

Don Bearden, chair of the Wheelchair Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

Committee Members Present: Chair - Don Bearden, Marty Anderson, Dez Del Barba, Ashley Sisti, Marci Matinucci, Kamni Del Barba, Phil Peabody

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Staff liaison - Christy Perez

Guests Present: N/A

1. Chair Report

- **Bay Area Wheelchair Tennis (BAWT) News:** An operational update for BAWT was presented by Marci Matinucci and Ashley Sisti, who noted that weekly practice sessions are progressing well with a steady attendance of 10 to 12 participants. Ashley provided a summary of the Dee Henry Wheelchair Tournament at Biola College. Additionally, Jay Nussbaum is expected to relocate from SoCal to Northern California in the near future and may participate in upcoming BAWT practices.
- **Adaptive Athletics Association Inc. News:** Marty Anderson provided an update on the Adaptive Athletics Association Inc., noting that new management is now in place at Gold River Sports Club. Under new policy decisions, every wheelchair member must now hold an active membership with the club. Marty worked out a deal with the club where they charge \$12.50/person to have the Friday night clinic at the club. Weekly clinics will cost about \$6000-\$7000 a year.
- Kamni Del Barba gave an update on advocacy surrounding the Warrior Games.
- Dez Del Barba updated the committee on a player with Danville who is interested in wheelchair tennis.
- Ashley provided an update regarding discussions with the San Francisco Recreation group, who expressed interest in co-hosting an ITF 175 tournament in conjunction with Sacramento. The proposed venue is Golden Gate Park, with further details to follow.
- Phil Peabody provided an update to the committee regarding planned bathroom shower modifications for wheelchair athletes at Gold River Sports Club.

2. Staff Report

- Staff Liaison Christy Perez requested that the wheelchair committee review the submitted player grant applications. Following review, the committee unanimously approved grant funding of \$500 each for the following individuals:
 - Marty Anderson (\$500)
 - Alycia Anderson (\$500)
 - Norah Kerr (\$500)
 - Tom Chun (\$500)
 - Daehyun Justin Kim (\$500)
 - Steve Lau (\$500)
- An update on the SacTown Classic Wheelchair Championships was presented. Preparations for the event are progressing smoothly. Arrangements for umpire hotel accommodations and tournament physiotherapy services are complete, while efforts to finalize local transportation and secure an equipment repair technician remain ongoing.
- Discussions regarding the 1.5-day all-comers camp remain pending and will resume following the conclusion of the ITF tournament.

- The Board and management plan to review future policies regarding wheelchair handling across NorCal. In the interim, all NorCal wheelchairs must be returned to the main office and rentals to the public are suspended due to liability concerns.

3. Open Discussion

- No additional discussion took place.

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

