

Spearfish Tennis Association Minutes
Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021
6:30 P.M. Hall of Fame, DYC

Present: Joe Doerges, Kent Meyers, Paul Soriano, Doug Stevens, Pat Salcone, Kyle Doerges, Doug Dexheimer

Absent: John Roberts, Beth Bentley, Susie Mondloch

1.) **Call to order:** 6:35

2.) **Approval of Agenda:** Kyle moved to approve, Doug D. seconded, Unanimous yes.

3.) **Approval of Minutes:** Doug S. moved to approve, Joe seconded, Unanimous yes.

4.) **Treasurer's Report:** Joe reported on miscellaneous, necessary bills that he paid such as tournament expenses and the post-office box, and reported that there has been no change in our accounts, with a total balance of \$16, 992.86.

5.) **Other Reports:**

HS tennis. Paul reported that the girls' varsity program is making good progress, with some 5th/6th-place finishes in state competition, a strength-training component added to their preparation, and a strong willingness to improve. Joe reported that the Middle-school program went well and that he received volunteer help. Doug D. noted that there might be USTA money to fund Middle-school coaching, and Doug S. suggested that we could funnel some of our winter clinic money to a Middle-school coaching stipend, though Joe said he is happy doing it on a volunteer basis. Doug D. reminded us of the effectiveness of former USTA physical-education classes and wondered whether we wanted to look into doing them again. No action was taken.

USTA Updates: Joe now a certified USTA referee for tournaments.

Winter Clinics: Doug S. reported that he has five Sundays set for clinics from 3:00-5:30, and that he is going to cap the number at fourteen. Susie will work with the younger players on the outside of the curtain. Joe noted that this arrangement is saving us \$600.00 in fees we used to pay to rent the Spearfish Rec Center. Doug's clinic will charge \$120.00 USTA member/\$130.00 non-member for five lessons, and Susie will charge \$10.00/session.

Other winter activities: Joe reported that Cain is setting up an open gym Dec. 18, Jan. 8, and Feb. 5 from 8:30-9:30 at the DYC for students interested in HS tennis.

6.) **Old Business:**

Resurfacing courts: Joe reported that the committee met with school and city reps twice. In order to accommodate the budgets of both city and school, we have to talk to them after Christmas and get on their dockets for 2023. Anticipated cost of re-surfacing is \$60,000, and we can ask for \$30,000/each. We need at least half the cost covered in order to meet the matching funds the USTA requires for a grant. Doug D. noted that the courts need re-tensioning, and we need to find out what is involved to get that done.

Naming HS courts: Joe reported on the school's requirements for naming facilities. Paul and Kent volunteered to take this responsibility on so that we can name courts after our Hall-of-Fame winners, Maury Etem, June Dickey, Dick Hicks, and Doug Dexheimer..

Hall of Fame Dinner and Presentation: We agreed to set Jan. 29 as our Hall-of-Fame dinner/presentation. Paul will check on a reservation at Guadalajara's.

7.) **New Business:**

Wind screens. Joe and Doug S. reported. The courts have fifteen windscreens total, with about seven of them needing to be replaced. After discussion, we decided that Paul, Susie, and Cain should ask the AD of the HS to order and replace them as part of normal varsity expenses, and if that doesn't work we'll look into other means.

Landscaping at HS: Doug S. Would like to see the south side xeri-scaped so that people don't track in mud, or else blacktopping it. Paul will ask the HS AD about it.

Hitting backboard: Paul brought this up with the HS AD and she suggested the HS wood shop build it. Paul will bring it up with her again along with the landscaping and windscreen request.

Discussion of the upcoming summer programs was tabled to the next meeting. Paul reported on the Spearfish/Rapid City adult play get-togethers.

Next Meeting was set for Thursday, Feb. 17, 6:30, DYC. This is the annual meeting where we elect officers and board members. Joe moved and Doug S. seconded to accept Steve Reichert's resignation from the board. We will seek a replacement. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.