

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: none

1. Chair Report

- The Wheelchair Committee meeting minutes from February were approved
- **Updates on Bay Area Wheelchair Tennis (BAWT):** Marci Matinucci reported on current Bay Area Wheelchair Tennis (BAWT) activity, including the acquisition of new team merchandise. Attendance at BAWT practices remains steady with 8 to 10 of the 14 rostered players participating in sessions that combine match play and drills. Additionally, Ashley Sisti provided insights on the Houston Tournament and the Cajun Classic, noting that the latter may be entering its final year of operation in 2028.
- **Adaptive Athletics Report (Marty Anderson):** Marty Anderson welcomed Dez Del Barba and Kamni Del Barba back to the committee. Dez shared highlights from a tournament in Lima, where he reached the singles semifinals and competed in the first round of doubles. In his report for the Adaptive Athletics Association, Marty noted that clinic attendance is strong with 11 current participants and up to four more expected. He also mentioned that several new players have begun attending practices.

2. Staff Report

- The committee reviewed and discussed three grant stipend applications. Following the evaluation, funding was approved for the following organizations:
 - Silicon Valley Wheelchair Tournament: \$4,000
 - Adaptive Athletics Association Inc.: \$3,000
 - BAWT: \$3,000
- Regarding the Wheelchair All-Comers Camp, Christy announced that National coaches Brendan Fitzpatrick and John Devorss will be in attendance. She urged everyone to register promptly and help publicize the event. Marty and Kamni also noted the option for participants to bring two chairs if necessary.
- A reminder about the Public Parks Wheelchair tennis tournament on Sunday, May 3rd was shared with everyone.

3. Open Discussion

- Nothing to report

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

