

**Minutes**  
**Spearfish Tennis Association**  
**April 21, 2022**  
**Young Center – Hall of Fame Room – 6:30pm**

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

**Absent:** Beth Bentley, Susie Mondloch, John Roberts,

- I. Call to Order: 6:38
- II. Approve Tonight's Agenda: Kyle moved to approve, Doug S. seconded, Unanimous.
- III. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Joe moved to approve, Pat seconded, Unanimous.
- IV. Approve Treasurer's Report/Bills
  - Current Income/Bills: \$18683.16 is our current balance. We paid \$2006.22 in various bills, had income of of \$1340.00 largely from MS tennis program and T-shirts. Net for this period is minus \$666. 22. Joe bought Nerf balls for serving practice for MS'ers. Doug D. moved to approve the treasurer's report, Kyle seconded, Unanimous.
  - Pat moved to reimburse Joe \$82.88 for the Nerf balls, Doug S. seconded, Unanimous.
  - Membership Update: 32 paid members, 14 families, 8 singles and ten students. Our membership is down due to having no block party.
- V. Other Reports
  - HS/MS Tennis – Joe: MS tennis numbers are up, with 22 kids, 8 returning, so many new ones, with a wide range of skill levels; Tom Fitch, Ava Berberick, Katie Mondloch and Paul Soriano have been helping. A parent gave a \$255.00 donation. Joe bought a battery-powered ball machine for use on the MS courts. Others are welcome to use it.
  - USTA Updates – Joe: No updates of importance.
- VI. Old Business
  - Resurfacing HS Courts Update (USTA Facility Funding) – Joe, Paul met with city representatives and Kirk Easton. Estimates for resurfacing from Evergreen and Renner range from \$48,000 to \$59,000. Tyler, Parks and Rec director, is asking for \$25,000 from the council for resurfacing, which the committee has approved, and Kirk Easton said the school will contribute 30K. The maximum we can get from the USTA is 15K, and from USTA Northern maybe 5K. We are required to spec the bids. Joe and Kent will work on the grants.
  - Naming HS Courts Update. Kent reports that June Dickey's daughter, Sandra Kamrath, is planning to visit Spearfish on July 11 and would like to see the sign honoring her mother. Kirk Easton hasn't formed the committee for the signs yet; Kent will be in touch with him if we don't hear by the first week of May. We will have some kind of welcome for Sandra Kamrath.
  - Hall of Fame Dinner and Presentations – Paul: Discussion centered around having this during May, as part of National Tennis Month, or having it in July to coincide with Sandra Kamrath's visit. Kent will contact her to find out her itinerary, and we'll decide after that. Possible date for May: Saturday, May 14.
  - MS Coaching Stipend (USTA) Update: Joe: MS AD, Brady Summers, is in favor of trying to make this happen. The idea would be to get a USTA grant for a MS-coaching stipend, which the school would assume after two years. We have to approach the school board to see if they're amenable to the idea.

- Windscreens at HS Courts Update – Paul: HS AD submitted a request, and the administration agreed to buy windscreens. They should arrive in May. We discussed the need to try to get the windscreens dropped by the first varsity boys’ meet of the spring.
- Hitting Backboard at HS Courts Update. Paul: SHS Booster Club will be giving HS Tennis \$3,000. The board we’re looking at costs twice that. Discussed whether to wait a year to buy the board and ask for the remainder next year, or buy it ourselves, or write a grant. Joe and Kent will look into a grant and we’ll make a decision after that.
- Landscaping Options at HS Courts Update – Paul: We tabled this issue, but Paul will talk to Claire Donovan about possibilities.
- Court Bench Replacements Update – Paul: This, too, was tabled, though Kyle will look into design and materials.
- Summer Tournaments in Spearfish (Youth and Adult)—April/May Commitment - Joe: Adult tournament over Thanksgiving still a possibility.
- SLAM Tournament Update - Joe: Spearfish SLAM tournament submitted for 14-18s. The USTA is approving for June now and hasn’t gotten to July, but Joe expects the request to go through. Various other tournament formats were discussed, including a “Dominant Duos” format where a team plays two singles and then a double.
- Summer Programs in Spearfish—March/April/May Discussion - Doug S. plans to hold Thursday group lessons from June 9-June 30. Joe will do Monday nights in June and plans to conduct a flex league with kids also, which adults could join. Susie might also teach younger kids. Doug S now connected to Arrowhead and is teaching lessons there, which may provide opportunities for some of our youth to participate in tournaments there.

VII. New Business

- USTA – May is National Tennis Month.
- Spring Block Party - Joe: No May date worked, so we set June 4 as the date. Doug S and Doug D. agreed to teach, and Susie will probably join them. Time: 9:00-11:00. Paul suggests we get food donated. We anticipate 40 players attending.
- Special Committees: Paul suggested we move some of our activities to various committees that involve non-board members such as parents of varsity and MS players. Examples of such committees might be Coaches, Marketing, Adult Morning Players, Block Party. The idea is that it would reduce board members’ workload, prevent burnout, increase board membership, allow people to be involved without necessarily being on the board, and allow the board to concentrate on decision making. Consensus was that it’s a good idea and we should pursue it, though no formal action was taken.
- Board Member Replacement for Steve Reichert – We discussed several possible new board members, which led to a discussion of possible board retirements in order to allow new members in and to move current board members to other roles (e.g. the aforementioned committees). Several board members (Doug D., Pat, and Kent) suggested they’d be willing to retire from the board. Paul will ask John, Susie, and Beth. Kent nominated Collen Mischke to the board, Pat seconded, and the board voted unanimously to invite her. Paul will contact her.
- Other: None.

VIII. Next Meeting: Need to prepare for the June 4 Block Party, so will meet Thursday, May 26.

IX. Adjourn: 8:38.