

Don Bearden, chair of the Wheelchair Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm 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, Dez Del Barba, Ashley Sisti, RL Scott, Marci Matinucci, Kamni Del Barba, Phil Peabody

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Staff liaison - Christy Perez

Guests Present: Cherryl Silva

1. Chair Report

- The committee welcomed guest Cherryl Silva, who presented a video and discussion regarding Mass Participation and Advocacy within the NorCal section.
- Approval was granted for the Wheelchair Committee meeting minutes from March.
- **Bay Area Wheelchair Tennis (BAWT) Update:** Marci reported that practices are progressing well and welcomed a new junior player. Recognition was given to Edgar and Ashley for their performance at the latest wheelchair tournament. Additionally, Kylie noted that the search for a coach to lead a second practice session for the San Jose group is ongoing.
- **Adaptive Athletics Report (Marty Anderson):** To raise the profile of wheelchair tennis, Marty participated in the SCI barbecue at the UCD medical center. He also announced a continued partnership with BORP to facilitate upcoming tennis clinics in the Bay Area, scheduled for July 11 and August 22. Furthermore, Marty noted that Marcus Oden has indicated a desire to join the committee. Additionally, talks have also begun on a partnership with Abilities First.
- According to Kamni Del Barba, a wheelchair demonstration is scheduled by the DOD for June 14-17 in Texas, with the goal of introducing wheelchair tennis to the Invictus Games within the next two years.
- Shared Adventures in Santa Cruz is collaborating with Sharon to host tennis clinics, according to a report from Kylie. These sessions are scheduled to run for six Sundays throughout June and July, and the organizers are actively seeking volunteers to assist with the camp. Kylie provided an update from the Annual meeting, noting that the Adaptive and Wheelchair departments are currently merging. Applications for the National committee are expected to open this fall for those interested. Furthermore, Kylie will serve as the primary point of contact for Grassroots Wheelchair grants.

2. Staff Report

- Staff Liaison Christy Perez provided a briefing on the All-Comers Camp, noting that 15 players have registered to date.
The camp will be headed by coaches John Devorss and Brendan Fitzpatrick. The committee reviewed logistics concerning daily lunches and parking arrangements. On Saturday evening, a dinner for players and their guests is scheduled at Mad Duck Brewery. In the event of rain, activities will be moved to a sheltered area until conditions improve.
- The committee was reminded of the upcoming Public Parks Wheelchair tennis tournament taking place on Sunday, May 3rd.
- The North vs South Challenge is officially set for October 3-4, preceded by a wheelchair clinic at Fresno State University on Friday, October 2nd.
- Regarding the ITF Wheelchair tournament, Sparetime marketing and NorCal marketing are collaborating on a joint effort to boost awareness and player registration working with local news stations and papers.

3. Open Discussion

- Kylie presented a concise report regarding the upcoming 1.5-day all-comers camp. The proposed venue is Lowell High School in San Francisco, and a board meeting is currently being held to discuss hosting the event at that site on July 11-12. Further details will be shared once they are finalized.

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

