

Don Bearden chair of the Wheelchair Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:08pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

Committee Members Present: Chair - Don Bearden, Kamni Del Barba, Kylie Hornbeck, Phil Peabody, Ashley Sisti, Edgar Vidriales

USTA NorCal Staff Present: Staff liaison - Christy Perez

Guests Present: N/A

1. Approval of Minutes. The Committee considered approval of the minutes of the meeting held *July 22, 2025*.

2. Chair Report

- Ashley Sisti delivered the Bay Area Wheelchair Tennis report. The BAWT group has maintained continuous weekend practices, with 8 people attending consistently. Several D players are signed up for the SacTown Classic next month. Don was happy to hear that D players were signing up and that BAWT may be getting an additional female wheelchair tennis player soon. Ashley reported that Don was on KPIX Chanel 11 for a spotlight news story and that one additional new player joined the weekend practice due to seeing the story on TV.
- Phil Peabody provided an update on Sacramento activities, noting that players in the area are currently engaged in games on Wednesdays and Fridays. Phil successfully competed in the Antelope Public Parks Tournament, winning his initial singles and doubles matches against able-bodied players. He also reported ongoing efforts to recruit new players.
- Kylie Hornbeck provided an update on the BORP clinic. There was a good turnout at the clinic run by Marty Anderson, Kylie Hornbeck and Christy Perez. One child even brought his 2 siblings. People seemed very interested in continuing tennis.
- Edgar Vidriales delivered an update on the SoCal Sectionals Tournament that will be held on September 9/6-9/7.

3. Staff Report

- Christy Perez reported on the Committee Operating Plan and that it has been submitted to NorCal for the next stage of review.
- Christy provided an update on the SacTown Classic Wheelchair Tournament, noting that there will be a tournament committee meeting for all volunteers and anyone who would like to be involved with the preparation of the tournament. The meeting will be held on Thursday. Reach out to Christy if you would like to be included in the planning committee.
- North vs South Wheelchair Challenge page is now live and accepting signups. The date of the challenge is set for October 11-12 at Fresno State University. More details to follow.
- Wheelchair Player grants were each approved by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

4. Reminders

- Next Wheelchair Committee call is scheduled for Sept 23rd

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.