

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, Kylie Hornbeck, Marty Anderson, Anil Pakina, RL Scott,

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** : Don Bearden provided a report stating that weekly practices, held on Saturdays, are scheduled to start in January. Additionally, BAWT has identified one potential new player.
- Anil Pakina reported on the Up/Down tournament, noting good attendance and participation with a total of 20 participants.
- **Adaptive Athletics Report (Marty Anderson):** The organization continues to see strong participation as practice activity increases. Two new members have joined the board.

Key updates:

- **Donation:** Adaptive Athletics received a \$1,500 donation from the Tiburon Challenger exhibition.
- **Equipment:** The organization has acquired several new wheelchairs for players.
- **Coaching Opportunity:** A coach at Johnson Ranch is available to provide coaching for \$20 per player.
- **Upcoming Event:** A Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) barbecue is scheduled for April 18th at the UCD Rehabilitation Hospital.

2. Staff Report

- Christy Perez provided an overview of the National Wheelchair Summit, covering topics such as initiatives, outreach, and grants. Additionally, Shelby Baron is set to assume the role of National Wheelchair Tennis Manager.
- NorCal has been awarded two wheelchair tennis camps, as reported by Christy.
- The first camp is a three-day event scheduled for April 24-26 and will be held at Fresno State University. Two National staff members will run this camp, and the NorCal marketing team is currently developing a promotional flyer.
- Details for the second camp, a 1 ½ day event, are still to be determined.
- Discussion revolved around the upcoming 50th Anniversary of Wheelchair tennis. All committee members with ideas for NorCal's celebration of wheelchair tennis are requested to submit them to Christy.

3. Open Discussion

- Kylie Hornbeck provided details on the requirements for NorCal to host a wheelchair classification session. This followed a general discussion on classification.

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

