

**Minutes of Spearfish Tennis Association
December 1, 2016
Hall of Fame Room, BHSU**

Members Present: Joe Doerges, Kyle Doerges, Sue Hauff, Alex Johnson, Susie Mondloch, Doug Stevens, Kent Meyers, Don Bakeberg

Guests: Sierra Hauff

Members Absent: Doug Dexheimer, Mary Burket

Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M. Joe Doerges made a correction to the minutes, noting that Alex Johnson was introduced as a board member at the last meeting. With the correction made, Stevens moved, Johnson seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Kyle Doerges reported that we have \$1313.49 in our bank account and \$949.03 in the BHSU account. The only financial activity since the last meeting was to reimburse J. Doerges \$93.72 for Alpine Impressions T-shirts. A discussion ensued regarding the uses of our various accounts and the reasons for having three of them—these two plus the one at the high school. Meyers suggested that this discussion be put on the agenda for our next meeting. Roberts moved, Johnson seconded approving the treasurer's report. Passage was unanimous.

USTA Northern Workshop and Rally the Family prizes: J. Doerges reported that Dexheimer was unable to attend the workshop and that USTA Northern had furnished the STA with \$75.00 to spend on prizes for our next block party. This money was awarded through the Rally the Family program, which we had participated in at our previous block party.

Monday Night Tennis:

Joe gave a brief report on Monday Night tennis at the Young Center. Participation is adequate. He noted that it will move to 8-9 P.M. once soccer starts. A question came up about possibly reducing the rate, since participants will only have an hour to use the facility. We will have the facility from 3-5 Sundays also.

Middle School Backboards and USTA Grant:

J. Doerges reported that the MS backboard project has been delayed by the city engineer's insistence that it meet building code standards. Discussion ensued concerning how to complete the project. K. Doerges is going to check into the possibility of concrete being donated. Sue and Sierra Hauff will check to see whether Mrs. McCoy's building trades class at the high school might be able to work on the project. The city has agreed to dig the holes for no cost. J. Doerges noted that the engineer's report/drawing for the project is valued at \$500.00, which was donated. Joe also noted that he had talked to the USTA concerning whether our delay in finishing the backboard endangered the grant and was assured it did not and that we could complete the grant report.

Winter Activities:

J. Doerges and Stevens reported on the status of the upcoming winter clinics. Flyers have been made and are being distributed and Joe is visiting pre-schools and elementary schools to announce the program. Stevens noted that he will split his participants into two groups: JV from 3-4 and Varsity from 4-5:30. Discussion ensued concerning whether the early registration discount made sense. We agreed to revisit the question for next year's registration, but no decision was made.

USTA Community Tennis Grant: Hauff reported that she has talked to Christine Nichols, USTA-Northern rep, about starting a program in mid-February.

Winter Newsletter: Roberts volunteered to write and send out a winter newsletter using the MailChimp platform. J. Doerges asked board members to send him information he can use.

USTA School Workshop: Johnson reported that he plans to contact Tony Stingley at the USTA about the possibility of hosting a clinic at the middle school. K. Doerges suggested that the board might want to consider helping out financially with this if it were needed. Some discussion ensued about providing equipment and low-pressure balls to the public school and Christian Academy to encourage tennis programs.

Payment of Bill: K. Doerges requested permission to reimburse Carol Doerges \$49.44 for snacks she had purchased for the block party. Roberts moved, Mondloch seconded that we pay this bill. Motion passed unanimously. K. Doerges noted that this brings our bank account down to \$1172.33.

The next meeting will be February 7 at 6:30, place to be announced. Meeting adjourned at 7:43.