

Minutes
Spearfish Tennis Association
Mar 7, 2024, Thursday
Perkins – 6:30pm

Present: Tom Fitch, Kent Meyers, Joe Doerges, Kyle Doerges, Doug Stevens.

Absent: Jan Bloom, David O’Bryan, Jill Milnes, Cain Kolar, Paul Soriano, Susie Mondloch.

- I. Call to Order: 6:35.
- II. Approve Tonight’s Agenda: Kyle moved to approve, Doug seconded. Agenda was amended to include MS tennis report. Unanimous approval.
- III. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Joe moved to approve, Kyle seconded. Joe noted that Alexis’s name was mis-spelled. Unanimous approval.
- IV. Approve Treasurer’s Report/Bills
 - See reports from Treasurer sent 3/3/2024.
 - Summary: We have \$25642.85 in our accounts, up approximately \$3000.00 from last report. Income from the winter clinics was \$3091.00; total income, including memberships, was \$3231.37. Alexis’ trip to the coaching clinic cost her \$679.00, and the grant paid \$500.00 and she reported that it was excellent. The school paid for windscreen tie wraps this year, but next year we may have to help with that. Kent moved to approve the Treasurer’s report, Kyle seconded, and it was approved unanimously.
 - Doug and Joe presented bills to be approved. Kyle moved to pay \$937.50 for Young Center usage, \$150.00 to Sam Mortimer for helping Doug with his clinic, \$1012.50 to Doug for the clinic, and \$70.05 to reimburse Joe for balls he purchased for the Middle School program. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Other Reports
 - Scholarship Policy: We reviewed the June Dickey Fund policy that Kent had sent through email. Joe suggested we add a schedule for approval of funding requests, and Doug moved that we review requests on December 15 and May 15 of each year and put the application on the website and allow it to be submitted electronically or as a hard copy. Kent seconded, and it passed unanimously.
 - Grants (Optimists and Zonta)—Jan was unable to attend the meeting but through email reported that the grant she wrote for \$750.00 to the Optimists was approved, to be used for sunshades and tables at the High School courts. She is also writing another grant to the Zonta Club for \$1500.00.
 - Winter Clinic/Lessons/Dates Jan 14, 21, 28/ Feb 18, 25 2024--Doug reported that he had 14 in the varsity group, which was a full slate, and 8 in the younger group. This is the highest participation we’ve ever had, and the enthusiasm among the boys seemed particularly high. Three participants were from Gillette, which seemed valuable to the Spearfish players. Evaluations were sent out, and though only two have been returned, they’re positive. Doug noted participation is lower on holidays and that, if the program continues to grow, we will have to get creative with finding space.
 - Boys high school season begins 11 March--Tom: The DYC is unavailable for practice in inclement weather, due to an oversight in the contract between the school and the university. There are 15 participants, with four middle-school players invited up to varsity. We’re seeing the benefit of the MS and clinic programs. Alexis will help coach. Doug wondered whether the STA should give her a stipend to encourage her to continue, but no action was taken.
 - Joe reported on Middle-school tennis: Eight participants, with two of them returnees. Katie Mondloch will help coach, as will Ava Berberick when she has time. There are four meets scheduled and two play days with parents. Joe bought a Billie Jean King Eye Coach for the MS program. We had a brief discussion about reimbursing him for it, but no action was taken.
- VI. Old Business
 - HS Courts Update –

- Court resurfacing (USTA Grant)—light pole padding: Joe reported that he’s been in contact with the contractor, who needs overnights above 50 to begin the work. We will need to be able to lock the gates while the resurfacing is being done. The city will hook up water, though we may have to pay for it. We will probably need to take the backboard down. Doug suggested one or more of us be present during the resurfacing. The USTA requires seven-foot light pole padding as part of the grant, and Tom has been in touch with the AD about this. We also briefly discussed working on the backboard bracing once the ground thaws.
- Picnic Tables: see information on grants above.
- Record boards—Tom reviewing: Records go back to 2005, but he is still looking into it.
- Election of board members to replace Gerty and Pat and Pam Heisler.
 - Jill Milnes and Dave O’Bryan (June) were voted onto the board by email voting.
- Lexi Quail to USPTA/USTA Northern coaches clinic. See above.

VII. New Business

- Windscreens—unroll, swap at backboard: No date set.
- Painting MS tennis shed: Joe reported that the shed is looking pretty rough, and the HS principal wants it painted. Joe and Kyle will buy paint and call us to work. Doug moved to approve buying the pain, Kent seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- SLAM tournament update: July 19-21. Registration for this tournament is up. Cost 30/singles, 20- each/doubles. We also discussed and agreed to change our logo to # 1 on the sheet Joe distributed.
- Insurance: Joe has answered the questions our insurer asked. They will come back with a quote.
- Pat Salcone recognition: brief discussion of this, no action taken.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 21. Kyle will look into getting Club Nevada as a meeting place.

VIII. Adjourn: 8:00.