

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE	Gordon Collins, Joshua Conlin, Suzy Cossette, Christine Costamagna (Secretary), Martha Ehrenfeld, Ray Hixson, Cheri King, Michelle Nicholson, Andrea Norman, Craig Pasqua, Mary Ryniewicz, Jason Scalese (President) Pam Sloan (President-elect), Jack Walker (Treasurer), Keith Wheeler (Delegate/Parliamentarian), and Scott Winn
ABSENT	Luis Reis
ADVISORY DIRECTORS	Michael Cooke
NORCAL STAFF	Summer Verhoeven, Executive Director; Darren Wenger, Director of Operations and Strategy
LEGAL COUNSEL	Jonathan Madison, Esq., The Madison Firm
GUESTS	None
CALL TO ORDER	6:34 PM

I. Call to Order

President-elect Sloan called the meeting to order once a quorum was established.

II. Introduction of Guests

President-elect Sloan noted that there were no guests.

III. Reading of the NorCal Mission Statement

Ms. Nicholson read the USTA NorCal Mission Statement.

IV. Public Comments

It was noted that there were no public comments. However, Ms. Verhoeven noted that a League captain raised a scheduling issue that turned into a double default that he wanted escalated to the Board. It was noted that this matter would be referred back to the Leagues Committee.

V. Approval of Agenda

President-elect Sloan then asked for any changes to the agenda. It was suggested that the agenda items concerning the Audit Committee, Ad Hoc Committee and Sanction and Schedule Committee be moved to Executive Session. Ms. Wheeler then moved to approve the agenda as amended which was seconded by Ms. Costamagna. The motion passed by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Ms. Ehrenfeld joined the meeting during this agenda item.

VI. Approval of Minutes

President-elect Sloan referred to the minutes from the May 18, 2022 Board meeting which were included in the meeting material. Ms. Costamagna noted that Mr. Hixson submitted a few minor changes which were incorporated. Ms. Norman moved to approve the May 18 minutes as amended which was seconded by Ms. Costamagna. The motion passed by a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions.

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VII. **New and Renewing Organization Member Report**

President-elect Sloan called upon Mr. Wenger to present the report of new and renewing Organization Members that was included in the meeting material so that the Board may fulfill its obligation to review such report pursuant to the Bylaws. Ms. Norman asked about the new/returning column. Mr. Wenger reviewed the report and responded to questions from the directors concerning the number of courts for certain facilities. He confirmed that all of the new and renewing memberships appeared to be in order after required changes. A brief discussion ensued concerning the number of votes an Organization Member based on the number of courts. Mr. Wenger noted that an audit of the Organization Members would be done for the election company in advance of the November election.

VIII. **New Business (Audit Committee)**

This agenda item was moved to Executive Session.

IX. **Committee Updates/Action Items**

Strategic Planning Committee Update

President-elect Sloan, who also is the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, reported that the Committee has been reviewing the internal data collected. She noted that a survey is being developed for frequent players, non-players, and non-tennis communities and it was expected that Board members will help distribute.

Ad Hoc Committee Update

This agenda item was moved to Executive Session.

Junior Council Action Items

2022 Battle of the Sections

Ms. Norman began by noting that the Battle of the Sections is a special 2022 Level 1 Championship for BG18 & 16 players that is taking the place of the USTA National Team Championships that in years past have only been in the BG18 Divisions. She noted that the proposal seeks to make up the difference between the coaching stipend paid by the USTA and the going rate USTA NorCal pays its coaches per day; makes up for a difference between the travel stipend paid by the USTA and the fees paid by USTA NorCal when it hires out of town coaches; makes up for the difference between the meal stipend paid by the USTA and the per diem paid by USTA NorCal to its staff and coaches; allows for the purchase of team uniforms; and allows for the purchase of balls for the teams to use while practicing.

Mr. Walker moved to approve the resolution concerning the budget request which was seconded by Mr. Conlon. Mr. Pasqua and Mr. Walker recused themselves. By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the following budget for the 2022 Battle of the Sections is hereby approved.

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2022 Battle of the Sections	Total Amount
Coaching Stipend: \$100/day for 5 days x 2 coaches USTA is paying \$150/day, but NorCal’s standard rate is \$250 per day. The additional \$100 per day makes up the difference.	\$1,000
Travel Stipend: • Up to \$500 x 2 coaches projected cost for airfare. The USTA is paying \$392 (Claremont) and \$686 (Grand Rapids) which we do not believe will cover the airfare. • \$100 x 2 coaches for travel between home and airport • \$200 x 2 coaches for transportation to meals	\$1,600
Meals Stipend: \$25/day for 5 days x 2 coaches USTA is paying \$35/day, but NorCal’s standard rate is \$60 per day. The additional \$25 per day makes up the difference.	\$250
18 Uniforms: Up to \$100 per person for 16 players and 2 coaches, approximately 2 shirts per person	\$1,800
Tennis Balls: approx. 2 cases @ \$85 each for team practices	\$170
TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTED	\$4,820

World Tennis Number (“WTN”)

Ms. Norman noted that on June 21, the USTA will officially launch the use of WTN in Serve Tennis, meaning that tournament organizers will be able to pull in WTNs for all players in all events. She noted that the regulations automatically permit the use of WTN once it has been authorized for use by the USTA. However, she noted that when Junior Council recommended (and the Board approved) a plan for WTN usage, this was a time before additional nuances of the WTN system were known. She noted that the six proposals address those nuances: confidence factor, ordering players, and the competitive range. In response to questions, she reported that there has been an extensive amount of education has been provided.

Mr. Pasqua moved to approve the six resolutions concerning WTN which was seconded by Ms. Norman. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, the Board approved the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Regulation 5 is hereby amended as set for the below to:

- Authorize only the use of WTN when ratings are used in junior ranking tournaments;
- Describe how the Serve Tennis orders players;
- Clarify how ties are broken; and
- Require that whenever WTN is used for wild card or team selection, it is used in a manner consistent with Regulation 5

(Language proposed to be added is underlined; language proposed to be deleted is stricken through.)

5. Ratings.

- A. WTN is Authorized Rating. USTA NorCal has incorporated the use of ratings into its junior ranking tournament structure ~~(“Ratings”)~~ to the extent described in these Regulations. Whenever ratings are used, the International Tennis Federation’s (ITF) World Tennis Number (WTN) will be used. No other rating system may be used in USTA NorCal junior ranking tournaments.

~~**Regulation 5.A. Comment:** The USTA is in partnership with the International Tennis Federation in the development of a new rating system called World Tennis Number (or “WTN”). When WTN is authorized for use in Serve Tennis, that will become the Rating authorized by these Regulations.~~

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~~WTN will be officially launched by the USTA in May 2022. It has already been piloted for use in Super Series and Ratings Round Robins tournaments in 2022, and will be the rating used for the remainder of the year for these tournaments. NorCal has not yet authorized the use of WTN for selection and seeding of other tournaments as it is awaiting guidance from the USTA before implementation.~~

- B. Ordering of Players in WTN.** When WTN is used in the USTA's Serve Tennis platform, players are ordered using WTN in a manner consistent with the procedures adopted by the USTA for WTN.

Regulation 5.B. Comment #1: The following describes how players are automatically ordered by WTN in the USTA's Serve Tennis platform, which is based on ITF procedures. A Tournament Committee may not change this order unless it is expressly authorized to do so by these Regulations. The ordering is first based on a concept called "Confidence Factor." Confidence Factor uses many statistics including total matches, how current the matches are, total opponents, and the confidence factor of the player's opponents, to determine the reliability of a player's rating. It is next based on the WTN. WTNs appear to players on their widgets and in the Serve Tennis tournament system to the tenths, but the system will order based on the WTN to the hundredths if needed.

1. Players with a dark blue check mark next to their WTN widget (as seen on their USTA Player Profile) have a WTN with the highest level of confidence (70% to 100%) and are ordered first by WTN.
2. Players with a gray check mark next to their WTN widget (as seen on their USTA Player Profile) have a WTN with a lower level of confidence. There are two subsets of players within the gray-check group of players. The first subset are players who have a medium level of confidence (40%-60%). The second subset are players who have a low level of confidence (30% and lower). These players are ordered next as follows:
 - Medium-level confidence players are ordered next by WTN. (A Tournament Committee will identify these players by the light blue check mark that is next to a player's WTN in the Serve Tennis tournament system.)
 - Low-level confidence players are ordered last by WTN. (A Tournament Committee will identify these players by the gray check mark that is next to a player's WTN in the Serve Tennis tournament system.)
3. Within each of the groups (dark blue, light blue, and gray) players are first ordered by their WTNs to the hundredths (although players only see their WTNs to the tenths on their WTN widget) and then by their WTN confidence factor percentage.

Regulation 5.B. Comment #2: USTA NorCal uses WTN for seeding certain Level 3, Level 4, and Level 5 Tournaments as described in these Regulations. When it is used for seeding, only players that have a dark blue check mark are considered for seeding.

- B. Breaking Ties.** In the event two or more players have the same Rating, the tie will be broken based on the most recently published National Standings List of the division. The players' highest standing in the 18 Division will be used. If both players do not appear on the 18 Division list, the 16 Division list will be used. If both players do not appear on the 16 Division list, the 14 Division list will be used. If both players do not appear on the 14 Division list, the 12 Division list will be used.

Regulation 5.B. Comment: The USTA has advised the Sectional Associations that WTN ties are automatically broken in the Serve Tennis system based on confidence factor. Confidence factor is based in large part on the number of match results that is being used to calculate a player's WTN. Therefore, when two players have the same rating, and players have different confidence factors, the player with the higher confidence factor will be ordered first.

- C. Competitive Range.** Competitive Range in WTN refers to the range of players who are considered to be of the same level. The Competitive Range is determined by the USTA and will be published in a Comment in these Regulations.

Regulation 5.C. Comment: The USTA has advised NorCal that the competitive range is +/- 3 among players with the same dark blue, light blue and grey check. For example, two players with light blue checks, one with an 8.0 rating and one with a 6.0 rating, are considered to be the same level of player because there are 3 points or less separation between their WTNs.

- D. Other Use of WTN.** Whenever WTN is used for selection of wild cards or for selection of players to compete on a USTA NorCal team, the applicable selection committee will use WTN in a manner consistent with this Regulation 5.

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Regulation 13.A.i is hereby amended to specify how WTN will be used to seed the singles events at Level 3 Sectional Championships and Level 4 Excellence Tournaments (language proposed to be added is underlined; language proposed to be deleted is stricken through).

13. Seeding.

- A. Closed Level 3 Sectional Championships and Open and Closed Level 4 Excellence Tournaments.**

i. Singles Events.

- a. Seeding Procedure Before WTN Ratings Authorized for Use by USTA.** ~~Seeding will be done using the most recently published National Standings List of the division, except that players not yet considered for seeding who have ratings within the competitive range of those being considered for seeding, may also be seeded. Additionally, a player already under consideration for seeding may be seeded higher or lower, or not seeded, if justified by the competitive range of the ratings.~~
- b. Seeding Procedure When WTN Ratings Authorized for Use by USTA.**
- a.(1) Identifying Players for Seeding.** The group of players to be seeded will be identified as follows:

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(1)•Singles Standings. [unchanged]

(2)•Ratings. Up to 1/2 of the seeds will be selected based on each player's ~~rating~~ WTN as follows:

- Only players with a WTN that has a high degree of confidence (as indicated by a dark blue check mark next to the WTN) may be seeded; players that do not have a dark blue check mark next to their WTN will not be considered for seeding based on their WTN.
- ~~†~~ The players with the highest ~~Ratings~~ best WTNs will be selected, provided that a player's ~~rating~~ WTN is higher than the lowest ~~rated~~ player selected under step #1 above. ~~In the event two players have the same rating, a tie will be broken based on the players' standings on the National Standings Lists used under step #1.~~

(3)•Vacancies and Alternates. [unchanged]

b.(2) Ordering Seeded Players. Seeds will be ordered using the National Standings Lists used to select players under step #1 in the order in which their names appear on the list.

c.(3) Numerical and Alpha Seeds. [unchanged]

RESOLVED: That effective July 1, 2022, the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Regulation 13.A.ii. is hereby amended to specify how WTN will be used to seed the doubles events at Level 3 Sectional Championships and Level 4 Excellence Tournaments (language proposed to be added is underlined; language proposed to be deleted is stricken through).

13. Seeding.

A. Closed Level 3 Sectional Championships and Open and Closed Level 4 Excellence Tournaments.

ii. Doubles Events.

~~a.—Seeding Procedure Before WTN Ratings Authorized for Use by USTA.~~ Seeding will be done using the most recently published Individual Doubles Seeding List of the division in the order of the teams based on their combined standing, ~~except that teams selected as wild cards may be considered for seeding.~~

~~b.—Seeding Procedure When WTN Ratings Authorized for Use by USTA.~~

~~a.(1)~~ **Identifying Teams for Seeding.** The group of teams to be seeded will be identified as follows:

(1)•Combined Doubles Standings. [unchanged]

(2)•Combined Ratings. Up to 1/2 of the seeds will be selected based on each team's combined rating as follows:

- Only teams comprised of players with WTNs that have a high degree of confidence (as indicated by a dark blue check mark next to the WTN) may be seeded; teams comprised of one or both players that do not have a dark blue check mark next to their WTN will not be considered for seeding based on their WTN.
- † The teams with the highest ~~best~~ combined Ratings ~~WTNs~~ will be selected, provided a team's combined rating is higher than the lowest ~~rated~~ team selected under step #1 above. Teams comprised of one or both players that do not have a dark blue check mark WTN are all considered lower-rated than a dark blue check marked-rated team, regardless of the actual combined WTN.
- In the event two teams have the same combined ~~rating~~ WTN, a tie will be broken based on the teams' combined standing on the ~~National Standings~~ Individual Doubles Seeding Lists used under step #1.

A team's combined rating is determined as follows: Player A has a rating of 5.00 rating and Player B has a rating of 4.00. The Team of A&B would have the combined rating of 9.00. Players with no rating will have a rating of 0.00.

(3)•Vacancies and Alternates. [unchanged]

b.(2) Ordering Seeded Teams. [unchanged]

c.(3) Numerical and Alpha Seeds. [unchanged]

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Regulations 8.B.iv.a is hereby amended to specify how WTN will be used to select and flight Level 6 Ratings Round Robins and to permit a Tournament Committee to separate siblings into different Ratings Round Robins based on the WTN competitive range (language proposed to be added is underlined; language proposed to be deleted is stricken through).

8. USTA NorCal Junior Ranking Tournament Descriptions. [unchanged]

B. Open Level 6 Tournaments. [unchanged]

iv. Ratings Round Robin Format. [unchanged]

a. Singles Draw.

(1) Draw Size. [unchanged]

(2) Round Robin Singles Draw. [unchanged]

(3) Player Selection. Players will be selected using the most recently available Ratings ~~WTNs~~ and in an order that selects the highest ~~best~~ rated players (See Regulation 5.B. for information on ordering players).

(4) Flighting. Accepted players will be flighted into 4-player round robin draws using the same Ratings ~~WTNs~~ used to select players, so that players with similar Ratings ~~WTNs~~ are in each round robin draw. (See Regulation 5.B. for information on how players are ordered.)

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When siblings are flighted into the same round robin, the Tournament Committee may move one of the siblings to the higher or lower round robin provided the player replacing the sibling has a WTN that has the same color check mark and is within the player's WTN competitive range (See Regulation 5.C. for information on competitive range).

- (5) **Alternates.** All players not selected will be placed on an Alternate List that is ordered using the Ratings-WTNs used to select players. The Alternate List will be used to replace withdrawing players. See Regulation 6.G. regarding requirements and restrictions related to the acceptance of a Late Entry.

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Regulations 8.C.iv. and 8.D.iii. are hereby amended to specify how WTN will be used to select, flight and Level 4 and Level 5 Super Series (language proposed to be added is underlined; language proposed to be deleted is stricken through).

8. USTA NorCal Junior Ranking Tournament Descriptions. [unchanged]

C. Level 5 Tournaments. [unchanged]

iv. Level 5 Super Series. [unchanged]

- a. **Sanction Period.** [unchanged]
- b. **Draw Size and Type.** [unchanged]
- c. **Number of Concurrent Tournaments.** [unchanged]
- d. **Selection Process and Alternate List.** When 32 or more entries are received in a division, the top-best 32 rated players with timely entries will be selected for each division, using Ratings-WTN (See Regulation 5.B. for information on how players are ordered) and subject to the provisions for concurrent entries described below. ~~Ties will be broken using the method described in Regulation 5.B.~~ When fewer than 32 entries are received, players shall be selected and placed on an alternate list as set forth in Regulation 35.

All players not selected will be placed on an Alternate List that is ordered using the Ratings-WTNs used to select players. The Alternate List will be used to replace players who withdraw from the main draw. See Regulation 6.G. regarding requirements and restrictions related to the acceptance of a Late Entry that affects seeding.

Regulation 8.C.iv.d.(1) Comment: If a Level 5 Championship Singles & Doubles Tournament has a delayed entry deadline because it is concurrent with a Level 3 or 4 Tournament, the most recently published National Standings List as of the entry deadline will be used.

- e. **Selection of Players with Concurrent Entries When More than One Division is Part of Same Tournament.** [unchanged]
- f. **Flighting.** When 32 players have been selected, players will be flighted into four 8-player compass draws using the same Ratings-WTNs used to select players. (See Regulation 5.B. for information on how players are ordered.) When fewer than 32 players are selected, players will be flighted as set forth in Regulation 35.
- g. **Seeding.** The same Ratings-WTNs used to select players will be used to seed 2 players in each of the 8-player the draws, except that only those players with WTNs that have a high degree of confidence (as indicated by a dark blue check mark next to the WTN) may be seeded. (See Regulation 5.B. for information on how players are ordered.)~~In the event two or more players have the same Rating, the tie will be broken as set forth in Regulation 5.B.~~
- h. **Match Format.** [unchanged]

8. USTA NorCal Junior Ranking Tournament Descriptions. [unchanged]

D. Open and Closed Level 4 Tournaments. [unchanged]

iii. Open Level 4 Super Series. [unchanged]

- a. **Sanction Period.** [unchanged]
- b. **Draw Size and Type.** [unchanged]
- c. **Selection Process and Alternate List.** When 32 or more entries are received in a division, the top-best 32 rated players with timely entries will be selected for each division, using Ratings-WTN (~~See Regulation 5.B. for information on how players are ordered~~) and subject to the provisions for concurrent entries described below. ~~Ties will be broken using the method described in Regulation 5.B.~~ When fewer than 32 entries are received, players shall be selected and placed on an alternate list as set forth in Regulation 35.

All players not selected will be placed on an Alternate List that is ordered using the Ratings-WTNs used to select players. The Alternate List will be used to replace players who withdraw from the main draw. See Regulation 6.G. regarding requirements and restrictions related to the acceptance of a Late Entry that affects seeding.

- d. **Selection of Players with Concurrent Entries When More than One Division is Part of Same Tournament.** [unchanged]
- e. **Flighting.** When 32 players have been selected, players will be flighted into four 8-player compass draws using the same Ratings-WTNs used to select players. (See Regulation 5.B. for information on how players are ordered.) When fewer than 32 players are selected, players will be flighted as set forth in Regulation 35.
- f. **Seeding.** The same Ratings-WTNs used to select players will be used to seed 2 players in each of the 8-player the draws, except that only those players with WTNs that have a high degree of confidence (as indicated by a dark blue check mark next to the WTN) may be seeded. (See Regulation 5.B. for information on how players are ordered.)~~In the event two or more players have the same Rating, the tie will be broken as set forth in Regulation 5.B.~~
- g. **Match Format.** [unchanged]

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RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Regulation 8.D.i. is hereby amended to specify how WTN will be used to select singles players for Level 4 Excellence Tournaments (language proposed to be added is underlined; language proposed to be deleted is stricken through).

8. USTA NorCal Junior Ranking Tournament Descriptions. [unchanged]

D. Open and Closed Level 4 Tournaments. [unchanged]

i. Open and Closed Level 4 Excellence Singles & Doubles Tournaments.

- a. Sanction Period. [unchanged]
- b. **Singles Draw Size and Format.** [unchanged]
- c. **Singles Selection Process.**

~~(1) — Singles Selection Process Before WTN Ratings Authorized for Use by USTA.~~

- ~~• **Up to Two Wild Cards.** Up to two wild cards may be awarded by the Wild Card Committee from among the timely applicants as of the entry deadline. The Wild Card Committee is comprised of two members of the USTA NorCal Junior Staff and Chair of Junior Council. Wild Cards do not have to be awarded.~~
- ~~• **Remaining Players Based on National Standing Lists.** All remaining players will then be selected based on their ranking on the most recently published National Standings List of the division of the event published on Wednesday following the entry deadline.~~
- ~~• **Alternates.** The Alternate List will be ordered using the National standings List used to select players into the draw. The Alternate List will be used to replace players who withdraw from the main draw. See Regulation 6.G. regarding requirements and restrictions related to the acceptance of a Late Entry that affects seeding.~~

~~(2) — Singles Selection Process When WTN Ratings Authorized for Use by USTA.~~

- ~~(1)• **Players from National Standings List.** Up to 20 players will be selected from the most recently published National Standings List of the division, in the order in which their names appear on the list.~~
- ~~(2)• **Ratings/WTN.** Only those players who have a WTN with a high degree of confidence (as indicated by a dark blue check mark next to the WTN) will be selected using this step. Up to 12 players will be selected based on each player's most recently available Rating; the players with the 12 highest Ratings/WTNs will be selected, provided a player's Rating/WTN is higher than the lowest Rated player selected under step #1 above. (See Regulation 5.B. for information on how players are ordered.) In the event two players have the same Rating, a tie will be broken based on the players' standing on the National Standings List used under step #1.~~

~~(3)• **Vacancies and Alternates.** [unchanged]~~

- d. Doubles. [unchanged]
- e. **Match Formats.** [unchanged]

Junior Circuit Regulations

Ms. Norman noted that USTA NorCal staff is struggling to attract Organization Members to host Junior Circuit Events. Like the challenges facing the Tournament Directors running ranking tournaments, she reported that costs are rising making it more difficult to earn a reasonable profit. She also reported that these Events require additional work to educate players on how to play the game. She noted that the entry fee increase being requested by USTA NorCal staff is to attract and retain organizers. She also noted that the increase keeps USTA NorCal's fees within the range of those offered by other Sections, and keeps us below the five other sections that currently have higher fees than we do. A discussion ensued regarding whether the proposed increase should be even a little higher.

Ms. Norman moved to approve the resolution concerning the fee increase which was seconded by Ms. Costamagna. Mr. Pasqua and Mr. Walker recused themselves. By a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That effective immediately USTA NorCal Junior Circuit Event Regulation 4.C. is hereby amended to increase the entry fees as set forth below (stricken-through language is proposed to be deleted; underlined language is proposed to be added):

4. Player Entry.

C. Registration Fees. Each player's registration fee includes the following:

- The entry fee paid to the organizer;
- A USTA NorCal fee ("Head Tax") of \$1.00 per player that is paid to USTA NorCal; and

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- A Serve Tennis administrative fee ("Serve Tennis Fee") paid to the service provider for processing the online entry.
- i. Singles-Only Events. A maximum fee of ~~\$45.00 will be charged for registering (\$41.93 entry fee; \$1.00 Head Tax; \$2.08 Serve Tennis Fee).~~ \$40.00 will be charged for registering (\$37.10 entry fee; \$1.00 Head Tax; \$1.90 Serve Tennis Fee).
- ii. Doubles-Only Events. A maximum fee of ~~\$35.00 per player (\$70.00 per team) will be charged for registering (\$32.28 entry fee; \$1.00 Head Tax; \$1.73 Serve Tennis Fee).~~ \$30.00 per player (\$60.00 per team) will be charged for registering (\$27.45 entry fee; \$1.00 Head Tax; \$1.55 Serve Tennis Fee).
- iii. ~~Events with Both Singles & Doubles~~ Entry Fee Per Player When Held with Singles. A maximum fee of ~~\$50.00 will be charged for registering (\$46.75 entry fee; \$1.00 Head Tax; \$2.25 Serve Tennis Fee).~~ \$10.00 will be charged for registering (\$9.15 entry fee; \$0.85 Serve Tennis Fee).

Ms. Norman also referred to the directors to the proposal about transferring authority to the Junior Team Tennis/Local Play Committee. She noted that this new committee, chaired by Andrea Barnes, is charged with oversight of Net Generation Programs, including the Junior Circuit Events. To fully transfer authority to this Committee, she noted that an amendment was needed to the Junior Circuit Regulations so that the Chair has authority over sanction decisions when competing bids are under consideration.

Ms. Norman moved to approve the resolution concerning the transfer which was seconded by Ms. Cossette. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That effective immediately USTA NorCal Junior Circuit Event Regulation 7.J. is hereby amended to change the person who is authorized to consult with NorCal staff when bids for competing Junior Circuit Events are being considered, as set forth below (stricken-through language is proposed to be deleted; underlined language is proposed to be added):

- J. Sanction Approval Process.** Applications for Junior Circuit Events will be approved by the USTA NorCal staff, *except that* when competing bids are submitted for an Event with the same date and divisions, that are in close proximity to one another, the decision on the sanction approval will be made by the USTA NorCal staff in consultation with the chair of ~~Junior Council~~ JTT/Local Play Committee (and/or such other Committee chair that may assigned with this responsibility by the USTA NorCal President).

An appeal of a denied sanction may be made by applicant pursuant to Regulation 5.E. of the USTA NorCal Tournament Sanctioning Regulations.

Super Series

With respect to the Super Series, Ms. Norman reported that on May 7/8, USTA NorCal sanctioned both a L4 and L5 Super Series for the same date block. She noted that despite feedback USTA NorCal receives needing more L5 offerings, participation in the L5 Super Series was extremely disappointing in most divisions. She reviewed the factors that could have led to this lower level of participation. She reported that this proposal is designed to address this issue by moving the 2023 L4 and L5 Super Series to a weekend that is concurrent with a national tournament to a different weekend, limit the total number of Level 5s that can be sanctioned against a L4 Super Series, and give the Junior Council time to evaluate participation data in the remaining 2022 concurrent L4 and 5 Super Series to determine whether any additional changes are needed, such as a reduction in the L5 Super Series draw size.

Ms. Costamagna moved to approve the resolution concerning the Super Series which was seconded by Ms. Norman. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, the Board approved the following resolution:

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RESOLVED: That effective immediately:

- That the date block for the concurrent Level 4 Super Series and Level 5 Super Series previously approved for September 9-10, 2023 be moved to August 12-13, 2023 so that it does not conflict with a National Level 3 Tournament;
- The Sanction & Schedule Committee is hereby requested not to sanction any 2023 Level 5 Super Series concurrent with Level 4 Super Series until Junior Council has been given the opportunity to evaluate the participation data from the September and December 2022 Level 5 Super Series; and
- Regulation 8.C.iv.c. is amended as set forth below to permit only one Level 5 Super Series to be sanctioned in a date block. (Language proposed to be added is underlined; language proposed to be deleted is stricken through.)

8. USTA NorCal Junior Ranking Tournament Descriptions.

C. Level 5 Tournaments.

iv. **Level 5 Super Series.** Level 5 Super Series Tournaments are level-based singles tournaments offered in all age divisions. Players with similar ability are flighted into 8-player compass draws.

- c. Number of Concurrent Tournaments. One Level 5 Super Series may be held in a date block.
~~(1) When Concurrent with Open Level 4 Super Series. Up to two Level 5 Super Series may be held concurrent with an Open Level 4 Super Series.~~
~~(2) When Concurrent with Open Level 6 Ratings Round Robin. One Level 5 Super Series may be held concurrent with Open Level 6 Ratings Round Robins.~~

Amendments to USTA NorCal Junior Tournaments

Ms. Norman began by reporting that it has been discovered that the policies in place regarding the Doubles Partner Notification Deadline do not work well with L3 to L5 Tournaments that include singles and doubles and that have entries close two Tuesdays before the start date of the tournament. She noted that currently the Regulations require players to form teams by the end of the day on Thursday following the entry deadline; however, the players don't find out who is in the tournament until Friday, and draws are not made until early the following week. To give players appropriate time to form teams with players they know are accepted into the tournament, she reported that the proposal amends the Regulations to create a Final Partner Notification Deadline for these L3 to L5 Tournaments that at 5:00 pm Pacific Time on the Monday before the start of the tournament. For clarity, she also noted that this proposal also changes the terms "Late Applicant" to "Late Entry" and the phrase "alternate" to "player not in the singles draw" to align all terms in the Regulations.

Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the following amendment which was seconded by Ms. Norman. Ms. King recused herself. By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That, effective immediately, the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Regulation Table 2 and Regulation 12 is hereby amended as set forth below to create a second Doubles Partner Notification Deadline for Level 3-5 doubles teams to give players more time to form partnerships, and to bring certain terms in Regulation 12 into conformity with other terms in the Regulations (stricken-through language is proposed to be deleted; underlined language is proposed to be added):

Level	Entry Deadline	Doubles Partner Notification Deadlines²	Player & Team Selection Deadline³	Publication of Draws with Start Times⁴
Level 7	2:59 pm Pacific Time, five (5) days before the date of the tournament.	No later than the end of the day four (4) days before the start date of the tournament.	Three (3) days before start of the tournament.	10:00 am Pacific Time two (2) days before the start of the tournament

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Table 2: Deadlines for Tournament Entry, Doubles Partner Notification, Tournament Selection, and Publication of Draws

Level	Entry Deadline	Doubles Partner Notification Deadlines ²	Player & Team Selection Deadline ³	Publication of Draws with Start Times ⁴
Level 6	2:59 pm Pacific Time, six (6) days before the date of the tournament.	No later than the end of the day five (5) days before the start date the tournament.	Four (4) days before start of the tournament.	10:00 am Pacific Time three (3) days before the start of the tournament
Doubles-Only Level 3, Level 4, Level 5¹	<u>2:59 pm Pacific Time, two (2) Tuesdays before the start date of the tournament.</u>	<u>No later than the end of the day on Thursday following the entry deadline.</u>	<u>The Friday following the Tuesday entry deadline for the tournament.</u>	<u>10:00 am Pacific Time three (3) days before the start of the tournament.</u>
Level 5¹	2:59 pm Pacific Time, two (2) Tuesdays before the start date of the tournament.	<u>No later than the end of the day on Thursday following the entry deadline in order for eligible teams to be selected the next day.</u> <u>The Final Deadline is Monday at 5:00 pm Pacific Time following the entry deadline.</u> <u>See Regulation 12 for team the selection procedures.</u>	The Friday following the Tuesday entry deadline for the tournament.	10:00 am Pacific Time three (3) days before the start of the tournament.
Level 4				
Level 3				

No adjustment to these deadlines may be made without the written consent of USTA NorCal.

- 1 If a Level 5 is held concurrently with the first weekend of a Level 3 or Level 4, the Level 5 deadlines will be adjusted to the deadlines for a Level 6. If a Level 5 is held concurrently with the second weekend a Level 3 or Level 4, the Level 5 deadlines will be adjusted to the deadlines for a Level 7.
- 2 Doubles players that have not previously entered as a team must notify the Tournament Committee of the partnership by this deadline. This does not apply to tournaments that use the Dominant Duo format, which require entering with a partner by the entry deadline.
- 3 If a tournament has wild cards and the entries has exceeded the draw limit, the number of players or teams selected will be reduced by the number of wild cards. For example, if the draw limit is 32 and there are 2 wild cards, 30 players will be selected.
- 4 When a tournament is held over two weekends, the start times for the second weekend will be published the of days in this column before the start of the second weekend of the tournament.

12. Selection of Doubles Teams for Limited Size Doubles and Mixed Doubles Events

These selection procedures do not apply to tournaments that use the Dominant Duo format - see specific Dominant Duo Team Tournament regulations for selection process.

- A. Level 6 and 7 Tournaments: Selection Process When Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles Offered with Singles.** The Tournament Committee will accept doubles teams into the doubles event in the following order:
- i. Teams comprising two players in the singles draw will be accepted.
 - ii Teams comprising one player in the singles draw and one ~~alternate-player~~ not in the singles draw.
 - iii. Teams comprising two players not in the singles draw.
 - ~~iv.~~ If ~~more than the maximum number of entries is received~~ there is a tie in the ordered steps above, selection order is based:
 - first, on highest combined standings using the most recently published Individual Doubles Seeding List; and
 - second, if there is a tie, the team with the player that has the highest doubles standing on the list shall be selected first,except that no Late Entry and no team comprised of a Late Applicant-Entry will be selected before a team comprised of timely applicants. Tournaments are NOT authorized to expand the draw size in order to accommodate teams.

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Note: This process also applies to Level 5 Tournaments that have delayed deadlines when they are concurrent with Level 3 or Level 4 Tournaments.

B. Level 3, Level 4 and Level 5 Tournaments: Selection Process When Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles Offered with Singles.

Note: This process also does not apply to Level 5 Tournaments that have delayed deadlines when they are concurrent with Level 3 or Level 4 Tournaments – see Regulation 12.A. above and Table 2.

i. Team Selection at Time of Singles Selection. The Tournament Committee will accept all doubles teams comprised of two players that are being accepted into the singles draw. All other teams and singles players without partners will be considered alternates until the following Monday at 5:00 pm.

ii. Selection of Additional Teams Following Final Doubles Partner Notification Deadline. Following the Final Doubles Partner Notification Deadline at 5:00 pm Pacific Time on Monday following the entry deadline, the Tournament Committee will accept doubles teams into the doubles event in the following order:

(1) Teams comprising two players in the singles draw will be accepted.

(2) Teams comprising one player in the singles draw and one player not in the singles draw.

(3) Teams comprising two players not in the singles draw.

If there is a tie in the ordered steps above, selection order is based:

- first, on highest combined standings using the most recently published Individual Doubles Seeding List; and

- second, if there is a tie, the team with the player that has the highest doubles standing on the list shall be selected first,

except that no Late Entry and no team comprised of a Late Entry will be selected before a team comprised of timely applicants. Tournaments are NOT authorized to expand the draw size in order to accommodate teams.

CB. Selection Process for Doubles-Only and/or Mixed Doubles-Only Tournaments. The Tournament Committee will accept doubles teams into the doubles event in the following order:

- first, on highest combined standings using the most recently published Individual Doubles Seeding List of the division; and

- second, if there is a tie, the team with the player that has the highest doubles standing on the list shall be selected first,

except that no team comprised of a Late Applicant-Entry will be selected before a team comprised of timely applicants. Tournaments are NOT authorized to expand the draw size in order to accommodate teams.

DE. Procedure for Calculating Combined Standings of a Team. [unchanged]

Next, Ms. Norman then reported that USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Regulation 13 currently requires the use of the National Standings Lists (NSL) to seed players in all singles draws. She noted that beginning in January 2022, the USTA began publishing Singles Seeding Lists, making them available for use. She also noted that returning to this list for seeding is consistent with the doubles seeding policy that uses the Individual Doubles Seeding List to seed all doubles events, and ensures that singles seeding is based solely on results from singles events.

Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the following amendment which was seconded by Ms. Norman. Ms. King recused herself. By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Regulation 13.A. and B. are hereby amended to replace the term “National Standings List” with “Singles Seeding List” so as to require that singles seeding (except for Super Series) be done using the Singles Seeding List.

Ms. Norman noted that similar to the exception USTA NorCal makes for adjusted deadlines when a L5 is concurrent with a L3 or L4, this proposal makes a similar adjustment for L6 Deadlines when the L6 is concurrent with the second weekend of an L3 or L4. She reported this adjustment will permit players who lose on the first weekend of a L3 or L4 to enter and play in a L6.

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Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the following amendment which was seconded by Ms. Norman. Ms. King recused herself. By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, Table 2 of the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Regulation 8.B.iii.c.(2) is hereby amended as set for the below (language proposed to be added is underlined; language proposed to be deleted is stricken through).

Table 2: Deadlines for Tournament Entry, Doubles Partner Notification, Tournament Selection, and Publication of Draws				
Level	Entry Deadline	Doubles Partner Notification Deadline³²	Player & Team Selection Deadline⁴³	Publication of Draws with Start Times⁵⁴
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Level 6¹	2:59 pm Pacific Time, six (6) days before the date of the tournament.	No later than the end of the day five (5) days before the start date the tournament.	Four (4) days before start of the tournament.	10:00 am Pacific Time three (3) days before the start of the tournament
Level 5²⁺	2:59 pm Pacific Time, two (2) Tuesdays before the start date of the tournament.	No later than the end of the day on Thursday following the entry deadline.	The Friday following the Tuesday entry deadline for the tournament.	10:00 am Pacific Time three (3) days before the start of the tournament
Level 4				
Level 3				
No adjustment to these deadlines may be made without the written consent of USTA NorCal.				
<p>1 If a Level 5 is held concurrently with the first weekend of a Level 3 or Level 4, the Level 5 deadlines will be adjusted to the deadlines for a Level 6. If a Level 5 is held concurrently with the second weekend a Level 3 or Level 4, the Level 5 deadlines will be adjusted to the deadlines for a Level 7.</p> <p><u>2 If a Level 6 is held concurrently with the second weekend a Level 3 or Level 4, the Level 5 deadlines will be adjusted to the deadlines for a Level 7.</u></p> <p>³² Doubles players that have not previously entered as a team must notify the Tournament Committee of the partnership by this deadline. This does not apply to tournaments that use the Dominant Duo format, which require entering with a partner by the entry deadline.</p> <p>⁴³ If a tournament has wild cards and the entries has exceeded the draw limit, the number of players or teams selected will be reduced by the number of wild cards. For example, if the draw limit is 32 and there are 2 wild cards, 30 players will be selected.</p> <p>⁵⁴ When a tournament is held over two weekends, the start times for the second weekend will be published the of days in this column before the start of the second weekend of the tournament.</p>				

Finally, Ms. Norman reported that the Regulations provide no guidance on what should be done if the number of teams entered in a L3, 4 and 5 Doubles-Only Tournament does not guarantee most of the tournaments 3 matches. She noted that the proposed amendments specifically authorize that when too few entries are received, USTA NorCal will work with the Tournament Committee to find a draw format that maximizes the number of matches played.

Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the following amendment which was seconded by Ms. Norman. Ms. King recused herself. By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, the Board approved the following resolution:

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RESOLVED: That effective immediately, the USTA NorCal Junior Tournament Regulation 8.C.ii.c., 8.D.ii.b. and 8.E.iii.b. are hereby amended as set for the below (language proposed to be added is underlined; language proposed to be deleted is stricken through).

8. USTA NorCal Junior Ranking Tournament Descriptions. [unchanged]

C. Level 5 Tournaments. [unchanged]

ii. Level 5 Championship Doubles-Only and Mixed Doubles-Only Tournaments.

c. **Draw Size and Format.** Each doubles draw size will be limited to 32 teams. A compass draw will be played with a playoff for 3rd place. The draw format will guarantee each team three matches:

- Non-main draw compass draw brackets with teams that have won their third match will be played out to completion.
- *Except that*, if there are byes in the draw, teams that have lost their third round will play a final fourth round if playing that additional round guarantees either that team or its opponent a third match.

If fewer teams enter than will guarantee all teams three matches, the Tournament Committee will consult with USTA NorCal staff to determine an alternative draw format to be used that will maximize the number of matches for each team.

8. USTA NorCal Junior Ranking Tournament Descriptions. [unchanged]

D. Open and Closed Level 4 Tournaments. [unchanged]

ii. Open and Closed Level 4 Excellence Doubles-Only Tournaments.

b. **Draw Size and Format.** The doubles draw size is limited to 32 teams. A compass draw will be played with a playoff for 3rd place. The draw format will guarantee each team three matches:

- Non-main draw compass draw brackets with teams that have won their third match will be played out to completion.
- *Except that*, if there are byes in the draw, teams that have lost their third round will play a final fourth round if playing that additional round guarantees either that team or its opponent a third match.

If fewer teams enter than will guarantee all teams three matches, the Tournament Committee will consult with USTA NorCal staff to determine an alternative draw format to be used that will maximize the number of matches for each team.

8. USTA NorCal Junior Ranking Tournament Descriptions. [unchanged]

E. Closed Level 3 Sectional Championships. [unchanged]

iii. Closed Level 3 Doubles-Only Sectional Championships.

b. **Draw Size and Format.** The doubles draw size is limited to 32 teams. A compass draw will be played with a playoff for 3rd place. The draw format will guarantee each team three rounds:

- Non-main draw compass draw brackets with teams that have won their third match will be played out to completion.
- *Except that*, if there are byes in the draw, teams that have lost their third round will play a final fourth round if playing that additional round guarantees either that team or its opponent a third match.

~~• Once a team has lost the third round, it will not play an additional round unless playing that additional round guarantees either that team or its opponent a third match.~~

If fewer teams enter than will guarantee all teams three matches, the Tournament Committee will consult with USTA NorCal staff to determine an alternative draw format to be used that will maximize the number of matches for each team.

Sanction and Schedule Committee

This agenda item was moved to Executive Session.

Constitution and Rules Committee

President-elect Sloan called upon Mr. Hixson review 2 proposed policies to be considered by the Board.

Policy Against Off-The-Court Abusive Conduct

Mr. Hixson began by providing background on this proposed policy that had previously been presented to

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the Board. He noted that Ms. Norman assisted in updating the policy in carving out items already covered under other policies and included information out the right to appeal to the USTA NorCal Board.

After having an opportunity to discuss further, Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the Policy Against Off-The-Court Abusive Conduct which was seconded by Ms. Norman. Ms. King recused herself. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, the Board approved the following resolutions:

Confidentiality Policy

Mr. Hixson then referred to the Confidentiality Policy included in the meeting material. He reviewed the rationale noting that it is a best practice to have confidentiality policies applicable to Board and committee members. He reviewed the ways a breach in confidentiality can harm an organization. A discussion ensued regarding the enforcement of such a policy. Ms. Norman inquired whether the proposed policy had been reviewed by Mr. Madison or other outside counsel, and she noted that such a policy does not exist at the National level. Mr. Madison noted he had not reviewed the policy but would do so. Mr. Hixson suggested tabling the policy to review it with Mr. Madison, and further noted that he had reviewed confidentiality language in a USTA National volunteer form. In response to a question about independent contractors, Mr. Hixson said that standard contractor agreement forms should contain specific confidentiality provisions. In response to a question about employees, Mr. Madison noted that a confidentiality policy is included in the employee handbook. Ms. Norman asked whether this policy could be built into the Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms and the Board member applications. Mr. Hixson agreed that signing the policy should be required for Board candidates. After discussion, Mr. Hixson agreed to table this proposal until the July Board meeting to allow for legal review with Mr. Madison.

Adult Leagues Committee

Early Start Calendar

President-elect Sloan called upon Ms. Costamagna to present the League action items. Ms. Costamagna called attention to the early start calendar matters. She noted that USTA NorCal has traditionally offered early start leagues for the Reno/Tahoe area because of the winter weather. She noted that the Committee wanted to ensure these leagues were included on the calendar this year. She then reviewed the details for the leagues. She also noted that the local league rules would need to be amended to reflect the playing of the Mixed 18 & Over instead of the Mixed 40 & Over.

Ms. Costamagna moved to approve the resolution concerning the early start calendar which was seconded by Ms. Nicholson. By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED: Effective immediately, USTA NorCal includes the following early start leagues as follows:

- 1) Early Start 2023 Adult 40 & Over Reno/Tahoe - must be completed by September 2023;
Nationals: October 2023
Team registration: July 11, 2022 Closes: August 1, 2022
Season opens: August 22, 2022 Season Closes: November 21, 2022 (13 weeks/10 matches)
P: TBD (est. December 1-4, 2022; December 8-11, 2022)
S: TBD

- 2) Early Start 2023 Mixed 18 & Over Reno/Tahoe - must be completed by September 2023;
Nationals: October 2023
Team registration: July 11, 2022 Closes: August 1, 2022

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Season opens: August 22, 2022 Season Closes: November 21, 2022 (13 weeks/10 matches)
P: TBD (est. December 1-4, 2022; December 8-11, 2022)
S: TBD

Ms. Norman moved to approve the resolution concerning the early start calendar which was seconded by Ms. Costamagna. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, the Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That effective immediately, (NorCal LLAR) Early Start Leagues under 2.05B Year-end Computer Ratings is amended to read as follows (underlined language is proposed to be added; stricken through language is proposed to be deleted).

(NorCal LLAR) Early Start Leagues. USTA NorCal runs the following Early Start Leagues: ~~Mixed 40 & Over~~ Mixed 18 & Over (Reno-Tahoe area only)

~~-Adult 40 & Over (Reno-Tahoe area only)~~

In early start leagues, players may continue their participation at the lower NTRP level through the conclusion of Sectional Championships UNLESS their year-end rating reached the clearly above level mark.

Endorsement of Teams/Stipends

Ms. Costamagna reviewed the request to endorse and pay entry fees for the teams who qualify for the National Open and 5.5 Team Championships as USTA does not have national championships for these divisions. She also noted that USTA NorCal supports other invitationals and that the Budget Committee had been consulted regarding the expense.

Ms. Cossette moved to approve the resolutions concerning the National Open and 5.5 Team Championships which was seconded by Mr. Collins. By a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, the Board approved the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: Effective immediately, beginning in 2022, it is being proposed that the ALC reaffirm its past decision to endorse the NorCal Men's and Women's Adult 40 & over 5.0 teams and the Men's and Women's Adult 18 & over 5.5 teams that finish 1st in their league level to play in the National Open & 5.5 Team Championships currently held in Las Vegas, NV.

RESOLVED: Effective immediately, beginning in 2022, it is being proposed that USTA NorCal pay the entry fee for the NorCal Men's and Women's Adult 40 & over 5.0 teams and the Men's and Women's Adult 18 & over 5.5 teams that finish 1st in their league level that advance to the National Open & 5.5 Team Championships.

X. Treasurer's Report

President-elect Sloan called upon Mr. Walker to provide the Treasurer's report. Mr. Walker noted that the budget has had little change month over month. He noted that net income is \$552,000 ahead of plan which is a little misleading due to timing of events. He commented on the forecasted numbers. He reported that finance is applying for employee retention tax credits. Questions arose and a discussion ensued concerning junior tournament revenue and the reimbursement of collegiate officials. Mr. Walker concluded by noting that USTA NorCal is in a strong financial position with a solid budget and improved financial reporting.

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XI. President's Report

President Scalese briefly commented on the success of the USTA NorCal Hall of Fame event. He thanked the Hall of Fame Committee, Ms. Verhoeven, Ms. Sloan and other Board members in attendance. He also noted that Betty Cookson is turning 100 and that after much prior discussion, it was suggested that December, Ms. Cookson's birthday month, would be the month to honor her. On motion made by Ms. Norman and seconded by Ms. Costamagna, the Board approved honoring Ms. Cookson during the month of December, by proclaiming December 2022 as "Betty Cookson Month" by a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

XII. Executive Director's Report

President-elect Sloan called upon Ms. Verhoeven to present her Executive Director Report. Ms. Verhoeven began by reviewing participation numbers and noted that overall, numbers continue to trend up. She provided more details around the Hall of Fame. She noted she is working on a plan for bringing back the ACES and Junior awards. She provided additional commentary on the launch of WTN. She highlighted the activities surrounding the Mubadala Classic, including the August 2 Board retreat. She commented on USTA's statement surrounding pickleball. She reported that the USPTA was not reapplying for accreditation due to the safe play requirement which drew questions from the directors. She concluded by providing a staffing update, including key hires and postings, as well as the return to office.

Mr. Winn joined during this presentation.

XIII. Delegate's Report

President-elect Sloan called upon Mr. Wheeler to provide his Delegate's report. Mr. Wheeler commented on the monthly delegate meetings as well as the upcoming US Open. He noted that the USTA is looking to sell the Cincinnati tournament. A further discussion ensued around the safe play issue for the USPTA.

President-elect Sloan called for a 5 minutes break at 9:38 pm.

XIV. Executive Session

Ms. Costamagna moved to go into Executive Session at 9:43 pm which was seconded by Mr. Walker. By a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, the Board moved into Executive Session. Mr. Cooke was asked to stay for the Ad Hoc Committee discussion and Mr. Wenger remained on the call during the Executive Session.

Ms. Norman moved to come out of Executive Session at 11:05 pm which was seconded by Mr. Wheeler. By a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, the Board moved out of Executive Session.

XV. Old Business

President-elect Sloan noted that the item under old business was tabled.

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 pm.