

NOTE: All resolutions in these minutes were approved by the USTA NorCal Board as of September 20, 2023.

NOTE: These minutes were approved on October 2, 2023.

Christine Costamagna, chair of the Adult Leagues Committee (“ALC” or “Committee”), called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

Committee Members Present: Andrea Barnes, Jeff Birkenseer, Christine Costamagna (chair), Marilyn Morrell-Kristal, Tuesdai Powers, Paul Startz

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Michelle Wilson, Sr. Manager, Adult Competition

Guests Present: Sarah Robinson

1. **Approval of April 3, 2023 Minutes.** The Committee considered for approval the draft minutes of the meeting held on April 3, 2023.

The following motion was then **APPROVED** by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of ALC meeting held on April 3, 2023 be approved as presented.

2. **Approval of June 5, 2023 Minutes.** The Committee considered for approval the draft minutes of the meeting held on June 5, 2023.

The following motion was then **APPROVED** by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of ALC meeting held on June 5, 2023 be approved as presented.

3. **USTA Suspension Point System Applying to all NorCal Leagues.** It was noted that on July 10, 2023 the Committee passed a resolution by unanimous written consent adding language to the Adult League Rules that the USTA League Suspension Point System applies to all NorCal leagues. This was passed by the Board in July.

4. **Boundaries Project.** The Committee went into closed session. When the Committee came out of closed session, the following was agreed to be reported in the public minutes.

Following discussion, the following motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

RESOLVED: That effective with the 2024 League season, the following changes be made to the boundaries:

- 1) Gilroy Tennis Center will be move from Lower Peninsula (LP) to Monterey Bay (MB)

- 2) Refugio Valley Park will be move from East Bay (EB) to Diablo North (DN)

5. Staff Update.

- A. Adult 65 Move-Up Split/Up Rule** – Staff reminded the Committee that a resolution was passed in January that now includes the Adult 65 & Over League as one of the leagues that has applied the Move/Up Split/Up rule. The ALC was also informed that some of the captains have raised concerns. In response, Staff has done research and is recommending that this rule continue and be monitored should the data suggest that the rule be reconsidered.
- B. 2024 Sectional Dates** – The ALC was informed that some players who play Daytime League and traditional leagues were concerned that these leagues play sectionals around the same time which can create player availability issue. Staff is looking at options to change some of the dates.
- C. Match Team App Update** – Staff informed the ALC that NorCal is currently working on digital options for Sectional events and is currently piloting Match Team App. Match Team App was piloted during the Tri-Level 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 event in June. NorCal will continue to pilot the Match Team App during the Mixed 40 Sectionals, Tri-Level 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and Tri-Level 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 events in October. The program has many features including online sign-ups, event schedule posted within the app, line-up capabilities and score reporting. Committee members who had friends that competed in the Tri-Level 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 event shared their positive and negative feedback which can be used to improve the app features.

6. Consideration for Small/Declining Leagues. The Committee discussed play opportunity ideas aside from the current local league to sectionals format for small/declining leagues to increase participation. Staff will consider ideas and report back to the Committee.

7. Budget Updates. The Committee was given an update regarding the 2024 budget process.

8. Regulations Updates. It was reported that Staff is currently reviewing the regulations for any updates that need to be made for 2024. The regulations sub-committee of Paul Startz, Jeff Birkenseer, and Sarah Robinson will assist in the review process.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.