

STA Board Meeting

Monday October 10, 2016

Present: Don Bakeberg, Mary Burket, Doug Dexheimer, Joe Doerges, Kyle Doerges, Sue Hauff, Alex Johnson, Susie Mondloch and Doug Stevens.

President, Joe Doerges called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Bakeberg moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Stevens and passed unanimously.

REPLACEMENTS FOR BOARD VACANCIES:

J. Doerges introduced Sue Hauff and Alex Johnsen, this being their first meeting as a member of the STA Board. [K. Doerges entered the meeting at this time.] **Stephens moved, Mondloch seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the appointments of Sue Hauff and Alex Johnson to fill the vacant seats on the STA board.**

USTA NORTHERN COMMUNITY TENNIS WORKSHOP, November 18-19, 2016, St. Paul, MN:

J. Doerges announced that USTA Northern has offered a scholarship and stipend to offset expenses associated with transportation to send one representative from the STA to the USTA Northern Community Tennis Workshop, November 18-19, 2016 in St. Paul, MN.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Kyle Doerges reported a current balance of \$902.49 in the Pioneer Bank & Trust account and provided specific information on income and expenses since the last meeting. **Motion was made by Dexheimer, seconded by Stevens and passed unanimously to approve the treasurer's report as presented.**

J. Doerges reported having received email correspondence from USTA Northern reprimanding STA for failing to use the allocation of \$75 to purchase items from their website for distribution in the summer tennis activities in the community. He will contact USTA to explain that the minimum numbers required for website orders were impractical for a community the size of Spearfish.

SHS/SMS TENNIS UPDATE:

SHS Tennis Coach Dexheimer provided an update on the high school girls' tennis season which showed continued improvement resulting in more depth on the team.

Participation in the informal tennis program at the middle school is steady with a group of approximately eight students that show up consistently.

Discussion commenced regarding strategies to provide tennis equipment needed for the middle school P.E. program. If the items are specifically for school P.E. programs, there might be opportunities to obtain tennis rackets from the local HEAD and Wilson reps. There were a number of rackets left behind after a USTA clinic that would be suitable for younger players. Several suggestions were offered for other equipment needs.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS:

J. Doerges reported that a significant amount of work has been completed on the walkway installation. There is a complication with the back board installation as building code requires that the design be certified by a structural engineer and discussions are underway with a local engineering firm to determine what the cost for this might be. Myer is preparing a press release regarding the middle school tennis court improvement project along with an acknowledgement to include names of individuals and businesses donating to this cause.

UPCOMING EVENTS/OTHER:

The Tennis Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2016.

Winter Monday night tennis at the BHSU Young Center is scheduled to start next week.

Grant funding of up to \$3,000 is available from the USTA to institute a middle school tennis program. Sue Hauff agreed to take the lead on completing the application.

There was continued discussion about the advantages of obtaining status as a 501.c.3.

Dexheimer agreed to contact the USTA to see if Spearfish can be put on the schedule for upcoming tennis workshops at the schools. The Christian schools and schools in surrounding communities could participate as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business to come before the board, **Dexheimer moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Johnson and passed unanimously at 7:55 p.m.**