Minutes of the USTA NorCal Community Programs Meeting 1/26/2026

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If some resolutions were not approved by the Board, or were approved by an actual vote of the Board instead of the Committee Recommendation process, note that as well.

Dan Klement, chair of the Community Programs Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcome everyone to the 2026 New Year. All committee members provided a brief self-introduction and welcomed **Oliver Wreford** who is new addition to the committee. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

Committee Members Present: Dan Klement (Chair), David Panconi, Mary Ryniewicz, Wing-Yan So, Camilla Sutherland, Jana Klein, Onawa Gutierrez and Oliver Wreford **Absent:** Mathew Nagle

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Cherryl Silva, Staff Liaison

1. Chair Report

- Item 1: Committee overview
- Chair Klement together with Staff Liaison Silva presented USTA NorCal Organization Mission and Vision. And, reviewed Community Programs Committee Charge including committee ground rules, 2026 goals and committee members expectations.

2. Staff Report

- Item 1: Staff update
- Staff member Cherryl Silva, Advocacy Programs Manager, will be stepping in to support the Community Programs Committee following Troy Rondeau's departure from USTA NorCal. Search for a Sr. Manager of Community Tennis is in the process.
- CTDW/Impact Conference Stipend update – there were 15 community providers awarded a stipend ranging from $700 - $1,000 to attend the Conference. Impact Conference focused on NJTL and the Community Tennis Development Workshop focused on CTA; combined event to connect, educate and inspires community leaders around all 17 sections. A total of $15,000 awarded with joint collaboration with DEI Committee and Park & Recreation Committee.
- 2026 USTA NorCal Grants: staff to create a 1-pager grant resources and to update website.

3. 2026 High School Team Grants

- Item 1: Promotions
- Discussion focused on ensuring clear communication and promotion of the team grants. The committee expressed concern about underutilization of available funding and emphasized the importance of making sure high schools in need are aware of and informed about these grant opportunities.
- Committee members recommended establishing 2-application cycles for the first round to allow adequate time for grant promotion and outreach. The committee discussed partnering with CIF to assist in distributing communications. Committee members and staff will also continue with the outreach efforts.
- Marketing team to create flier, social media post and e-mail blast.

4. Old Business

- Item 1: Cost of facility rental and bathroom issues becomes a barrier to hosting events.

5. New Business

- Item 1: Reactivation of High School sub-committee

Due to time constraint discussions was tabled and will resume at future meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm. Next meeting Monday, February 23, 2026.