

Spearfish Tennis Association
Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

Present: Don Bakeberg, Mary Burket, Doug Dexheimer, Joe Doerges, Kyle Doerges, Kent Myers, and John Roberts.

Association President Joe Doerges called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

MINUTES

Dexheimer moved to approve the minutes of the STA board meeting of April 12, 2016, as presented. The motion was seconded by Roberts and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

STA Treasurer, Kyle Doerges, reported the following account balance estimates:

- Pioneer Bank & Trust Balance: \$948.49
- BHSU Foundation: Balance: Approximately \$1,500, pending verification. Doerges stated attempts to contact BHSU representative Brandon Bentley for updated financials have been unsuccessful as of this meeting.
- School District: J. Doerges estimates a balance of approximately \$4,000 remains in

the district account. Total payment in the amount of \$37,500 was made to Evergreen Tennis Courts for the recently completed resurfacing project at the three (3) middle school tennis courts.

J. Doerges reminded those present that obtaining 501.c.3 status for the tennis court maintenance account should be a priority. He submitted an invoice for net straps at a cost of \$45 whereupon **motion was made by Dexheimer, seconded by Myers and carried unanimously to authorize payment to Evergreen Tennis Courts for net straps in the amount of \$45.**

REPLACEMENTS ON STA BOARD

J. Doerges stated there are two vacancies on the STA board. April Gregory resigned due to time constraints as the result of additional responsibilities with her job at the fish hatchery. Sue Hauff has agreed to serve and, following discussion, the board recommended J. Doerges speak to Spearfish Middle School P.E. teacher, Alex Johnsen regarding his interest in serving on the board. David O'Bryan was also mentioned as a potential board member.

REPORTS

High School Tennis: Dexheimer reported there are there are more middle school players on the JV team this year. There have been a couple team wins so far and he anticipates some good quality, highly competitive matches for the girls.

Middle School Tennis: Seven middle schoolers have been attending high school practices. J. Doerges reported that 15 kids signed up for a middle school tennis program last week. The middle school principal and athletic director have both indicated support of a middle school tennis program in the near future. J. Doerges concluded by announcing a doubles tournament for first- and second- year players is scheduled for Friday, September 23, 2016 in Spearfish and volunteers are needed.

MIDDLE SCHOOL COURTS RESURFACING PROJECT

Additional work to be completed at the courts includes installation of an ADA compliant walkway and construction and installation of a backboard. J. Doerges received a cost estimate for materials from Spearfish Lumber which came in a bit higher than anticipated.

The board agreed to draft a press release to be published in the Black Hills Pioneer regarding the court resurfacing at the middle school. J. Doerges concluded the project report by stating documentation remains to be completed pertaining to the USTA grant funds allocated for this project.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Although an official junior team tennis program has not been established at this time, players who participated in the summer activities remain active in the current tennis programs. Plans to initiate Play Days and Summer Leagues did not materialize however, a good number of individuals and families took part in the Sunday Night Tennis program.

FALL/WINTER ACTIVITIES

The Tennis Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2016 and will feature general play rather than instructional play.

Monday night @ BHSU: The tennis association can utilize BHSU facilities on Mondays from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Activities will start toward the end of October and increased participation is expected with these hours.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Doerges reported receiving a solicitation for the Spearfish Tennis Association to acquire membership in the Spearfish Chamber of Commerce. Following discussion and review of the membership benefits, the board agreed to decline at this time.

The board recommended J. Doerges obtain additional information regarding benches for the middle school courts from the city parks director, Keith Hepper.

There being no further matters to come before the board, motion was made by Myers, seconded by Roberts and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for October 11, 2016.