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Spearfish Tennis Association
February 17, 2022, Thursday
Young Center – Hall of Fame Room – 6:30pm

Present: Joe Doerges, Kent Meyers, Paul Soriano, Doug Stevens, Kyle Doerges, John Roberts, Doug Dexheimer

Absent: Beth Bentley, Susie Mondloch, Pat Salcone

- I. Call to Order: 6:30, Paul.
- II. Approve Tonight's Agenda: Paul added May as National Tennis Month to the "New Business" part of the agenda. Kyle moved, John seconded approval of the agenda. Unanimous approval.
- III. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Doug S. moved, Kyle seconded approval. Unanimous yes.
- IV. Approve Treasurer's Report/Bills
 - Current Income/Bills: Pioneer, \$2570.84; BHSU \$4459.97; School, \$12,318.57, for a total of \$19,349. 38. The income from our winter clinic does not include \$30.00 that came late, and no bills have been paid since our last meeting. Kyle moved, John seconded to pay the following bills: \$900.00 to Doug Stevens for running the winter clinic; \$70.00 to Bridget Schneller for assistance in running the winter clinic; \$137.50 to Cain Kolar for the same; up to \$500.00 for DYC rental for clinic, with an electronic vote to be taken to approve more if necessary; \$95.00 for a case of red-dot balls for MS tennis. Motion was approved unanimously, with Doug S. abstaining.
 - Membership Update: Memberships are down, perhaps because we didn't hold a block party: 29 active members, 13 family, 8 singles, 9 students.
- V. Other Reports
 - HS/MS Tennis – Joe: Spring season begins in March. MS starting March 14. Tom Fitch, Paul, Gertie, and two high school girls will be helping Joe. Joe requested that we charge \$30.00 to MS'ers plus \$10.00 for T-shirts, in order to pay for balls and equipment. Doug D. moved to approve this, John seconded. Joe abstained, unanimous otherwise.
 - USTA Northern: Facility grant funding is open, and a "Circle" forum is open through which to communicate with others on concerns.
 - Winter Indoor Lessons – Doug S.: Ten MS'er and 10 HS'ers in clinics. There is a March 15 tournament.

- Other Winter Activities – Joe: Cain conducted an open gym a couple of times, but it was sparsely attended.

VI. Old Business

- Resurfacing and Re-tensioning HS Courts Update (USTA Facility Funding)– Joe, Dex, Paul: This is not possible until next summer, due to the budget year. The city does not consider tennis a high priority. We probably need to convince the school first, then go to the city with school representatives. Approximate cost would be \$60,000.00. The USTA has Category II grants for up to 15K, and there might be money available from USTA-Northern. The school district's AD has suggested pouring concrete between the north and south courts. We might be able to write a Category I grant up to 5K to help with this.
- Naming HS Courts Policy and Update - Kent: All the information is gathered to present the court-naming proposal to the school. QuikSigns gave us a quote of \$137.00 for four 1' x 2' signs, which is probably larger than we need. We will go ahead with the proposal and decide on details when it is approved.
- Hall of Fame (Dinner and Presentations) – Paul: Since May is National Tennis Month, we will schedule the banquet then, specifics later.
- MS Coaching Stipend (USTA) – Doug D.: Doug has been unable to devote time to pursuing the idea of getting the USTA to pay a stipend for MS coaching that might then be taken over by the school. The idea, however, is worth pursuing. Joe will look into this with the USTA. Doug S. is going to check with the USTA on possible outreach programs they are conducting.

VII. New Business

- Windscreens at HS Courts – Paul, Joe, Kyle: Measurements have been taken and sent to two companies, 10-S Supply and Evergreen. The HS AD has agreed to pay for the windscreens.
- Hitting Backboard at HS Courts - Paul: A Booster club request is in process. The cost would be about 4-5K. We might be asked to subsidize it.
- Landscaping Options at HS Courts – Paul: See above concerning pouring concrete.
- Net Posts Work – Kent, Kyle: Kent and Kyle greased the DYC net posts. Kent replaced the stripped mechanism and asked to be reimbursed for \$40.55 for material expenses. Kyle moved, Doug S. seconded to pay this. Unanimous approval, with Kent abstaining.
- Equipment Cart at DYC – Kent, Paul: Brief discussion about the state of the DYC equipment cart, no changes needed in the immediate future.

- Court Bench Replacements - Paul: Discussion of replacing HS benches with something more comfortable. Doug S. mentioned that he might be able to get a discount.
- Summer Tournaments (Juniors/Adults?) (Dates?) - Discussed dates for possible tournaments and set July 22-24 to hold a youth tournament. Agreed to explore hosting an adult tournament at the DYC in winter.
- Summer Programs - Adults/HS/MS, Kids (Lessons, Flex League, MS Fun Night): Brief discussion of possibilities. Doug S. will conduct group lessons in June. Monday night MS tennis.
- RC/Spearfish Adult Play/Social Days- Paul will continue to maintain contact with RC players.
- Officer Elections: Joe moved, John seconded Kent for Secretary, Unanimous, Kent abstaining; Kent moved, Kyle seconded Joe for Treasurer, Unanimous, Joe abstaining; Doug S. moved, Doug D. seconded Kyle as VP, Unanimous, Kyle abstaining; Doug D. moved, John seconded Paul as President, Unanimous, Paul abstaining.
- Board Vacancy: Steve Reichert has resigned. Kent will ask Colleen Mischke and Tom Fitch whether they're interested in serving, and Joe will ask Gertie. Joe will also announce the vacancy on the website. Paul will check with Cain.
- May is National Tennis Month: The USTA has a list of activities to create interest in tennis, which we will consider at our next meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 29, 6:30.

IX. Adjourn: Doug D. moved, John seconded adjournment, Unanimous at 8:40 P.M.