

Minutes
Spearfish Tennis Association
November 12, 2024
340 W Nevada St – 6:30pm

Present: Tom Fitch, Doug Stevens, Kent Meyers, Joe Doerges, Kyle Doerges, Paul Soriano, Jill Milnes.

Absent: Susie Mondloch, David O'Bryan, Cain Kolar.

- I. Call to Order: 6:30.
- II. Approve Tonight's Agenda: Paul moved to approve, Doug seconded. Unanimous.
- III. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting: Paul moved to approve, Joe seconded. Unanimous.
- IV. Approve Treasurer's Report/Bills
 - See reports from Treasurer sent 11/6/2024
 - Summary: We had \$23,369.64 on 7/30/24. Since then we've had income of \$976.92 and bills for various things, including picnic tables purchased with grant money, tie wraps, a memorial for Doug Dexheimer, T-shirts, stipends to Dennis and Gerty for coaching, and food for the Middle-school program, totaling \$2726.84, leaving a balance of \$21619.72. Year-to-date we are \$1111.26 in the red, but that's not uncommon at this point in the year. Membership is slightly up.
 - Doug moved and Paul seconded approving the Treasurer's report. Unanimous.
- V. Other Reports
 - Gerty Wyatt Girls MS season: Tom and Joe reported that the program was successful, with 21 participants and much support from parents, with over 50 people at her end-of-year wrap up party. Gerty phoned in to suggest that we need a first-aid kit and spray for spiders and bees. Joe suggested that the coach purchase the spray and bee-sting material and submit a bill, and that he would talk to the MS AD about a first-aid kit.
- VI. Old Business
 - HS Courts shade and paving: Tom has talked to RCS and Scull, and they are working on proposals for shade and paving. USTA-Northern has indicated they are willing to help with finances, and when we receive the proposals we can move forward.
 - STA Secretary: A reminder that board elections are in February. Kent has announced his retirement from the board, leaving the position of secretary open.
 - Boys MS Coach: Tom reported on a USTA-sponsored coach's clinic in Rapid, attended by several of our coaches, including himself, Gerty, and Lexi. Joe is retiring as boys' MS coach, and we need to find a replacement. The new coach will be free to decide the practice schedule, but Joe reported that he ran 3:30-5:15 practices five days a week and took the players to four or five meets, primarily in Rapid City and here but also one in Pierre. Maximum size of the program has been 20 players, last year 12, and the season runs from mid-March to mid-May. It is not an official school program, and the STA runs it, but it is an important developmental program for the varsity. Jill indicated she could possibly assist with practices but couldn't take full charge or accompany the team on out-of-town meets. We need to find a coach no later than mid-February.
- VII. New Business:
 - Tennis shed cleanup: Tom mentioned the possibility of repeating grant requests to Zonta and Optimists, but no action was taken. Consensus was that repeating the Festival of Lights display was unnecessary and that the equipment required for that could be cleaned from the shed, along with other things that have accumulated there. Doug, Jill, and Joe agreed to meet Monday the 25th at 12:30 to deal with cleaning out and organizing the shed.
 - Jr Winter Clinics: Doug has emailed Nicky Winterstein at BHSU requesting 4-6 dates over two months for the clinic. He has received no reply yet.

- BHSU facility use/concerns: BHSU has indicated that they will be changing their policies on use of the field house in January. Kent suggested we meet with them before then to suggest possible ways to make the field house more accessible and useful. Doug and Kent will meet with Mark Nore.
- Summer Tournaments: Doug reported on a program of one-day tournaments at the beginner/intermediate level in towns throughout the Hills being set up by the tennis pro at Arrowhead. Entry fees would be around 30-40 dollars, and he is willing to run a tournament in Spearfish, most likely on June 21. Tom will clear the date with Dalton at the high school. Our SLAM tournament is July 18-20.
- On-line registration/credit cards: Joe reported that some people are asking for online registration/payment for our programs. Stripe takes 3.5-percent of the cost plus .50 for the transaction. Consensus was that, even though we get few online registrations, it is probably worth doing, as long as we charge a fee to cover the cost of using a credit-card.
- MS court cracks: These courts were resurfaced in 2016, nearing ten years of age, and are developing significant cracks and "birdbath" puddles. Doug suggested we talk to Jason Olsen in RC, who has experience with this, and Tom agreed to contact him, while Joe will provide information from the company that resurfaced the HS courts, and we'll take this issue up at the next meeting. In addition, we need to put up a plaque acknowledging the USTA's help in resurfacing the HS courts.

Next Meeting: Kyle moved and Paul seconded that we purchase a \$50.00 gift card at Culvers to express our appreciation to Janeen Larson and Gary Renner for letting us use Club Nevada for our meetings. Tom agreed to take care of this. The motion passed unanimously. Our next meeting was set for Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6:30.

VIII. Adjourn: 7:50.

Addendum:

On January 7 Joe moved through email that we pay the following bills: \$325.00 for CTA insurance and \$60.85 to reimburse Joe for flyers he purchased at the UPS store to advertise kids' lessons. Joe indicated there was some urgency to pass the motion so that Susie could send in an insurance request for her kids' lessons. Paul seconded the motion, and David, Kent and Kyle voted yes. Tom declared the motion passed on the same day.