

Kent Meyers

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STA Meeting, 11/09/09, Recreation Center, 7:00 pm

Members present:

Beth Bentley
Steve Ryerson
Doug Stevens
Doug Dexheimer
Kyle Doerges
Kent Meyers
Mike Trump
Dick Hicks

Doug Dexheimer moved we accept the minutes of the last meeting as corrected.
The motion was seconded and passed.

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Mike Trump gave a treasurers report. We have around \$750.00 in the bank.
We discussed the 501C3 status. If we (STA) could attain this position, we could direct money through our own organization. As it is now, the Young Center, which has 5013C status, is administering the USTA grant money for us so we can conduct our Sunday Night Youth Training Sessions. Steve Ryerson said to attain 5013C status is a time- consuming and complicated process. However, since we wouldn't use money until next year, it was decided to content ourselves with gathering information on this process.

The membership drive was discussed. Various opinions were discussed. Kent said we don't do a very good job with it. Kyle suggested we compile a list of prospective members and push for membership in the Spring. (March) He also said there should be a benefit to joining – possibly like a members only tournament.

We had a discussion concerned with the Sunday Youth Tennis Training Session. We just completed the third session. They run Sunday evenings from 5 pm to 7 pm. Quickstart deals with kids 11 and under while the older kids go up through Middle School to the 12th grade. We also discussed the grant. Since there were various interpretations of its content, Kent suggested we all read it again.

One problem is that the Young Center is not being properly cleared out when our session starts and that kids are sneaking back in after being cleared out. Then Doug Dexheimer has to round them up. This takes time away from his regular duties. Beth Bentley will speak to John Kietzmann, one of Young centers directors about this problem.

There are also some unauthorized people there -college students and others. Kyle Doerges will make and post posters clarifying times and eligible people to participate in the program. Hopefully this will correct the problem.

The possibility exists of taking kids in Quickstart as young as 4 and 3 years old.

Advertisements. Kyle Doerges will put up re-designed flyers up around town hoping to attract attention. Kent Meyers will submit an article to the local paper with information on the tennis night. Also we will rely on word of mouth to bring attention to the program.

Beth Bentley moved we allocate money for a background check for volunteers. This is a standard procedure these days. This would involve Dick Hicks, Kyle Doerges, Danielle, Michelle and others. Tony Stingley gave us a website listing a company that would do it for \$25.00 per person. The motion was seconded by Doug Steven and was passed.

Students who participate in the Young Center Tennis Night are required to pay \$5.00 per session. Some pay and others do not. Kent Meyers pointed out there is money for those not paying in the form of scholarships. However, it was felt that, once a student is given a scholarship, they should stay the whole time.

We need to spend the grant money. The following is a breakdown of how the grant money is to be spent: Court Rental: -\$3,000; Subsidizing Tennis Pros -\$2,000; Scholarships - \$1,000; Advertising-\$600.00; Volunteer training - \$900.00. There was some disagreement about this, but Kent reminded us that this is the way the grant was written

Doug Stevens said we need a release. Doug Dexheimer has one that contains information about the students and a promise on the part of the participant not to sue. It was decided to use this one.

Evaluations for the Sunday Night Youth Training Session. Pre- the students will evaluate their own tennis skills. Doug Stevens will also evaluate their games. The same type of evaluations will occur after the session is over. There is no evaluation tool present for the instructor.

Training for volunteers. There is the possibility for a Recreation Instructors Workshop in the Spring in Rapid City. The next meeting will be to discuss the use of money for the volunteers. The next meeting will be Monday, Dec. 7th