

**East Portal Bocce Club Board Meeting**  
**East Portal Clubhouse**  
**April 6, 2026**

**Officers/Directors Present:**

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

**Officers/Directors Absent:**

Al Velasquez, Director

Steve Choe, Director  
Karen Finn, Director  
Romano Luchini, Director/Facilities Manager  
Annette Miller, Director  
Dennis Siebert, Director/Assistant Treasurer  
Ryan Tracy, Director/League Manager

**Visitors:**

Henry Powell

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

**Roll Call**

A roll call sheet was passed around by the secretary.

**March Minutes**

Karen noted that her name wasn't on the list of directors present. Catherine will make the change. It was moved by Steve and seconded by Annette to approve the March Minutes with the change. The motion passed. The approved March Minutes will be posted online.

**Treasurer Report**

Dennis presented the Treasurer Report. The total deposits are \$1,559.31. Withdrawals were \$996.23 leaving a balance of \$35,293.09. Dennis reported that we have 429 members.

Karen asked about the Visa bill and Iggy said that he gets receipts from Romano and others and compares them with the bill. The charges are mostly for court maintenance and playoff expenses. Catherine told the group that she has been keeping a running total of what the Club has spent on the courts since 2006. It adds up to \$235,667.50. She will start looking at the Visa bill to add those expenses which are not detailed in the Treasurer Report.

Joe moved and Romano seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer Report. The motion passed. The Treasurer Report will be posted online. There was some discussion about purchasing another Certificate of Deposit to earn some interest which Dennis will look into.

### **Calendar Report**

Dennis reviewed the calendar for April and May. Public Open Bocce Day is Sunday, April 19 and there will also be shooting tutorial at 11:00 am and a demonstration of three-player games.

### **Maintenance Report**

Romano repaired the rubber shield on Court 3 which was shredded. David is spraying weeds. The landscape committee is requesting three bids for the cement work. One bid is for \$15,000. Another was for \$18,000 but they dropped out. And Robbie Geremia put in a bid for \$7,000 which included a new walkway behind the bleachers facing courts 4 & 5. Romano will look into getting a third bid.

### **League Manager Report**

Ryan reported on which teams are returning for the summer leagues. The playoff committee agreed on having a double elimination tournament with 16 teams for the evening leagues. Most teams should be done by lunch. Ryan and Romano will organize the playoffs for the Tuesday morning league.

### **Old Business**

#### **Pops in the Park**

Henry has communicated with Phil Pluckebaum's office, and they are asking if we want to have a table. Lisa Schmidt, who shared a table with us last year, is not going to have a table this year. There was a discussion about paying \$1,000 for a table, how the Club has paid for and supported the bocce complex over the years and asking Phil's office for a table for free or simply opening the courts to place a table there and hand out applications. Iggy moved and Karen seconded a motion to have Catherine consult Steve Cohn, former city council member, and then send an email to Phil's Chief of Staff to ask for a table without charge or a reduced rate. The motion passed.

Steve and Iggy commended Henry for always showing up at Open Bocce Day and always promoting the Club and looking for new members. Annette will investigate promoting the Club on social media, perhaps Instagram. We do have a Facebook page.

#### **Annual Dinner**

We now have a committee to plan the dinner. It consists of Paulette Wells, Karen Finn, Annette Miller, Joe Pane, Steve Cohn, and Elizabeth Antonini-Sergeant. Catherine will send an email

to the committee letting them know who the members are so they can have contact information for everyone.

### **Ex-EPBC Member Contact**

Annette and Dennis contacted members who haven't signed up to join the Club this year. They got a variety of responses and were given information about how to sign up if they wished to.

### **New Business**

#### **Request for Roster Change (46<sup>th</sup> Street Rollers)**

This was taken care of by email.

#### **Assistant Treasurer**

Iggy noted that Dennis has been doing an amazing job as Treasurer. Iggy would like Dennis to proceed as the fulltime Treasurer and Iggy would consult with him as needed. The Board approved.

#### **United States Bocce Federation**

Steve reported that he and Jay attended their last meeting on March 30 by Zoom. Several officers stepped down before their terms were up so there is an interim president, Ben Campbell, who Steve considers probably the best player in California. There is an interim vice-president and they're looking for a treasurer and another director. They talked about organizing more tournaments in Oregon, Washington and Arizona. They talked about bringing the National Tournament back to California. They also talked about increased visibility for the Clubs that form the Federation. Also, there's a need to increase tangible member support, player development opportunities, perhaps including short instructional videos from players, skills clinics, etc.

#### **No Smoking Policy**

A member reached out to Dennis about the no smoking policy since someone was smoking and the smoke was bothering her. The policy is a City of Sacramento one and covers all City parks. An email blast will go out to all members reminding them of the policy.

#### **Website Cookies**

A member asked Karen about our website which asks you to accept cookies or not. There are no other options. Iggy explained that it's a GoDaddy site and they don't save information.

The meeting ended at 7:00 pm.