
Don Bearden, chair of the Wheelchair Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

Committee Members Present: Chair - Don Bearden, Dez Del Barba, Ashley Sisti, RL Scott, Phil Peabody

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Staff liaison - Christy Perez

Guests Present: none

1. Chair Report

- The Wheelchair Committee meeting minutes from July were approved
- **Bay Area Wheelchair Tennis Update :** Weekly practices continue on Saturdays. BAWT continues to have a good weekly turnout of wheelchair participants.
- **Adaptive Athletics Association update:** Report given by Phil Peabody. Weekly practices on Friday nights are going well. Marcus Odom is back out playing with the group. Sofia (5yrs old) has come out to practice and is a new player. Samantha has also come out and attended practice. Phil also reported that they have new wheels for chairs.

2. Staff Report

- Christy gave a recap on the Ned Mansfield and Outstanding Volunteer Awards. The Wheelchair Committee voted Tom Chun to receive the Ned Mansfield Award and Guang Xiu to receive the Outstanding Volunteer Award for 2024.
- Wheelchair Player Grants were reviewed and voted on for approval. RL motioned to approve all submissions in the amount of \$500 each. All in favor, 0 opposed.
- Christy discussed The Modesto City Open Wheelchair Tournament registration deadline that was fast approaching. Asked any and all wheelchair players that were interested in playing to please sign up as soon as possible so we know if we will be able to hold a tournament or not. Prize money will be awarded for the winner and finalist in each division.
- Items surrounding the wheelchair coaches workshop were discussed. Currently, 8 people have signed up. Evan Enquist will be conducting the workshop that is scheduled for 8-4:30pm on Thursday. Demo wheelchairs will be available.
- Christy gave an update on the ITF/USTA wheelchair tournament. There are approximately 3 wheelchair accessible rooms that are still available at the tournament hotel. Transportation to and from the airport, hotel, and club will be provided for ITF players. Maria Greenwood will be sending out an email to all players and coordinating transportation to and from the airport, hotel and club. NorCal will be hosting a player reception for all players plus 1 guest on Saturday night. The athletic trainer and repair people have been confirmed and will be onsite beginning Friday thru Sunday. There will be ballkids on Saturday and Sunday matches for ITF.
- An update was given for the North vs South Wheelchair Challenge. Christy stated that there is a sign up page for those wanting to be considered for the NorCal team and play in the challenge. An update was given on the new venue, Fresno State University tennis courts. Matches will take place at the Spalding G Wathen Tennis Center. Dinner location TBD.

- BORP Expo will be October 5th. Edgar, Ashley, and Kylie will be onsite to run a tennis station.
- https://ustanorcal.formstack.com/forms/wheelchair_player_grant

Open Discussion

- Ashley Sisti had questions about the player info form and wanting to make sure we included dietary restrictions on the form
- Suggestions were raised about ballkids and sign ups along with coolers of ice bags to be on each court if possible to help with overheating of the players.

Upcoming Wheelchair Tournaments and play opportunities

- Oct 5 BORP Expo in San Francisco
- Oct 6 Tibouron Challenger exhibition 12-1pm (Ashley, Edgar)
- Oct 12 Wheelchair exhibition at Fairfield Challenger (Dez, Phil, Marty)
- Oct 19-20 North vs South Wheelchair Challenge at Fresno State University in Fresno

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.