

# **BOCCE BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

## **February 12, 2025**

John Bowes called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Bowes, Ed Powderly, Douglas McArthur, Lynn Kaczmarczyk, Sarah Brant, Karen Lockett and Dovie Jarnagin

There were 9 Bocce Club members present in the audience

Lynn Kaczmarczyk gave the treasury report. We had a beginning balance in January of \$1,642.52. Five deposits made in the amount of \$2,160 for membership registration giving a total of \$3,802.52. Lynn also gave a report of upcoming budget for 2025 which can be viewed on the Bocce Club website. There will need to be a \$5.00 increase for tickets to the Fall Party held in November of 2025 due to rising costs and to ensure a quality meal and caterer. There will also be a 5% increase to cover food for our Fall Tournament. Lynn explained the new payment process involving Zelle. She reminded everyone that e-mail should go to the Bocce Club address and not to her personal e-mail address.

Audience member asked if we had a signed contract yet with caterer for fall party. At this time, we do not. The same member asked if we could look into having the Tailgaters provide food for the fall party. John Bowes is in charge of fall party and he will contact Tailgaters for more information. He will also continue to look for other catering options.

Sarah Brant, our Events Coordinator, confirmed that we will host the Lancaster Children's Home to come for lunch and play bocce on March 15 and March 29. The boys and girls will play on separate dates. The Friends of the Lancaster Children's Home will assist Sarah on those dates. We will serve Sub Sandwiches, chips, cookies and beverages. In the past, we have used Harris Teeter for the subs but since there is a new Firehouse Sub Restaurant right across the street from Sun City, she will check on their prices before making a decision.

Sarah continues to serve as match maker for those wanting to play bocce but do not have partners.

Karen Lockett who is in charge of Fun Bocce for Tuesday and Thursday mornings advised that there is a good turnout and much interest.

Ed Powderly brought up the fact that there is a lot of time when the bocce courts are not being used and asked audience members for their thoughts. Ed suggested scheduling times to play bocce with their friends when courts are not being used. Marie Babcock will help with flyers to go on The Buzz so everyone will be aware of this option. It was

suggested that we could also get a list of Pod Reps. and ask them to send out information about special events.

Someone in the audience suggested having a Bocce theme party once a month to encourage bocce participation.

Douglas McArthur and John Bowes were working together on Friday night Fun Bocce. There was not a good turnout on Friday evenings. Doug asked audience members to suggest other times for Fun Bocce (when there was no league play) Someone from audience asked if Tailgaters could provide food for evening Fun Bocce but this will not be possible as they do not provide food for less than 50 people.

Saturday orientation for new players will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Doug and John will be in charge. Future Saturday orientations will continue to be held on the second Saturday of the month.

Doug also volunteered to teach a neighbor Fun Bocce orientation if there were those who wanted to learn but could not come to the Saturday orientation.

Edward Powderly is in charge of court refurbishment. This refurbishment work is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 28, 2025 and should be finished that same week. Ed said that we have a new name for our courts which is "The Bocce Plaza". We may get a new sign. Ed suggested we have power washing done on the courts, get new ball holders, look at seating area to see if we need new paint. This would be paid for by HOA dues.

Flossy Haley (from the audience), asked if we could have Bocce Club meeting minutes e-mailed to all club members. She felt like many people were not comfortable going to the website to view the meeting minutes. John Bowes said he would take care of having this done.

John reminded everyone of spring league signups on Saturday, February 15, 2025.

A sub list will be made available for the spring league.

John Bowes adjourned meeting at 1:50PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dovie Jarnagin, Scribe