

Minutes of the USTA NorCal Wheelchair Meeting Thursday April 27, 2023

APPROVED

Don Bearden, chair of the Wheelchair 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: Chair - Don Bearden, Marsten Anderson, Kylie Hornbeck, RL Scott, Philip Peabody

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Christy Perez - staff liaison

Guests Present: Troy Rondeau

1. Approval of Minutes. The Committee considered approval of the minutes of the meeting held *March 16, 2023*. The following motion was duly made by Marty Anderson, seconded by Kylie Hornbeck, and **approved** by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

2. Chair Report

- Item 1: Update from the San Jose Smash tennis group. Practice began a month ago. Basketball season just completed. One new player, Patrick Davidson from Danville. Previous player donated a chair to him. Good volunteer turnout to help with. Silicon Valley Wheelchair Tournament flier requested to be sent to the Marketing department for publication and distribution.
- Item 2: Update from the TIES tennis group. Email chain going out for the Access leisure tennis group. Practice is on Wednesday nights at McKinley Park, time TBD. Possibly create flyers to post on the bulletin board in McKinley Park to help with advertising for wheelchair tennis practice, dates, and times. Marty has been in communication with Doug Atkinson and he will be bringing up wheelchair/adaptive tennis opportunities to the Spare Time Group. Possibly an able-bodied coach facilitates the practice.
- Item 3: What more can we do? The Well in Sacramento. Tap into local colleges (Sac College), hospitals (Shriners), local schools with special needs kids. We need to go to the organizations and not just have the organizations come to us. The committee has also requested a centralized calendar on our NorCal wheelchair page for easier access to all of our upcoming tournaments and events.

3. Staff Report

- NorCal wheelchair tournament updates
- We are currently working on a Level 3 Wheelchair Tournament at Gold River Racquet Club

4. Issue #1 - It was proposed that the Wheelchair Committee ask the Board for an additional \$1300 for the Whitney Wheelchair Tournament.

Following discussion, the following motion was duly made by Marty Anderson, seconded by Phil Peabody, and **approved/ defeated** by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 recusals.

5. Issue #2 - It was proposed that the Wheelchair Committee ask the USTA NorCal Board for an additional \$15,000 for the Level 3 Wheelchair Tournament at Gold River Racquet Club in September.

Following discussion, the following motion was duly made by Don Bearden, seconded by Marty Anderson, and **approved/defeated** by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions

6. Wheelchair program flier information deadline is May 12th.

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm

