

Don Bearden, chair of the Adaptive Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and a roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

**Committee Members Present:** Chair - Don Bearden, RL Scott, Phil Peabody, Edgar Vidriales, Marty Anderson, Dez Del Barba

**USTA NorCal Staff Present:** Staff liaison - Christy Perez

**Guests Present:** none

### **1. Chair Report**

- Call to order and roll call
- Minutes approved from January meeting.
- BAWT update. Practice began a few weeks ago. One new quad female player (Kimberly) has joined the group. Don will be picking up a loner chair tomorrow. Edgar also mentioned another female player that uses an electric scooter has also come out for practice. Facebook and Instagram have been great tools for promoting the team and practices. Don updated the committee regarding the All-Comers camp that the date has been changed to June 1-2. There is a need to get a flyer together for the camp, USTA NorCal marketing support, coaches for the camp, and giveaways.
- Adaptive Athletics/TIES update given by Phil. A few new players have been added to the tennis group. Practices have been continuing every Friday. Phil will be teaching about adaptive tennis at Sac State on February 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm in their gym. Phil also spoke about talking with Sac State regarding loner wheelchairs that can be rented out.

### **2. Staff Report**

- Edgar and Christy are reaching out to wheelchair athletic organizations in NorCal who may be interested in adding wheelchair tennis to their sports programming. Contact has been made with Borp and they are interested in seeing how they can begin a tennis offering.
- NorCal Wheelchair Player Grant was discussed. There was a vote in support of creating an action item with all in favor and 0 opposed.
- Christy received 2 wheelchair stipend grant requests. Discussion ensued and the committee decided to delay the awarding of the stipend grants until next meeting on Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> to allow additional time for Adaptive Athletics to submit their grant request.
- There will be a Wheelchair Tennis Coaches Workshop hosted by USTA NorCal and Evan Enquist on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>, the day before the ITF tournament.

### **3. Open Forum**

- Discussion revolved around the 2024 wheelchair tennis tournament season.
- All-Comers Camp - Memorial Weekend (June 1-2)
- Placer Community Tennis Association Wheelchair Tournament - Whitney HS (June)
- National Parks Tournament - (July)
- Silicon Valley Wheelchair Tournament - San Jose (July 27-28)
- Wheelchair Tennis Coaches Clinic - Gold River (Sept 19)
- ITF and USTA Wheelchair Tournament - Gold River (Sept 20-22)

- Modesto City Open Wheelchair Tournament - Brenda Athletic Club (Oct 5-6)
- Wheelchair exhibition - Goldman Tennis Center SF (Oct 13)
- North vs South Wheelchair Challenge - Sierra Sport and Racquet Club, Fresno (Oct 19-20)

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

**Next meeting March 14 - at 7pm**