

Spearfish Tennis Association Minutes

March 25, 2019

Members Present

Joe Doerges, Kyle Doerges, Doug Stevens, Doug Dexheimer, Beth Bentley, Pat Salcone, Susie Mondloch, Steve Reichert, Paul Soriano

Members Absent

Kent Meyers

Guest

Brett Rauterkus

Call to Order 6:39 - Paul

Minutes

Kyle moved to approve the minutes, Susie seconded. Unanimous approval.

Agenda

Doug S. moved to approve the agenda, Doug D. seconded. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report

Susie approved the treasurer's report, Pat seconded. Unanimous approval.

- Joe reported the following:
 - Pioneer: \$1,208.54
 - BHSU: \$1,140.65
 - HS: \$13,054.51
 - Total: \$15,403.70
- Some dues have come in for this year
- Pay Pal is up and running
 - There is a 2.9% fee plus a \$.30 fee for using Pay Pal
- The checks from BHSU went out on March 25

Reports

Summer Tennis Lessons (Parks & Rec, City of Spearfish)

- Brett from the Spearfish Recreation Center informed us that summer tennis will not be offered this year for several reasons
 - It was not supported financially
 - Since no other lessons for other sports are offered at the Rec Center, it was decided to end the tennis lessons to be fair to all parties.
 - Brett thanked Doug Dexheimer for his service to the tennis program. He did an amazing job each and every year and his hard work and talents have been much appreciated.

- Brett offered support to the tennis association in any way that they could.
 - We can use the rec center for lessons if there is inclement weather and the outside courts are not available. Brett is recommending that the usual fee for using the rec center would be waived. He will get back to us when he knows for sure.
 - The rec center would also help with advertising, and also offered the use of any equipment that might be needed.
- Brett also presented the 'Memorandum of Agreement'
 - This document contains the conditions, expectations and fees that need to be followed in order to maintain a relationship with the rec center.
 - Starting this year, the 'Memorandum of Agreement' will be a reoccurring MOA.
 - Paul will look it over and sign it as the president of the association.
- Other Items
 - Brett informed us that the city will provide garbage bags for our garbage cans and will pick up the garbage.
 - If the tennis courts are not well maintained the rec center will notify the tennis association and then we have 72 hours to clean it up. If not done, the city will clean it up and charge a fee.
 - We can get picnic tables from the city to use at the tennis courts.
 - Again, the subject of bathrooms at the tennis courts came up and Brett suggested that all parties involved get together to come up with a way to build restrooms. Other parties would include Spearfish School District and the Spearfish Soccer Association.
 - It was also suggested that bathrooms could be a part of the new CTE building that the school is building. The bathrooms could have an outside access. Paul and Beth will meet with Kirk Easton and Stephanie O. (the athletic director) to see about this and other possibilities.

Monday Night Tennis

- Doug D. reported that the attendance was good throughout the winter.
- Doug, Kyle, Susie and **Kyle** were the adult chaperones – a big thank you for their time and commitment.
- Monday night tennis has now moved to Thursday nights and will move outside when the weather is nice.
- The time from 7:30-9:00 seems to be the best time for those involved.
- The tennis association will try to continue Thursday night tennis throughout the summer.

Winter Clinic / Lessons

- Doug Stevens reported that he felt the lessons were successful and he will use the same format next year. It seemed to work well.

Summer Tennis

- Without the city providing summer tennis lessons we as an association will try to provide opportunities for tennis.
 - Doug D. will check his schedule and see what he can do.
 - Doug S. is available for lessons and maybe some short mini camps.
 - By next meeting, Doug and Doug will try to have a rough draft schedule made for summer tennis activities that they can provide for kids.
 - Joe will continue to be available on Friday mornings to kids that want to come and play.
- Joe thought it might be a good idea to get involved with the 'Junior Team Tennis' and / or hook up with Rapid City for more opportunities.
 - This might get kids fired up about tennis.
- We are hoping to continue with Sunday and Thursday night tennis this summer.
 - It was suggested we make a rotation schedule so there is always an adult and / or a member of the tennis association in attendance.
- Paul Soriano asked about liability and Joe reports that we do have an insurance policy that covers clinics, lessons, etc.

High School / Middle School Tennis

- Doug and Joe reported that the numbers are good for the high school. There are 21 students participating.
- The middle school numbers are down, but those participating are very enthusiastic.
 - The 8th graders have been moved up to the high school team.
 - There are 3 meets set up for the JV and middle school players.
- Doug is continuing to campaign for an assistant coach and has visited with Stephanie O. (Spearfish School District Athletic Director) about it.

Summer Block Party

- The Summer Block Party will be on Saturday, June 8 from 9:00-12:00.
- Final planning for the block party will take place at the next tennis association meeting.

Summer Youth Tennis Tournament

- The tennis association is planning on holding a youth and adult tennis tournament this summer.
- Final planning for these events will take place at the next tennis association meeting.

Other Business

Promote Tennis in Spearfish

- Doug S. expressed concern about the future of tennis in Spearfish. Some ideas to accomplish this are:
 - **Tennis Hall of Fame**
 - It was suggested that we start thinking about promoting a Spearfish Tennis Hall of Fame Club, honoring past players and promoters of tennis through the years.
 - Everyone seemed excited about this and discussion will continue at future meetings.
 - **Tennis Social**
 - Paul suggested that we try to hold a social including all those interested in tennis in our community.
 - Pat Salcone volunteered to look in to it.
 - **Training for Spearfish School District PE teachers**
 - Doug D. suggest that we bring back the USTA coaches to offer an in-service for the PE teachers.
 - We saw a surge in participation when the USTA coaches were here a few years ago.

Next Meeting . . . Monday, April 29 @6:30

Adjourn