Minutes of the USTA NorCal Community Programs Meeting 2/23/2026

APPROVED

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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 7:02 pm. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

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

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Cherryl Silva, Staff Liaison **Staff:** Summer Verhoeven, Executive Director

1. **Chair Report**
   - **<u>Item 1</u>:** Welcome
   - Chair Klement welcomed everyone and opened the floor to Executive Director Summer Verhoeven to share 2026 Mass Participation Initiatives. Executive Director Verhoeven explained Mass Participation Core Investments to contribute to 35x35. The following initiatives were presented.
     - Volunteer recruitment, training, and leadership development
     - Centralized Volunteer Hub platform for coordination & impact tracking
     - Expansion of Adopt-a-Park and High School Tennis Hubs
     - Coaching and leadership pipeline development (WCA, USTA Coaching)
     - Red Ball Tennis Campaign to lower barriers and maximize facility usage

   - **<u>Item 2:</u>** Minutes Approval
   - Chair Klement requested committee members to review minutes from December 1, 2025 and January 26, 2026. A motion by committee member Klein to approve minutes from December 1, 2025 and January 26, duly seconded by committee member Yang. **Approved by 8 in favor with 0 opposed, 0 abstention**.

   - **<u>Item 2:</u>** Old Business (Facility Bathroom issues)
   - Committee Member Klein provided an update on the ongoing challenges related to the costly bathroom project. The committee discussed potential options and alternative solutions to address the issue. Klein expressed her preference for a permanent solution while acknowledging the procedural complexities and administrative processes associated with high school districts. Discussion with Lowell High School was temporarily paused due to the San Francisco Unified School District strikes but Klein will follow-up.

2. **High School Team Grant cycle 1 approval:**
   - **<u>Item 1:</u>** Application discussion
   - Committee members carefully reviewed all applications and engaged in a thoughtful discussion regarding the applicants, which included 4 returning high schools and 7 new high schools. The committee noted that several applications had compelling supporting letters, while others need additional clarification. After careful deliberations. Committee approved the following, total of **$6,500.** Staff to notify schools for payment delays to allow other approvals.
     - Hercules High School for $1,000
     - Pittsburg High School for $1,000
     - Del Norte High School for $1,000
     - Liberty Ranch High School for $1,000
     - Elk Grove High School for $1,000
     - Independence High School for $1,000
     - Castro Valley High School for $500

   Motion to approve by committee member Klein, duly seconded by committee member Sutherland. **Approved 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention.**

- The following applications require additional clarification. Staff members Keith Adams and Cherryl Silva will follow up with each respective schools to request further information as needed. These applications will be deferred for reconsideration at the March 30 meeting.

    - Berkeley High School
    - Bear Creek High School
    - San Mateo High School
    - Sequoia High School

3. 2026 High School Team Grants addition funding request.

- **Item 1:** Due to the increased demand for Cycle 1 of the High School Team Grant and the anticipated number of applicants for Cycle 2, the Committee determined there is a need to request additional funding to support the fall season.

  A motion was made by committee member Gutierrez to request an additional **$15,000** for the High School Team Grant, seconded by committee member Nagle. **The motion was approved unanimously, with 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.**

4. Old Business

- **Item 1:** Reactivation of High School sub-committee

5. New Business

- **Item 1:** n/a

Due to time expiration reactivation of sub-committee was tabled and will resume discussion next meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm. Next meeting Monday, March 30th.