

Spearfish Tennis Association Meeting, Sept. 26, 2017
Hall of Fame Room, Donald Young Center

Members Present: Joe Doerges, Alex Johnsen, Doug Stevens, Kent Meyers, Doug Dexheimer, Paul Soriano, Sue Hauff, Susie Mondloch, Sierra Hauff, student representative.

Guests: Kurt Campbell

Members Absent: Don Bakeberg, John Roberts, Kyle Doerges.

- I. Call to Order: 6:35
- II. Approve agenda: Agenda approved without change.
- III. Approval of minutes: Doug D. moved, Susie M. seconded. Unanimous approval of minutes.
- IV. Treasurer's report: \$1249.75 in BHSU account, \$13,054.51 in high school account, \$1616.47 in Pioneer. Total \$15900.73. Joe was reimbursed \$255.60 for boys' T-shirts, and Kyle \$10.00 for miscellaneous expenses and \$112.00 for post office box rental. We have a questionable bill for \$265.19 from Interstate Engineering for plans for the backboard; Joe will find out how much of it is meant to be donated. Joe spent \$197.03 for Middle-school T-shirts. Parents donated \$190.00 to the MS program.
 - Sue H moves to approve report, Doug D seconds. Unanimous approval.
 - Susie M. moves, Doug S. seconds to reimburse Joe \$197.03 for T-shirts. Unanimous approval.
- V. Reports:
 - HS/MS Tennis: Doug D. reported that girls varsity tennis has been strengthened by Vittoria Ragni, an exchange student who is ranked third in the state and who has served as a model for the team. Susie M reported that 25 MS girls are playing well and show promise.
 - Signage for MS courts – Doug S & Alex haven't yet contacted the appropriate parties to finish this signage. Susie M., who knows the sign-company owners, volunteered to contact them.
- VI. Block Party – Oct 14, 10:00 – 12:00: A short discussion on whether the fall block party is necessary. Consensus was it is worth doing. Susie M. volunteered for publicity, Alex registration, Joe and Kyle food. Sierra and Sue H. will distribute flyers. We have enough prizes left over from previous times.
- VII. What are we doing this next year and beyond?
 - Projects
 - Lights on North courts: Consensus remains that this is our first priority. Cost is around \$37000.00. We would need \$20000.00 in order to write a grant. With \$13000.00 in school fund, we need \$7000.00 more. Kurt suggested we buy our own lights, also that he would find out if more of the work might be donated.
 - Restrooms/shelter/storage @ HS courts: This is less a tennis issue than a school/community issue. Doug D. reports that the HS AD, Jordan Bauer is behind it. Doug D. will speak to him.
 - Resurfacing HS courts: A two-year horizon.

- Backboard @ MS courts: Joe reports that if we make the backboard 7-feet high or less, we may not need a building permit. Kurt volunteered to talk to the building inspector about this for us. We will try to have done by next spring.
- More courts at HS: Long-range plans, possibly to include pickleball and racquetball.
- Middle School Tennis as a school activity:
- Grants
 - MS Tennis program: 25-35 participants each in boys and girls MS tennis. Consensus is the program needs more school support, either by making it a MS program or by hiring a HS assistant coach who could deal with MS as a JV program. The second of these approaches seems most promising. Doug D. will talk to Jordan Bauer. Sue Hauff mentioned writing a USTA grant to get it started, but consensus for now is to see if the school district will take it up.
- 501c3: Joe, Kent and Kyle (volunteered by Joe) agreed to take the lead on this.
- Monday Night Tennis @ Young Center: Joe will finalize the schedule and make posters for distribution.
- Winter Lessons/Clinic: Doug D. and Doug S. will begin working on these.
- Tournaments: If we are going to do a summer tournament and get on the USTA's calendar, we need to be planning by December or January. Doug S. volunteered to check the schedule of tennis events next summer and find a date that might work. Doug D. also volunteered to bring it up at his next coaches' meeting.
- Junior Tennis: Doug D. and Joe agreed to continue this.
- Leagues: Doug D. will set up a HS league.
- Sunday Night Tennis: This is becoming a more family-oriented affair and is worth continuing.
- Other ideas: None.

VIII. Newsletter using MailChimp – John was absent, so this item was skipped.

IX. Other Business: None.

X. Next meeting: Joe will email us with dates.

XI. Adjourn: Paul moved, Doug D. seconded to adjourn at 8:11. Unanimous passage.