Minutes of the USTA NorCal Wheelchair Committee Meeting **APPROVED**
Tuesday September 22, 2026 at 7pm

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 gave a report on practices with BAWT. Practices continue to have a strong turnout with anywhere from 12-14 players in attendance.
- It was highlighted that Quad Tennis athlete Dez Del Barba enjoyed a successful experience in Orlando representing USA as part of the World Cup Team, which he looks forward to building upon in future competitions.

2. Staff Report

- Staff Liaison Christy Perez reported on the new submissions for the wheelchair player grants. The wheelchair committee approved the following grant submissions:
    - Mark Mason awarded $500
- Christy provided an update on the SacTown Classic Wheelchair Championships, noting a strong turnout of 48 players. The tournament was a great success and ran seamlessly, with participants enjoying both the venue and the food. She highlighted receiving highly favorable feedback from athletes, staff, and volunteers alike.
- Christy Perez provided an update on the North vs. South Wheelchair Challenge. Ashley Sisti and Phil Peabody were named team captains. Christy asked the captains to contact prospective competitors and encourage them to register via the Serve Tennis team page. Additional details will be distributed to captains and players through email.
- Christy confirmed that EPATT has been secured as the venue for the All-Comers Camp on October 17–18. She and Jason Keatseangsilp have been meeting weekly to coordinate event logistics, and she has submitted a request to marketing for increased social media promotion to boost registrations.

3. Open Discussion

- Huge congratulations were announced as Anil Pakina and his wife are expecting a baby.

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