. He would like to replace the clock but is finding it difficult to find an electric clock in which case he may get a battery-operated one.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.