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Spearfish Tennis Association
February 16, 2023, Thursday
Young Center – Hall of Fame Room – 6:30pm

Present: Joe Doerges, Paul Soriano, Kyle Doerges, Tom Fitch, Gerty Wyatt, Doug Stevens, and Susie Mondloch.

Absent: Kent Meyers and Pat Salcone

- I. Call to Order: Paul called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- II. Approve Tonight's Agenda: Tom moved and Joe seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Approve Minutes from October 27, 2022 Meeting: Doug moved and Joe seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Approve Treasurer's Report/Bills
The Board reviewed and read through Treasurer's Report that was sent out to the Board. All the account balances were not discussed, but the amounts are attached hereto and incorporated herein (2-14-23 STA Treasurer's Report). Tom moved to approve the report and Doug seconded the motion to approve the Report. The motion passed unanimously. Joe reviewed the bills that required approval to include the following: \$65 for 2023 Slam tournament sanction fee, \$15.68 for Board member notebooks, \$907.50 for Doug Stevens (indoor clinic instruction), \$237.50 for Tom Fitch (indoor clinic assistant), \$500 for BHSU Young Center rental fee, and \$100-\$115 for our upcoming share of ty wraps for windscreens. Susie moved that we pay the outstanding bills and Kyle seconded the motion. Motion passed with Doug withdrawing from the vote since it involved his invoice. Joe highlighted that the clinics/lessons were profitable again, netting the STA \$353 in income.

Joe reported that we have 34 total STA members. We have approximately 57 members when we count family members and spouses.
- V. Winter Clinics: Susie reported a positive experience on kids' lessons. She intends to communicate with Joe about generating more numbers. Katie and Allie assisted Susie. Doug enjoyed having repeat attendees. There were 8 middle school attendees, and 11 high school/varsity attendees, including one Wyoming exchange student from Denmark. The fieldhouse use went smoothly, other than the week that we had a volleyball tournament to navigate.
- VI. Old Business: Joe provided a high school court update. Tie wraps have been ordered but there is no bill yet. The USTA Grant is 50% of the total cost of resurfacing (category 2)= \$25,000, USTA Northern = \$5,000. We have the following approximate quotes for resurfacing in 2024: Renner-\$92,000, ATE-\$46,000, Sportsmaster/Camco (Denver)-\$200,000. Camco may come up and review the courts with Joe to adjust their quote. Inflation appears to be a contributing factor in the increasing quote amounts. Doug was inclined to use Renner based on their reputation and since their work on our courts has held up for over 15 years.

Kyle indicated that the bench construction is in the planning stage. Knechts' has extra composite decking at a discount, and he is still checking into pricing and donations from them and ProBuild.

Paul provided a landscaping and covering update. Sunshades would be ideal. Now is probably the time to get the School/City involved with the adjacent project if we could get concrete for some of the weeded area surrounding the courts.

VII. New Business

Officer Elections: President Soriano has decided to resign after multiple years of successful service. Joe nominated Tom Fitch to serve as Soriano's successor and Susie seconded the motion. The motion for Fitch as the new President passed unanimously. Kyle is willing to continue as Vice President unless someone else is willing to serve. Based on Susie's interest in the role, Doug moved to nominate Susie, and Tom seconded the motion. The motion for Mondloch to serve as Vice President passed unanimously. Kent Myers is willing to step down as Secretary after years of successful service. Tom moved that we nominate Gerty Wyatt, and Joe seconded the motion. The motion for Wyatt to serve as Secretary passed unanimously. Paul moved that we nominate Joe Doerges to continue serving as Treasurer, and Kyle seconded the motion. The motion for Joe to continue serving as Treasurer passed unanimously.

A lengthy discussion regarding filling 2 board vacancy's (Dexheimer and Mischke) included Cain Kolar, Pam Heisler, and Jan Bloom as potential candidates. Kyle nominated Cain, and Susie seconded the nomination. Discussion about Cain's family commitments and new job was a concern. The nomination did not pass the vote. Jan Bloom was nominated by Doug based on her experience with grant writing, and Susie seconded the nomination. The nomination/motion passed unanimously. Tom nominated Pam Heisler, and Gerty seconded the nomination. The nomination/motion passed with 4 voters abstaining due to not knowing the candidate personally or other concerns.

Committees: Paul discussed the following committees: 1) player/tennis development (Doug willing to chair) 2) community outreach committee (table for Pam). Kyle discussed court maintenance committee (Kyle willing to chair).

Middle School: Joe indicated that web registration is up and he knows of 4 returning boys. Alexis Quail a Colorado tennis native, and middle school teacher is willing to help. Katie and Ava Berberick are also willing to help Joe.

High School head coach: Tom Fitch signed the contract to serve as the Boys' coach. He has a mix of ages including some older kids. Important to drop windscreens early enough to dodge rough winds. The first couple weeks of practice might present an opportunity to get the team to help after practice.

Joe highlighted the \$500 USTA Northern training grant for the upcoming workshop on March 3rd through the 5th in St. Paul. Susie and Tom might be interested in the workshop. Joe moved that the STA help provide a stipend for attendees if we have more than one attendee, and Doug seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the understanding that there are extra funds in the STA/Clinic account.

Joe drafted STA program evaluations for parents and players. The Board combined a couple questions to simplify the form prepared by Joe. Joe will e-mail the evaluations to the participants.

The Slam Tournament for this summer has been approved by the USTA/Northern Section.

The Board agreed to use National Tennis Month (May) to market and funnel interest to our Block Party that is held in early June.

Kyle and Joe helped cleaned up the high school shed. There is a need to reorganize the middle school shed.

VIII. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 27th, at 6:30, DYC.

IX. Adjourn: approximately 8:25pm