

**MINUTES**  
**Spearfish Tennis Association**  
**November 19, 2020**  
**Zoom Meeting – 6:30pm**

**Present: Joe Doerges, Kent Meyers, Paul Soriano, Doug Stevens, Beth Bentley, Pat Salcone, John Roberts, Steve Reichert, Doug Dexheimer.**

**Absent: Susie Mondloch, Kyle Doerges.**

- I. Call to Order: 6:37
- II. Approve Tonight's Agenda: Joe asked to delete "Annual" from the Treasurer's report, and to move the Demonstration of the Website to after the HOF discussion. With these changes the agenda was approved unanimously, with Beth moving and John seconding.
- III. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Beth moved to approve, John second, unanimous yes.
- IV. Approve Treasurer's Report/Bills
  - Treasurer's Report: Pioneer Account, \$2736.75; BHSU Account, \$1435.97; School Account, \$12,318.57. Significant items of income include the \$1000.00 we received due to Doug Dexheimer's ServeTennis award, \$40.00 returned from Alpine. Total expenses were \$482.40. Doug Stevens moved to approve the report, Beth second, Unanimous.
  - Current Income/Bills: John moved, Beth seconded to pay \$84.40 to Joe to refund him for expenses, and to pay \$225.00 to the USTA for insurance. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Membership Update. Joe noted that the lack of the Block Parties has negatively affected our membership. We have only eleven paid-up members, with 26 who paid in 2019 so far unpaid this year, and nine we seem to have simply lost.
- V. Other Reports
  - Winter Lessons, junior clinic – dates, fees. Doug Stevens indicated he will plan a winter clinic as in past years but has so far made no decisions. The COVID situation led to a discussion about whether the STA should sponsor the clinic or let Doug do it on his own. After discussion, Steven Reichert moved and Joe Doerges seconded to sponsor the clinic and provide flyers and forms and collect the money, with the stipulation that participants agree to sign a form, which we already use for middle-school activities, releasing the STA from any liability concerning COVID-19. Motion passed with a 5-2 margin, with John and Pat against it.
  - HS/MS Tennis – Susie/Joe. The varsity girls are progressing well and their interest and enthusiasm are high. Middle-school only had eight participants.
  - BHSU Club Tennis. COVID has severely diminished participation.
- VI. Old Business

- Resurfacing Courts – Next steps. We have asked for and received bids, but no one has yet talked to the city and school about procuring money. Beth and Paul agreed to do so. If they agree to budget money, we can proceed with USTA grants.
- 501(c)3 Update. Joe has moved the application forward but is waiting for the state to change the address we have filed with them before he can move on.

VII. New Business

- Court Maintenance – wind screens, nets, leaves at MS courts, NW gate on north HS courts. Agreed to set a Dec. 5 time for this. Paul will contact us and others with details. (Note: since the meeting, all this work was done on November 22, with help from the girls varsity players.) Work at Middle School courts yet to be done.
- USTA Northern matching funds for equipment (mini nets) - \$500. Pat Colbert from USTA has said the USTA will match up to \$500.00\* for mini-nets for youth instruction. We can use the ServeTennis (DD's award money) and Pioneer money. John moved, Pat seconded to approve up to \$500.00 for this purpose. Motion passed unanimously. Joe will move forward with this purchase. \*(After the meeting, Joe discovered that the amount the USTA will match is \$300.00 rather than \$500.00, total therefore \$600.00).
- USTA Northern funds for indoor activity - \$350. The USTA has \$350.00 grants available for programs that encourage indoor play. Doug S. will contact them to see whether his indoor clinic qualifies, with or without specific changes to its format.
- HOF nominations. Joe nominated June Dickey and Pat nominated Doug Dexheimer. Kent moved to cease nominations, John seconded, with unanimous approval. We will celebrate the HOF awards in the spring if it is possible and safe.
- Demo of new webpage through USTA – can use for memberships, contacts, our activities. Required for USTA tournaments that we would host. Joe demonstrated the web site for us.
- CTA registration – once our registration is approved - \$225. We approved spending this money--see "Treasurer's Report" above.
- Letter to STA members explaining that we are going to a new website. Joe noted that we need to be on this website in order to hold tournaments. It will make it easier to keep track of membership and registrations. We need to work at getting people to use it when they sign up for events. A USTA account is required, but it is free. Board members who haven't signed up yet are asked to do so.
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- Other. None

VIII. Next Meeting: February. Paul will contact us for a possible meeting date.

IX. Adjourn. 7:55.