

**NOTE:** *These minutes were approved by the committee on April 23, 2024 and are the final version. The USTA NorCal Board reviewed and voted on the Committee Recommendations included in these minutes at its meeting on March 20, 2024.*

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Mark Fairchilds, vice-chair of the Adult Tournament Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:18pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

**Committee Members Present:** *Mark Fairchilds (Vice Chair), Leslie Airola-Murveit, Steven Cornell, Mariko Fritz-Krockow, Andie Mouzes, Wendell Pierce, 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 January 30, 2024. The following motion was duly made by Wendell Pierce, seconded by Mariko Fritz-Krockow and **approved** by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Adult Tournament Committee meeting held January 30, 2023 be approved as presented.

## **2. Staff Report**

- Item 1: Joanna Broda-Schunck reported about the Women's Day tournament being canceled due to rain and rescheduled for March 23/24
- Item 2: Joanna Broda-Schunck informed the Committee that player selection for NTRP National Championships in Singles have been done and double and mixed doubles are coming
- Item 3: Joanna Broda-Schunck told the Committee that on February 17<sup>th</sup>, during the Community Development Workshop, a Tournament Director Workshop was held and that there was some interest in potentially hosting small tournaments
- Item 4: Joanna Broda-Schunck informed the Committee that the Adult Competition Awards Ceremony will be held on May 4, 2024 at 6pm at the Blackhawk Country Club, and invited the members to attend
- Item 5: Joanna Broda-Schunck also informed the Committee that USTA NorCal is planning a Women's Summit in May and asked members to join the planning committee

**3. Issue #1 – Women's Intersectionals Player Selection Criteria.** On February 9, 2024 the subcommittee consisting of Mariko Fritz-Krockow, Leslie Airola-Murveit, and Steven Cornell met with staff and drafted the criteria and procedures for player selection into the Women's Intersectional Team. The draft was presented to the Committee. It has also been brought up that there are some concerns from player about being able to fulfil the requirement of playing at least one tournament in the NorCal section, especially for the age groups 35-45.

Following a discussion the Committee decided to table the criteria. The subcommittee is to meet again to discuss other options. It was also decided that a survey is to be sent to players that have been asked to join the teams within the last 2 years. Mariko Fritz-Krockow and Leslie Airola-Murveit will reach out to the captains and procure the names of those players.

## **4. Issue #2 – Assigning levels for tournaments**

Since the last meetings there were some tournaments that have been sanctioned that meet the criteria to be designated as a level 4 or level 5 tournaments

**Part A – Gold Cup**

After a discussion, the following motion was duly made by Mariko Fritz-Krockow, seconded by Steven Cornell, and **approved** by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Mark Fairchilde)

**RESOLVED:** That the following tournament be designated as Gold Cup (Level 4) for 2024

7/12 - 7/14 – NTRP 18+, Age Group 60-80+, Wheelchair in Oak Park Tennis Center, Stockton, CA

**Rationale:** The selection was made based on the criteria.

**Part B – Tournament of the Year**

After a discussion, the following motion was duly made by Mariko Fritz-Krockow, seconded by Steven Cornell, and **approved** by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Mark Fairchilde)

**RESOLVED:** That the following tournament be designated as Tournament of the Year (Level 5) for 2024

7/13 - 7/14 – NTRP 18+ Arora Tennis & Fitness in Livermore

**Rationale:** The selection was made based on the criteria.

**5. Issue #3 – Player of the Year Awards Criteria.**

With the different structure of tournaments since 2020 and the low number of NorCal tournaments in some divisions the Criteria for Player of the Year Awards are in need of revision for 2025. To work on this a subcommittee has been formed consistent of an Open tournament player: Andie Mouzes, Age Group tournament player: Mariko Fritz-Krockow, and NTRP tournament player: Marina Wills. A meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

**6. Awards Presentation during the Adult Competition Award Ceremony.**

Michelle Wilson asked the Committee if a member would be able to attend the Award ceremony in order to present the Player of the Year Awards. Mariko Fritz-Krockow agreed.

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, at 9:41pm the motion was made by Steven Cornell, seconded by Wendell Pierce and approved by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 recusals to adjourn the meeting.