

**Spearfish Tennis Association Meeting, May 23, 2017**  
**Hall of Fame Room, Donald Young Center**

Members Present: Joe Doerges, Kyle Doerges, , Alex Johnsen, , Doug Stevens, Kent Meyers, John Roberts, Doug Dexheimer, Paul Soriano. Sue Hauff, Susie Mondloch .

Guests: Jan Bloom.

Members Absent: Don Bakeberg.

- I. Call to Order: 6:35.
- II. Approve agenda: No additions.
- III. Approval of minutes: Paul moved to approve agenda. Doug S. seconded. Unanimous.
- IV. Treasurer's report: \$1472.33 at Pioneer Bank; \$1249.75 in BHSU account; \$13054.51 in school account. Our insurance has been paid, and Doug D. and the Rec Center have been paid for the winter clinics out of the BHSU account. Bill for T-shirts for MS tennis was \$238.56, with a second print of \$17.04—not paid yet, but will be from the bank account. Approximately \$15780.00 in all accounts. A few of the students haven't paid for their T-shirts, so will hold off paying the bill until they do so. Doug D. moved to approve report, Alex seconded. Unanimous.
- V. Reports:
  - HS/MS Tennis – Doug D: The varsity program is growing, but our major problem is continuity both over the summer and from MS to varsity.
  - Alex: MS program had 35 players, divided into maroon and white, every other day. Four or five matches. It is the biggest MS team in state. Alex will be moving to a track-coaching position next year and will not be coaching tennis. We discussed the need for more financial support from the school district in the form of a salary for the MS coach.
- VI. Summer Events
  - JTT – Friday AM – Doug S. will give afternoon group lessons complementing the morning play. Sign up at block party. \$30.00 for six weeks, 1.5 hrs/each, 9 hours total, ten dollars per drop-in. These lessons will be Fridays at 1:00 starting June 16, for three weeks, then July 14, 21, 28.
  - Play Days 10 & Under: Tournaments in RC interfere with our originally scheduled date of June 24. We changed that date to June 17 but kept the July 29 date.
  - 18 & Under Tournament: Originally scheduled for July 14/15, which is the weekend of Arts in Park. A Rushmore Level III tournament is going on at

the same time. We moved the dates for our tournament to July 15/16 to lessen the conflict. Will register players at block party.

- Summer leagues: Joe is going to try to do a flex league.
- Sunday Night Tennis: Family 6-7; open after 7. Kyle will try to informally oversee this event.
- AM & Snowbird Tennis Times: No information from snowbirds yet. Paul and Kent said they will likely be playing Friday mornings.

VII. Funding for MS Developmental Program: As a way to help support the Middle School program, we discussed a USTA programming grant and a possible GoFundMe campaign. We need to get a stipend/salary for the MS coach. USTA grant could provide up to \$3000.00. Paul suggested that the school board might be more amenable to an approach that asks for an assistant varsity coach who can help with MS rather than ask for a “new” program. Doug D. will talk to Jordan Bauer, HS athletic director, about the issue.

VIII. Signage for MS courts – Doug S & Alex: Quik Signs will donate or cut rate if they can put their name on it. The sign will recognize those who contributed to the MS courts, and will acknowledge the USTA grant.

IX. USTA Northern Community Tennis Grant – Sue H. has not had a chance to begin the grant yet, but she is ready to and will get going on it.

X. Newsletter using MailChimp – John presented a draft of the newsletter and various board members made suggestions for items to include.

#### Spring Membership Drive

- Web Page, Email, Postcards, phone Call: Joe showed postcards for block party, which we will mail out to remind people of their membership.

XI. Block Party

- Who is doing what? Susie: Block party is June 3. Various people volunteered for jobs. Show up at 8:00 if you can.

XII. Other Business: Jan Bloom discussed gaining 501c3 status and what it would do for us. Primary benefits are that it opens up new grant opportunities and allows us to purchase things tax-free. It requires a \$350.00 initial fee, an EIN number, and a 20-page application. Jan is willing to help with it. No vote was taken on pursuing it, but the board expressed interest.

Tournament committee: John, Kyle, and Kent volunteered..

XIII. Next meeting: TBA.

XIV. Adjourn: 8:02. Doug D. moved, Susie M. seconded. Unanimous.