

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, Marci Matinucci, Kamni Del Barba, Phil Peabody, Kylie Hornbeck

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Staff liaison - Christy Perez

Guests Present: N/A

1. Chair Report

- **Bay Area Wheelchair Tennis (BAWT) News:** Don Bearden delivered the operational report for BAWT, highlighting that weekly practices are going smoothly with a consistent turnout of 10 to 12 participants, including a few young children. Kylie Hornbeck noted the success of their 4th of July tennis event and the conclusion of the Silicon Valley Open Wheelchair Tournament, which honored 50 years of wheelchair tennis. Ashley Sisti shared insights from her recent wheelchair tennis travels, contrasting domestic and international tournament experiences. Additionally, Phil Peabody mentioned distributing SacTown Classic flyers at recent events.
- Phil Peabody gave an update regarding play in the Sacramento area. Practice is continuing and they may add an additional day of match play during the week for higher level players.
- Kylie Hornbeck announced that BORP will host the second session of its clinic, led by Marty Anderson as a follow-up to their joint July 19th camp.

2. Staff Report

- Staff Liaison Christy Perez stated that VCH tennis clinics are starting back up soon.
- The World Team Cup will be held in Orlando Sept 16-20th. Dez Del Barba has been selected to play on the USA Quad team. The timing of the event will be at the same time as the SacTown Classic which has affected signups for the tournament this year.
- USTA NorCal is in the process of selecting a sectional wheelchair coach to attend the Orlando wheelchair coach development workshop, with the final appointment pending.
- Christy Perez updated with details surrounding the SacTown Classic and the continued need for volunteers for the event. She stated that there has been an update to the Head Referee for the tournament and that Meg Farrelly was now the head referee due to tournament regulations. Additionally, NorCal has secured 2 wheelchair accessible vans that will be used for transport driven by NorCal staff members.
- The committee approved Wheelchair Player grants for the following individuals:
 - Gabriel Lopez (\$500)
 - Evan Maine (\$500)

3. Open Discussion

- The open discussion focused on recalling both of NorCal's wheelchairs to the office. Committee members raised questions regarding allocation strategies and methods to make the equipment accessible to the community. Christy noted that she is collaborating with NorCal to formulate a usage plan for both community access and USTA NorCal events, promising updates as progress occurs. Members emphasized the value of these chairs to players without personal sport wheelchairs and expressed hope that the equipment will remain actively utilized rather than stored away.

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.