

NOTE: *The resolutions in these minutes were approved by USTA NorCal Board of Directors on June 21, 2023. These minutes were approved by the Committee on July 5, 2023.*

Luis Reis, the chair of the Adult Tournament Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:52pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

Committee Members Present: Luis Reis (Chair), Mark Fairchilde (Vice-Chair), Leslie Airola-Murveit, Christopher Aria, Darrin Cohen, Steven Cornell, Mariko Fritz-Krockow, Andie Mouzes, Marina Wills

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Michelle Wilson, Joanna Broda-Schunck

Guests Present: n/a

1. Approval of Minutes. The Committee considered approval of the minutes of the meeting held May 17, 2023. The following motion was duly made by Leslie Airola-Murveit seconded by Mariko Fritz-Krockow, and approved by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention: Luis Reis abstained due to his absence at the meeting in question.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Adult Tournament Committee meeting held May 17, 2023 be approved as presented.

2. Staff updates:

- Joanna Broda-Schunck informed the committee about the preparation going forward for the North-South Tournament and plan to host it at Berkley Tennis Club and the Claremont.
- Joanna Broda-Schunck reported the committee about the discussion with National regarding the National Rule Change proposal
- Joanna Broda-Schunck reported on the Tournament Director workshop that was held by Peter Hall during the National visit to NorCal

3. Sanctioned Tournaments on Courts with Pickleball Lines - Michelle Wilson explained to the ATC the concerns that some players have expressed to USTA NorCal regarding playing sanctioned events on courts with Pickleball lines. She also explained that the USTA NorCal Board of Directors will be reviewing the players' concerns of sanctioned play on courts with Pickleball lines and that the Board is asking for input from the competition committees. During the discussion, Michelle also presented to the Committee the definition of "Blended lines" and the guidelines regarding usage of courts with blended lines from the 2023 Friend at Court which included rules regarding blended lines if it was determined that blended lines are allowed for sanctioned play. She also informed the committee that the specific rule for the color of the paint for blended lines is hard to determine if it is being followed when looking at the blended lines if the color of the blended lines is in accordance with the Friend at Court if facilities do not keep documentation of the agreement from the time the blended lines are added.

Following discussion, the committee recommends to approve that courts with pickleball lines may still be used for sanctioned events. However, whenever possible, courts without any lines should be prioritized. The suggestion was also made to make sure that higher level matches (finals, playoffs, sectional matches) are not being played on courts with blended lines. The Committee recommends adding the requirement that the information about utilizing courts with blended lines be added on the tournament homepage.

Mark Fairchilde joined the meeting during the discussion at 8:15pm

4. Adult Tournament Stipends

The motion to move into a closed session was made by Leslie Airola-Murveit, seconded by Marina Wills, and **approved** by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

At 8:42pm the Committee went into a closed session

In closed session, the committee members reviewed and discussed the applications presented from Tournament Directors requesting stipends for Open, Age Group and NTRP 40+/55+ Tournaments. When the Committee came out of closed session, the approved resolutions were authorized to be reported as part of the minutes of the meeting.

Following discussion, the following motion was made by Marina Wills, seconded by Mariko Fritz-Krockow and approved by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed. One member recused themselves.

RESOLVED: that the remaining 2023 adult tournament stipends (\$5,000) be awarded to the following organizations:

- Moraga Country Club – Gold Open Tournament (\$5,000). Moraga Country Club was previously awarded the silver stipend. Thanks to additional funding this was changed to the Gold Stipend.
- Lifetime Activities – Lisa and Douglas Goldman Tennis Center – Silver Open Tournament (\$2,500)
- The Club @ Livermore – Silver Open Tournament (\$2,500)
- Alpine Hills Tennis & Swimming Club – Silver Open Tournament (\$2,500) contingent on being approved for sanction
- Tri Valley Tennis Academy – Bronze Open Tournament (\$1,000)
- Eventsmanager – Bronze Open Tournament (\$1,000)
- Alpine Hills Tennis & Swimming Club – Silver Age Group Tournament (\$2,500) contingent on being approved for sanction
- Alpine Hills Tennis & Swimming Club – Bronze Age/NTRP 40+ & 55+ Tournament (\$500)

Rationale: These selections were made based on the Adult Tournament Stipend Criteria with the consideration of geographic distribution.

At this time the motion to come out of the closed session was made by Leslie Airola-Murveit, seconded by Marina Wills, and **approved** by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

The Committee came out of the closed session at 8:30pm

5. Questions & Answers

Steve Cornell asked about the dates for the North-South tournament and the Grand Prix. Joanna Broda-Schunck reported that the North-South tournament is currently planned for October 2–3, and the Grand Prix is planned for November 3–5 and 10-12 (second weekend will only be used as rain-out dates)

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Leslie Airola-Murveit, seconded by Mariko Fritz-Krockow, and **approved** by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. The meeting was adjourned 9:36pm.