
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, Marty Anderson

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Staff liaison - Christy Perez

Guests Present: none

1. Chair Report

- The Wheelchair Committee meeting minutes from August were approved
- **Bay Area Wheelchair Tennis Update** : Report given by Don Bearden. Weekly practices continue on Saturdays. Don stated that BAWT was very thankful to receive an award from NorCal. 2024 consisted of holding an All-Comers camp, up/down challenges, and the Silicon Valley Wheelchair Tournament.
- **Adaptive Athletics Association update:** Report given by Marty Anderson. 2024 success includes: 3 new players played in their first tournament. The tournament was successful with around 40 participants. Moving forward there will be a need for more repair station support. Adaptive Athletics Association practices continue on Friday nights with consistent turnouts.

2. Staff Report

- Christy gave a recap of the ITF/USTA Wheelchair Tournament. Overall the tournament was very successful. Positive feedback included the venue, the hotel accommodations, transportation, and the hospitality. Areas for improvement include the repair station and people running it along with adjusting the time to be earlier for the player reception.
- Christy discussed the Section Connection and encouraged all who have not submitted their rsvp to do so as soon as possible.
- There will be no wheelchair tennis exhibition at the Goldman Center this year.
- An update was given for the North vs South Wheelchair Challenge. Play will take place at Fresno State University on October 19 and 20th. Players are to be at the facility by 10am. Matches will begin at 11am. Lunch will be provided both days and a players dinner will be at the Mad Duck Brewery in Clovis following the last match on Saturday. Christy will be providing the team shirts and hospitality gifts.
- 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

New Business

- Wheelchair Player Grants were reviewed and voted on for approval. Player grants submitted for approval included the following: 1. Tom Chun
- Tom Chun's grant application was approved in the amount of \$500. All in favor, 0 opposed..

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 7:58pm.