

Don Bearden chair of the Wheelchair Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:08pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

**Committee Members Present:** Chair - Don Bearden, Ashley Sisti, RL Scott, Phil Peabody

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

**Guests Present:** N/A

**1. Approval of Minutes.** The Committee considered approval of the minutes of the meeting held *June 24, 2025*.

## **2. Chair Report**

- Don Bearden delivered the Bay Area Wheelchair Tennis report. The BAWT group has maintained continuous weekend practices, and recently added 1-2 additional practice days during the week. Weekend participation has been lower due to other activities, so high school students have joined practices to boost numbers. Sign-ups for the Silicon Valley Wheelchair Tournament are strong.
- Phil Peabody reported on Sacramento activities. Players in the Sacramento area are currently playing intermittently on Fridays.
- Ashley Sisti provided an update on the Silicon Valley Wheelchair Tournament. There are currently 26 participants, and the tournament is on schedule. Ashley has also started attending court sessions for light hitting.

## **3. Staff Report**

- Christy Perez reported on the Public Parks Tournament in Antelope. The wheelchair division was canceled due to insufficient sign-ups. Phil Peabody, however, competed in the able-bodied 3.0 singles division, winning his first match. He also played in the 3.5 doubles division, winning his first round before being eliminated in the subsequent round.
- Christy provided an update on the SacTown Classic Wheelchair Tournament, noting that preparations were progressing well. The main outstanding item was confirming transportation arrangements; all other aspects appeared to be on schedule.

## **4. Reminders**

- Wheelchair Grants are still available
- Next Wheelchair Committee call is scheduled for August 19th

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.