

Spearfish Tennis Association Minutes  
Wednesday, June 2  
6:30 P.M. Hall of Fame, DYC

Present: Joe Doerges, Kent Meyers, Paul Soriano, Doug Stevens, Pat Salcone, Kyle Doerges, Beth Bentley, Susie Mondloch

Absent: John Roberts, Steve Reichert, Doug Dexheimer, .

Guest: Tim Doerges.

I. Call to Order: 6:36.

II. Approve Agenda: Kyle moved to approve the agenda, Beth seconded. Unanimous approval.

III. Approval of Minutes: Doug S. moved to approve the minutes, Kyle seconded. Unanimous approval.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Our income last year was \$2667.56, expenses \$1819.00, for a net of \$848.56. We currently have \$17123.54 in our account. With our new 501(c)3 status, we have consolidated the BHSU (approximately 12K) and High School (approximately 2K) accounts into a single account which we directly control. One cost-saving element this year was having the winter clinics both at the DYC, letting us pay a single rental fee. Although our membership is down, we picked up \$220.00 worth of memberships from the clinics, which were well-attended.

Expenses Joe needed reimbursed were \$594.00 for matching funds for a USTA grant for the clinics, \$328.02 for MS T-shirts, and \$10.00 for filing our annual report to the state. We also need to pay \$95.00 to Evergreen for cord to tie windscreens down. Paul had approved paying the \$594.00 reimbursement on his own, since COVID had prevented us meeting, but the other bills need to be paid. Beth moved and Susie seconded approving the Treasurer's report, reimbursing Joe for the expenses indicated above, and paying the Evergreen bill. Unanimous approval.

Joe suggested we should look into getting our own credit card so that he did not have to put expenses on his personal account and get reimbursed. Pat moved and Kyle seconded that we do so. Unanimous approval. Joe will look into it.

V. Winter lessons: Doug S reported that 11 HS and 8 MS participants attended his clinic. A \$350.00 USTA grant covered most of the rental costs. The clinic brought in \$1600 brought in and netted \$400. It was all girls, so we need to push for more boys. We discussed the issue of the DYC nets being subpar. Beth volunteered to talk to Brock (who is leaving) to try to address the issue.

HS/MS tennis: Joe reported that the MS boys program began with 23 and ended with about 14. Thirteen of these have signed up to play Monday nights during the summer, so the enthusiasm is high. Only six or seven girls participated, but they were great.

Susie reported that the varsity boys had some good success, earning 8th at state overall out of 12, with one senior player achieving fourth place at the #5 spot. The girls also are doing well.

USTA Web Page Update: Joe is moving our web page to this site, which allows more options, including scheduling and online payments, now possible because we are 501(c)3. Joe was asked by the USTA to present a webinar on how to adapt to and use the site.

#### VI. Old Business:

Resurfacing courts: The current surface is 16 years old. It will cost \$50-\$60,000 to do all six with a good company like Evergreen. To get a USTA grant, we need to have matching funds in place. Our MOU states that all three entities—the STA, the school, and the city—are responsible for the costs. Our major contribution is writing the grant, though we could use some of the \$12000.00 that we transferred from the HS account. If we can get the city and school to each contribute 15K, we would be able to proceed. One issue is that the USTA has put a moratorium on grants, though USTA-Northern has money.

Need to talk to Tyler at City, Stephanie at school. Paul and Beth agreed to talk to Tyler at the City Parks and Rec department and Stephanie at the HS to see if they will commit funds.

Hall of Fame: Doug Dexheimer and June Dickey were selected last year. We discussed how/when to present the awards. No firm decision was made, but the consensus was that the end of this summer would be perhaps best.

New Business: Block Party: To be held Saturday, June 5 from 9-noon, with Joe, Susie, and Doug S. guiding the activities. Various board members volunteered to take care of registration, food, banners, and prize drawings.

Summer Tournament: Consensus was to host a tournament July 23-25, U-14. Joe will begin working to set it up.

Summer programs: Joe reported on Monday night tennis for MS players. He has 13 signed up. He will begin June 8, and if it is successful, go through July.

Doug S and Susie will teach lessons to MS and HS students during the summer. Thursday nights will be open tennis for adults, and Tim Doerges will teach adult lessons at this time.

Joe reported on his use of the website and the various ways it can help with scheduling activities. Paul noted that RC some players are seeking an exchange with players here.

Windscreen replacement: Beth and Paul will discuss it with the school when they ask about the court resurfacing. Four windscreens need to be replaced.

Paul tabled discussion of trying to obtain a hitting backboard.

Doug S moved to keep the current slate of officers: Paul as President, Kyle as VP, Joe as Treasurer, Kent as Secretary. Susie seconded. Unanimous approval.

Adjourned at 8:08.