

**Minutes**  
**Spearfish Tennis Association**  
**Jan 4, 2024, Thursday**  
**BHSU – DYC 212 – 6:30pm**

Present: Tom Fitch, Kent Meyers, Joe Doerges, Kyle Doerges, , Susie Mondloch, Doug Stevens, Paul Soriano.

Absent: Pat Salcone, Pam Heisler, Jan Bloom.

- I. Call to Order. 6: 30.
- II. Approve Tonight’s Agenda. Kent moved, Kyle seconded to approve. Unanimous approval.
- III. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Paul moved, Susie seconded to approve. Unanimous approval.
- IV. Approve Treasurer’s Report/Bills
  - See reports from Treasurer sent via email: Joe noted, as he had in the email when he sent the Treasurer’s report, that there is a discrepancy of \$220.00 in a separate spreadsheet, which he added to the Pioneer balance. Our total funds all balance out. He’s unsure where the \$220.00 is meant to go, but it’s inconsequential, since our budgeting doesn’t depend on these individual accounts but on the total of all of them. He noted that if our accounts go over \$25,000.00, our CTA insurance rises, so this is something we need to pay attention to, though he doesn’t think “pass-through” funds—e.g. the USTA grant for resurfacing—will affect this. We received \$2000.00 from June Dickey’s children to establish the June Dickey Player Development fund. Joe will ask the O’Brien family if they would agree to putting the \$1000.00 they contributed into that account. Tom noted that we need to clarify—and keep clear—the difference between a “scholarship” (intended for players going to college) and “player development” money (intended for players trying to improve their tennis skills).
  - We were reimbursed \$500.00 for scholarships for Susie and Tom to go to coaches’ clinics. There were no bills to approve. In summary, we brought in about \$10,000.00 this year, with expenses of about \$7000.00. Most of the \$3000.00 we made was from the June Dickey and O’Brien family contributions.
  - Membership dropped slightly this year, though we should have new members coming from the families of new Middle-school participants.
  - Doug moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Paul Seconded. Unanimous approval.
- V. Other Reports
  - Scholarship Policy: We discussed the question of distributing the player-development funds. Kyle suggested we have applicants fill out a form but stay away from making their potential part of the determination. Tom agreed to send out a one-page form modeled on the Tip-of-the-Spear application to start the discussion.
  - Middle School Program update: Joe discovered that RC Christian is the only Hills program that has a dedicated Middle-school program. All the others have middle-school players as part of the JV/Varsity. If we have a MS program, it would mean those players could compete only against others with the same program—i.e. RC Christian. This led to a discussion about having a third coach on the high school program to deal with middle-schoolers. We would have to approach the high-school AD to see if it’s possible. We could apply for a USTA-Northern grant to fund a coach for a year or two to show that it’s viable. Paul is concerned about supervision liability in that situation: whose insurance would cover liability? Paul, Tom, and Joe agreed to put together information, including the history and level of participation in the program, and take it to the HS AD.
- VI. Old Business
  - HS Courts Update –
    - Court resurfacing (USTA Grant): The boy’s state tournament is May 13-14, so court resurfacing has to happen after that but before the girl’s season.

- Sunshades: Nothing new.
- Picnic Tables: Nothing new.
- MS Tennis Coach—see above report
- Record boards—Tom reviewing: The record boards for various sports at the HS are all different. We discussed what records would qualify for them and how to find the information, since it hasn't been kept in any orderly fashion. Tim Doerges, attending as a guest, noted that there had to be records for the annual banquets, so that could be a way to begin searching. Consensus was that figuring out the past is not worth spending a lot of time doing, but we'll keep better track going forward. Tom and Susie will pull information from Bound.

#### VII. New Business

- Election of board member to replace Gerty: Paul nominated Cain Kolar, Susie seconded. Unanimous approval. Paul will contact him and ask if he's willing.
- Winter Clinic/Lessons/Dates Jan 14, 21, 28/Feb 18, 25 2024: Doug reported that the rate for the fieldhouse has gone from \$40 to \$75 an hour for non-profit organizations (\$150 regular). It will be tough to break even. We're renting the whole field house, not just the three courts. Doug has bumped the rates up for participation to help cover this, but it will barely be enough. Current charge is \$120/\$110 (non-STA member/STA member) for HS participants for 7.5 hours/5 sessions. Kyle suggested that we need to anticipate \$150 for next year and increase the costs for participation at least \$10 more, then earmark funds to support the program and make sure to explain the increase. It helps that we now have player development funds that we can offer.
  - Scholarships (\$80 for MS; \$95-\$120 HS)

Next Meeting: March 7 at Perkins. 6:30.

VIII. Adjourn: 7:42.

#### Addenda:

I.) On January 5, Tom notified the board through email that Cain Kolar had accepted the nomination to the board, and called for a vote. Joe, Doug, Paul, Kent, Kyle, and Susie responded affirmatively, with others not responding, and Tom named Cain to the board.

II.) After some email discussion about sending some of our coaches to a USTA coaches' clinic, on January 27 Joe moved to spend \$500.00 to send Alexis Quail to the clinic. USTA-Northern has agreed to reimburse the funds. Kent seconded the motion, and it passed, with Doug, Jan, Pat, Kyle, and Paul all voting to approve.

III. On February 20, Susie nominated Dave O'Bryan to the board. Paul seconded the motion on Feb. 26. Tom nominated Jill Milnes to the board, and Paul also seconded that motion. Both candidates were approved, with Joe, Paul, Kyle, Pat, Kent, Jan, and Susie voting Yea for David, and the same, with the absence of Susie, voting Yea for Jill.