

Minutes
Spearfish Tennis Association
Oct 12, 2023, Thursday
BHSU – DYC 212 – 6:30pm

Present: Tom Fitch, Kent Meyers, Joe Doerges, Kyle Doerges, Paul Soriano, Jan Bloom.

Absent: Pat Salcone, Gerty Wyatt, Pam Heisler, Doug Stevens, Susie Mondloch.

- I. Call to Order: Tom called the meeting to order at 6:29.
- II. Approve Tonight's Agenda: Kent moved to approve the agenda, Paul seconded. Unanimous.
- III. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Kyle moved to approve the minutes, Paul seconded. Unanimous.
- IV. Approve Treasurer's Report/Bills
 - See reports from Treasurer sent 10/7/2023: Summary: We spent approximately \$1800.00 since our last meeting and have a current balance of \$22,004.93. Expenses included braces for the backboard, middle-school tennis payments, hall-of-fame expenses, and summer tournament expenses. Paul moved to approve the treasurer's report; Kyle seconded. Unanimous approval. We discussed the possibility of finding more sponsors for the tournament, and Jan agreed to pursue this further.
 - Pay SHS Shop Class for backboard installation: With the addition of a recommended fourth brace, the cost of the backboard installation is \$90.00 more than our fundraising brought in, but we have \$14,000.00 available for court maintenance. Paul moved to give the shop class \$100.00 as a sign of appreciation for their work on the backboard. Jan seconded. Unanimous approval. We will install the braces ourselves, which will require cement estimated at \$120.00. Jan can provide a cement mixer and perhaps an augur. Paul moved to approve paying the following bills: \$78.00 to Guadalajaras for HOF meal; \$69.42 to QuikSigns for HOF court signs; \$436.80 to Knechts for four backboard braces; \$300.00 to Joe Doerges for middle-school expenses; \$117.02 to Alpine Impressions for middle-school shirts; \$223.00 to post office for our box; \$74.27 to VanWay Trophy for tournament medals; \$504.45 to Alpine Impressions for tournament towels; \$250.00 to Gerty Wyatt and \$50.00 to Dennis Crandall for MS instruction; \$63.16 to Gerty Wyatt for MS pizza; \$194.97 for banners for tournament. Kyle seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.
- V. Other Reports
 - SLAM Tournament - report & set date for next year: We made \$526.06 on the tournament this summer—took in \$1169.78 and spent \$578.72. Next year sanctioning fees will go up to \$73.00 (from \$65.00 this year). July 19-21 is next summer's festival in the park, but we don't know if the courts will be ready. July 26-28 is also possible, but that interferes with the RC tournament. For now we have to wait until we have a better idea about when the courts will be done.
- VI. Old Business
 - HS Courts Update –
 - Court resurfacing (USTA Grant): Financing is all in place, and the project can start as soon as the boys' season is done. Tom will check into the last date the boys will need the courts for practice. The contract calls for the project to be done by July 15. The USTA increased the amount of money we asked for in the grant from \$15,540.00 to \$25000.00, with \$5000.00 each going to the city and school, reducing their costs. We also raised \$3000.00 for the project from donors, and if there are cost overruns, the city and/or school have agreed to cover them.
 - Sunshades and Picnic Tables: Tabled.
 - MS Tennis Coach: Our goal is to get the school district to sanction and pay for MS coaches. The school superintendent, Kirk Easton, has noted that the softball and soccer associations contributed to coaching salaries during the first years these sports were introduced, and then the school took over. Countering this is the fact that through our fund-raising we have contributed tens of thousands of dollars to building and maintaining the tennis facilities. Paul and Joe will put together a MS-coaching proposal to

present to the school administration, and we will discuss the issue once we learn their response. This led to a brief discussion of needs—coaching, lighting, landscaping/shade, other—and consensus was to discuss them at our next meeting and/or through email. Jan believes there is funding available from sources we haven't considered in the past, and will look into possibilities once she has a clearer picture of what we're looking for.

- Record boards: These are installed in the HS commons. Currently, there are none for tennis. Tom agreed to look into this.

VII. New Business

- USTA Northern Annual Mtg and Conference: November 3-4 in Minneapolis. Doug Dexheimer has gone to this in the past. It may be good to have a presence there, especially if we're asking for money, but those present didn't see it as a necessity. As a CTA, we will get registration waived and can apply for travel grants. We need to apply by Oct. 25. Joe and Tom are possible candidates to go. If one of them wishes to, the board agreed to financially support them, but we left the decision up to them.
- Windscreen roll up: Tom led six HS girls and two HS boys in rolling up the south courts' screens.
- Winter Clinic/Lessons/Dates TBD Jan 2024: Tom would like to see more boys participate and will go to the Booster Club to ask for stipend money participants can use to partially pay for these clinics.
 - Scholarships (\$75-\$85 for MS; \$95-\$115 HS):
 - STA Scholarship policy - The O'Bryan family allocated \$1000.00 for scholarships, which may be renewed. Kent will get in touch with June Dickey's daughter, Sandra Kamrath, to see if they are still interested in donating money for scholarships. Jan suggested we use the word "stipend" or "financial assistance," rather than "scholarship," in order to more precisely identify what the money will be used for.

Next Meeting: Set tentatively for December 7. Tom will confirm through email.

VIII. Adjourn: 7:40.