

NOTE: All minutes are final after approval by the committee and all approved resolutions are subject to final approval by the USTA NorCal Board. [Post this note before minutes approved and before recommendations approved by board.](#)

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Craig Pasqua, chair of the DEI Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

Committee Members Present: Craig Pasqua, Michael Loleng, Silvia Duenas-Biesler, Victoria Tam, Vince Owens, Larry Atkins

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Troy Rondeau, Sr. Manager, Community Programs, Charrisha Watkins, Community Programs Representative

1. Chair Report

Item 1: Section Connection - leaving it for Charrisha and Troy to go over

Item 2: Budget - Troy and Craig met to go over the 2024 budget

2. Staff Report

Item 1: Section Connection

- registration is open now. It's only \$20 and the first 40 people who register will receive a free case of balls.
- Launch of our Women In Tennis Initiative

Item 2: Volunteer Dinner

- Please attend the volunteer dinner. It is in recognition of all the hard work you do as volunteers.

Item 3: Grants are live - we will have our own landing page on the website for all of our grants

- NJTL
- Diverse Coaches
- Individual Player
- Community Programs
- High School

3. Guest Report(s):

4. Old Business:

Item 1: Craig is running again for the board, and is on the slate again for 2024. There are currently 9 people running for 7 spots on the board.

Item 2: USPTA World Conference - went to the National Campus (Michael Lelong)

- Dr. O - gave a great speech on his background on sports and attrition
- Rusty Kamori - motivational speaker gave a great speech
- Chris Evert was there with a book signing
- Had USPTA DI Committee meeting - hour long and increased in size
- Tradeshow was mostly tennis, with some pickleball

Item 3: Past Saturday, Bushrod Park, had a memorial and kick off for Mark Weinstein. All the funds raised will be to fund Oakland tennis players. Coached at Davies and Mills (Silvia Duenas Beisler)

Item 4: Thank USTA NorCal for allowing us to get access to watch the US Open (Vince Owens)

Item 5: Really appreciate everyone on the committee. Had the opportunity to do the UC Davis Camp. If options come available, please let Larry know (Larry Atkins).

5. New Business:

Next meeting, Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the DEI Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.