

Don Bearden, chair of the Wheelchair Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

Committee Members Present: Don Bearden, Kylie Hornbeck, Edgar Vidriales, Anil Pakina, Ashley Sisti, Kamni Del Barba, Phil Peabody

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Christy Perez, staff liaison

Guests Present: Chrissie Costamagna, Board President

1. Chair Report

- Item 1: Introduction of Chrissie Costamagna and new committee members
- Item 2: BAWT update. Weekly practices began in January. Practices take place on Saturday mornings. There has been a good turnout. Several new players have been added through the BORG organization.
- Item 3: Adaptive Athletics Association update. Phil Peabody presented the update. Weekly practices held on Wednesdays and Fridays. Trying to work with the City of Sacramento for use of McKinley Park courts. Adaptive Athletics now has 2 new chairs for players.

3. Staff Report

- Item 1: Wheelchair Tournament calendar will be available at March meeting
- Item 2: Wheelchair Organization grant stipend is now live. The deadline to apply is by the next committee meeting on March 4th.
- Item 3: The committee voted unanimously to approve the \$500 player grant submitted by Drew Escobar with all in favor and 0 opposed. Phil 1st, Don 2nd.
- Item 4: Kylie and Christy gave the BORG partnership update. BORG is looking for someone to run their wheelchair tennis program. Kylie has offered to get them started once they are ready to move forward with hopes of someone shadowing her to learn how to teach wheelchair tennis. BORG is currently looking for coaching recommendations and is waiting to hear if they have received any wheelchair grants from National.

7. New Business.

- Several new initiatives were discussed. Phil proposed an increased wheelchair tennis presence in social media, advertising, flyers, marketing materials with QR codes, and wheelchair tennis demonstrations at able bodied matches, challenger tournament exhibitions.
- Anil Pakina asked the committee if there was anything we could do for the fire victims in Southern California. Chrissie said she would bring it up to the board at the next meeting.
- Don reminded the committee about the BAWT All-Comers camp that will be held on May 31-June 1 along with the Silicon Valley Wheelchair Tournament at the end of July.

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