

EAST PORTAL BOCCE CLUB BOARD MEETING

EAST PORTAL PARK

April 4, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Romano at 6:00pm

Officers/Directors Present

Romano Luchini, President
Ryan Toby, Director
Iggy Lopez-Alvarez, Treasurer
Henry Powell, Secretary
Jay James, Director
Joe Pane, Director
Jim Cassie, Director

Officers/Directors Absent

Bob Luca, Vice President
Ryan Toby, Director
Al Velasquez, Director

Others Present:

Tom Irvin; Lou Lodi; Rick Walker

Quorum established

Announcements

Romano stated that on March 25, "Design Tech" had a no-league game Friday as they did last November. Also, on June 11th and 12th a big tournament called "Little Italy of Sacramento **Open Bocce Tournament**" will be an all-day affair with use of the clubhouse. There will be 20 teams of four, about 80 to 100 people. People from all around Sacramento - Foothills, Grass Valley, Nevada city, Auburn, Stockton and Martinez will be coming to play. This tournament will be what it was like prior to the pandemic as we are trying to bring big tournaments back to Martinez. The tournament will be covering all costs; we are just providing the courts. A separate tournament on the weekend of 8th and 9th of April was held in Martinez, CA by USBF who also sponsored a tournament on, April 2nd in Sacramento, with East Portal Bocce Club sponsoring a court with \$100 donation, which included a colorful advertisement from our club on their flyer. Jay stated there was a four-person open tournament in Stockton on April 9th. Jay gave a copied of the so far sanctioned tournaments to the board. If interested in future tournaments, we need pay the fees to sponsor them. If we are interested, Romano suggested to contact Laura de LaRosa.

Minutes from previous meeting M/S/C

Treasurer's Report

Iggy reported at the end of March we have \$36,046.10. We paid a large amount for the lights on court 1, which other board members reported looked good when turned on at night. Additionally, there is still a large payment due for the remaining work. between \$20,000 and \$25,000. He reported the treasury is in good standing.
Treasurer's report M/S/C.

Maintenance Report/Court 1

Romano stated we are still waiting for the final inspection on **Court 1**. He will notify everyone when the city sets up the inspection so any questions can be presented to the contractor. After the final inspection is completed, the final bill will be presented to the board for review, concerns, questions, and assurance that the full contract was met. This contract was negotiated 2 years ago, prior to the current seated board members. Board member brought up the question whether "it is possible that the contractor may want more money than what was negotiated on the contract" Romano said he spoke with the architect on Thursday, March 31 who stated that, "you don't want the contractor to pass the final inspection. Then you can go back to court and have the contractor complete the things based on the blueprint, this then would be at the contractor's cost not the club's

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cost." If he passes the inspection, then the contractor will give us a final bill. We will then get into a debate on what we will pay and what we will not pay according to what was originally shown on the blueprint. By not passing the inspection, it will make it easier because the contractor will need to tell us exactly what they're going to charge us for and what they're not going to charge us for. The architect told Romano that the price of lumber went up, that might be a natural increase that you pay for but that would not have added that much cost since the framing was already up. The framing has already been paid. The only item left to be paid for is the roof, and a few other items. Romano does not know what the cost of the corrugated steel or aluminum for the roofing and did not believe it could have gone up that much in cost.

Two new locks were put in because somebody took off the lock on the power box for court 1 and the lock on and the big green power box on court 4. Also, the shed has been cleaned out and organized and he has hung up all the tools.

Requests on Maintenance:

1) Roof cleaning - it was brought to Romano's attention that someone should be hired to clean off the materials that have collected on the top of the court roofs as well as painting the sideboards as some boards are looking ratty and are splitting.

2) Washing the lights. These things that will be brought forward to another board meeting.

Questions – Lou Lodi stated he was the last one to clean the roofs and that cleaning was a lot of work. Romano asked how often should these be cleaned, once a year, more often or less often? Do we know anybody who could do it right now? Lou responded that he did not. It was suggested that after the Fall might be a good time to do it. Another question was about buying cordless blowers. Romano said that he would investigate.

Discussion was that the plug-in can't be beat as battery operated ones have a limitation. Romano stated that there was also a gas one that was given to us which is in a big green box.

Romano stated that over the summer he will be fixing the back bleacher and several of the boxes that are beginning to rot.

It was also brought up about having the meeting room open for use of the bathroom during the bocce meets. The city said that it could be left open at the cost of \$50 an hour.

Jay brought up about striping the courts. Romano said that he would be doing that over the next couple of months.

Committee Report

Joe Pane reported about the committee on the club banquet dinner for Thursday, November 10, 2022: at Dante Event Center. \$500 is needed to put down in order to hold this date for the banquet room. He sent out an email with catering and banquet menu as well as policies and pricing for the event center. Up for discussion was whether it should be a dance or a full dinner or just like a cocktail party. Joe pointed out that there are several options for the banquet which might include a dinner with an open bar which would increase the price. Paulette, who is also on the committee suggested that we negotiate with Dante Event Center. Joe suggested to wait until we have a committed time set up. Romano pointed out that in the past members paid for their own drinks and the bocci club paid for the vino. Up for discussion is the venue for the evening. Should there be a dinner and if a dinner what other things should be considered with it. If it is a cocktail party what kind of food should be provided along with it. The \$500 will secure the Sicilian Room, which holds 100 guests. Romano pointed out that we are a non-profit and therefore not here to make money. In the past Romano thought the only charge passed on to club members was the cost for the meal and not the room, and that the club was paying for renting

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the room and any accouterments. Romano is going to check with Laura to see if that's how they did it in the past. Romano stated that he is going to make an announcement to the club members and thinks we are good to go. He would like the committee to make recommendations on the menu and the cost so we can discuss in the next couple of months. Joe recommends that we begin to advertise for the banquet now, (the sooner the better).

Quorum lost

Currently we have four board present members. Joe Pane and Jim Cassie left to participate in Bocce. Board meeting continued with the consensus that we are be able to discuss things but unable to vote.

Website Update – Iggy & Henry

Henry reported that he had a zoom meeting with Kevin on website. However, through some experimentation, observation and information gained from the site he was able to successfully download the previous months' minutes onto the website. He learned that when posting a file, it needs to post it as a PDF document. Iggy stated that he uses a coded process to indicate how the members paid. The ones in orange were paid by the team captains, the ones in white were paid by the individuals, and the ones marked in red have dropped out of the club. Henry noted that team competition dates on the web page are missing. Iggy stated that Kevin knows and that there is glitch in the program for the website. Kevin stated that he would be working on this soon. We can ask Kevin to fix it. Henry stated that in the bylaws that if a team is going to be late for a game that they will call the opposing team to let them know they will be arriving late. However, on the web page there is missing information which would allow the captains to locate the opposing team's phone number in order contact them. Iggy stated that he sent out to all the captains the phone numbers of all the team captains. It was discussed that since the beginning of the league, captains may have changed, so Iggy will resend out the listings to all the captains again. Iggy discussed how the information is being segregated from what is public on the website and what's not. This is so that everybody's email address and phone number is not available to the public. However, the team's captains have the schedule for their team as well as the teams' phone number and email address. It was further discussed that the president's email address and phone number should be removed from the web page, since the web page asks questions which automatically brings up the president's name and email address when the individual is requesting an answer. In discussing the creation of website, Kevin said he created it from scratch using SQL language. Iggy will remove the Romano's name, email and phone number off the front page.

One additional item that we need to add are bylaws to define the duties of the treasurer and secretary. Romano stated there should be a bylaws committee to take care of items such as this. Romano suggested that the secretary and treasurer write up a brief description of what they should do and that he, as president, would write up a small description of what's involved with his duties.

New Business

Lou Lodi wanted to discuss toilet use. Given the club paid for the building where we have our meetings, the city should include porta potties for our use. Romano stated that the city was going to charge us for porta potties. Jay wanted to know what about using the bathroom in the meeting room. Romano said that the problem with that is who is going to lock and unlock the room each night. J inquired whether Romano had the opportunity to check with the Ranger or the city to see if the Ranger could be responsible for unlocking and locking the room each night bocce games were held. Romano will make a note to check with the city to see what could be done. It appears that there were two options: one is to use the meeting room's bathroom Monday through Thursday or purchase our own porta potties which we would have to pay for. Romano was not sure what it would cost but he'll check on the cost. Jay stated he would be against a porta potty because not sure who would be using it besides the bocci club. He stated that he wasn't sure since we would not be the only ones using it, and if a

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reliable upkeep would be available to clean the portable potty unless there is daily upkeep, there would decline in sanitary conditions because of overuse. If we decide to use a porta potty, we need to assure the contract with the porta potty company provides cleaning it daily. There was also a discussion about allowing a captain to have a key for the bocce league nights, therefore a captain would be responsible for opening and closing the Meeting room. The only night there would be an exception would be Thursday because there are two different time groups that play on that night. Romano again said that he would have to ask the city if we could use the restroom in the meeting room at night. He stated that the city may not want him to do that. He noted that there is someone who comes in and cleans the restroom in the meeting room, but he was not sure how often they did that.

New Playoff Format – Jay

One of the things that was asked was to have the board look at previous format of the play offs. The play offs had a Round Robin followed by the bracket/championship all on the same day. It went from -9am to 8PM making it a long day. Several members requested, if it's possible, to put the playoffs on two days, like a Saturday and Sunday following or even a Saturday, Saturday or a Saturday, Sunday. Romano suggested that the brackets could be played during the week in the evening, keeping the playoffs on the Saturday. Romano said that he is going to need some assistance with setting up the brackets because there are several teams that are tied until the last minute. He suggested that maybe even this could be set up and handled online, this is one additional item to add to the website. Romano and Jay said the original format had the round Robin starting at 9:00 AM and ending around 2 PM with an hour for lunch and then the brackets (championship) from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Romano is suggesting that we send an email to take a survey on whether to divide the playoffs into two Saturdays.? The first Saturday would be the round Robin and the second Saturday would be the championship brackets. Romano will type up the two statements which he will send to Henry. Henry will email the statements out requesting that the response be sent back to Romano, who will collect the responses. It was suggested that the survey response should be (1) wanting one day, or (2) wanting on two days.

By-Laws

This is strictly discussion since there is no quorum.

We can go through and see if there's any particular questions or changes that someone may want to recommend. Iggy volunteered to be custodian of editing the bylaws from what was discussed at this meeting. Jay and Iggy have been communicating on the bylaws.

Article 1

Suggested change: it is composed of nine directors **who are also** members.

Article 3

*Exempt the staggered two-year term this year and start that for the following year since this is an all board. After one group of 4 members would serve 3 years and the other 5 members would serve 2 years. The current president Romano Luchini will resign at the end of 2022 and the new elected person we come in and serve two years starting with the odd year.

* Discussion on the election by the general membership meeting held at the end of the year banquet in November attended by approximately 60 individuals which included significant others besides members. It was suggested that we develop something on the website that would allow individuals to nominate a person to be on the board. Once the nominations have been presented and collected a depository to collect votes for individuals nominated would be set up. Iggy is trying to develop a voting form that could be used on the website. Further, it was discussed using the way Iggy had the individuals segregated out who were not part of a team, having them receive a special voting nominating form, while at the same time having the captains of the

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individual teams collect names of prospective board members. Starting with this year (2022) we would have a practice of setting up a process for voting for new board members in the future. At the end of this year there would be only one board member resigning and that will be our current president. Suggested striking out the language "The members of the club shall vote at the general membership meeting for four board members on odd years and five board members on even years." To read possibly " **the members of the club shall vote for four board members on odd years and five board members on even years.**" Jay suggested that in the bylaws, Article 3 should state when the process should start (i.e., September) for voting on members for the following year. Jay also pointed out that it does not say anywhere that board members can run for election again. This can be handled easily by striking the word "new" and just indicate "board members".

Article 4 – Meetings

Suggested adding the words "**unless otherwise directed by Board of Directors**" after clubhouse, and before East Portal Park.

Article 5

No suggested changes.

Article 6

Add in where it says submitted in writing, should be writing/email

Article 7 – Rules

The rules for the maximum number of players (5) on the team will go into effect for the following winter spring games, which will start for the year 2023.

D. Play the Game

To replace current wording - It will be allowed **once per game** instead of play.

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F.

G. Only active players are authorized to be on the bocci court during matches.

I.

J.

IX Safety

Article 8 – Membership Dues and League Fees

Strike out sentences to "Any member joining on January 1st 1992..."

Article 9 Founding and Elder Members

Romano is going to check to see if the family still wants to continue with this Memorial Tournament. Jay suggested if they did not, we could continue it and call it the "Tony Peretti Memorial Tournament Open". Romano needs to check the date to see if it interferes with the Pomonte D'alle, usually around the third Saturday in September. The sons of Italy are on the 25th of September. Romano stated that he will get back with the board and wants to establish a committee to get a 4th of July tournament going. Romano stated that on the 4th of July usually had mixed teams. Everybody's name would be put in the hat and names would be pulled out. Jay said that closest to that date is July 2nd and if we want to have it, it should be sanctioned by USBF. Jay said if we are interested, we need to get a name and application submitted as soon as possible.

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Article 10 - Indemnification of Directors

Article 11 Expenditure of Club Funds

Add in that expenditures in excess of \$250.00 must have president's and treasurer's signature

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted for review and approval by the board of directors.