

**Fairfield Bocce Federation**  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting: February 20, 2025**

**Roll Call:** Board Members present were- (X- Present) (U-Unexcused) (E- Excused)  
X- Marvin Bailey      X- Jim Shepherd      E- Joyce Wilson/Dave McKenzie  
X- Paul Scheet      X- Vincent Loiacono      X- Tom McLoughlin  
E- Frank Berardi      E- Alex Vasquez      X- Steve Ramos  
X-Priscilla Barrett (outgoing board member)X- Ann Macauley (new Board member)

**Minutes:**      The minutes from the November 14, 2024 meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** There is \$16032.68 in the account

**Al Sacco:** WE WILL NEED ANOTHER REPRESENTATIVE FOR AL SACCO AS DAVE MCKENZIE'S TERM IS ENDING.

**Bocce League Manager:**      Priscilla Barret has stepped down. Ann Macauley will be entering as the New Bocce League Manager. Her appointment was approved by the Board unanimously.

**Awards Banquet Director:** Details of the Spring Banquet are to be determined. There was a discussion of various choice that Tom McLoughlin brought forward. It was determined that all would be good choices and Tom was given the power to choose any of the alternatives he presented.

**Tournament Director:**      Signups will be by email for the upcoming Paradise Valley tourney. Events will be sent via email prior to the next event. The events will be put on the website calendar eventually, Paul Scheet is lagging with his skills with the program.

**Maintenance & Supply Director:** The outdoor courts were given a bleach treatment to deal with the algae. A future treatment will be done if needed.

**Schedule and Standings Website Manager:** Things are going good. All scores and standings are up to date. The program is working well with Sideline. Options exist within the program to enter new members as needed. Team Sideline will work with Jim Shepherd to make sure all teams get the same amount of appearances on each court and that 11 AM starts are also balanced in the Winter League.

**Old Business:** There was no further Old Business.

**New Business:** There was a discussion about the procedure for new members. Some felt that new members no longer required a majority of the Board to be approved. A proposal was made and approved that the membership at the Banquet can vote on whether or not a majority of the Board is needed prior to adding a new member.

The positions of Treasurer, Al Sacco, and Tournament Director are up for election this year at the General Membership Meeting/Banquet in April.

Vincent Loiacono has been working to restore the Facebook Account. There was an old account and we need to establish a new account. The Vice President will also endeavor to create accounts and maintain accounts on various social media platforms. There is a need to ensure accuracy of email addresses for this task.

There was a discussion of whether Board meeting could take place via Zoom, further exploration may take place and the bylaws may be voted on and amended by the general membership if such a change is deemed needed by the Board.

The Board has decided that for the Spring and Summer seasons the start time of matches will be 9 a.m. due to consistent problems with heat. Captains are free to adjust those times if agreed to by both captains.

Priscilla Barrett is in the process of training Ann Macauley for her position.

New membership additions were felt by a consensus of the Board as our greatest need. Several avenues were discussed. Resource Fairs are going to be promoted during the year. The first Resource Fair is on February 28 and Marvin Bailey will represent the Federation. The President is calling on ALL Board Members to step up and represent the Federation at these events.

Oak and Cedar which is an organization that promotes greater participation and inclusion for the Developmentally Disabled is working with the Fairs and the Federation for greater visibility for an option of participation. Al Sacco was given to Oak and Cedar as a way to be exposed to Bocce.

Advertising for new members was also discussed. The President proposed a one time ad for \$225 in YOUR TOWN magazine. This was proposed, seconded, and approved by the Board. The Vice President stated his belief social media was a more effective advertising tool. He proposed exploration of social media advertising. The Board agreed that greater study should be given to the idea and that there is ample money in the fund to do traditional and social media advertising to stimulate an increase in membership.

The Vice President proposed a two person league on Friday evenings for the Spring and Summer seasons. An email was proposed and approved by the Board for the General Membership to gauge interest. Many on the Board were interested in such a league. Before a new league with a new format can start, the General Membership must also vote on this change at the Banquet/General Membership Meeting in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Scheet, Secretary