

Samir Mahir, chair of the Adaptive Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:34pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

Committee Members Present: Samir Mahir, Carl Mendoza, Chrissie Costamagna, Mylene Martin, Sandra Gostanian, Marty Anderson

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Christy Perez

Guests Present: N/A

1. Approval of Minutes. The Committee considered approval of the minutes of the meeting held March 18, 2025.

2. Chair Report

- Chrissie Costamagna provided an update stating that the Special Olympics regional events will occur during the second weekend of May. Volunteer opportunities are available for those interested, including helping at the summer games held at Santa Clara University.
- The Unified Doubles National Tournament will take place on the weekend of October 24th. NorCal aims to send two teams again this year, necessitating a sectional Unified Doubles tournament by mid-September to relay results to the National tournament.
- To broaden participation and encourage more teams to compete for the two National slots, it's crucial to promote the tournament at the Special Olympics Summer Games and other organizations. Ideally, a second qualifier event could be organized in the Sacramento or Fresno area.
- Marty Anderson provided an update on the possible partnership with Futures Explored. They are working on hiring their 1st employee.
- Mylene Martin informed the committee that she is no longer employed by Aceing Autism and asked if it would be possible to have an adaptive exhibition at the Pacific Coast Tournament. The committee discussed that most exhibitions are held at Challenger Tournaments in NorCal.
- A tennis showcase, hosted by Valley Children's Hospital, took place at Fresno State University over a week ago and was deemed a huge success by Sandra Gostanian. The event saw participation from 11 child wheelchair athletes, 5 NorCal "pro" wheelchair tennis players, the Fresno State Women's tennis team, and NorCal staff. Activities included an up/down match exhibition and multiple courts of drills. Christy Perez noted that a junior wheelchair tennis player, Kylie, will be attending Fresno State University and will be the first wheelchair tennis athlete in the school's history. Coach Dy, the women's tennis coach, is actively working to establish the university's first wheelchair tennis program.
- Carl Mendoza will volunteer at the AAPI Family Day event on Saturday, May 3rd, at the Fremont Tennis Center. Christy Perez encouraged all committee members who are available to volunteer as well.

3. Staff Report

- Christy Perez and Samir Mahir will conduct a BVI coaches training on Friday, May 9, at 12:15 pm. Samir invited Mylene to attend if available.
- USTA NorCal and Piedmont Park and Rec are partnering to host an Adaptive Play Day on October 4th or 5th. Additional details will be provided later.
- The 2025 Adaptive grant submissions were reviewed and voted on. The following 2025 Adaptive grant amounts were approved on Tuesday April 22, 2025 via committee vote by the adaptive committee.
 - The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed for the following submission: Dympha Project - awarded \$500

Samir Mahir recused himself from the Gold River Sports Club submission.

- The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed for the following submissions: Gold River Sports Club - awarded \$1000

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38pm.