

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:** Don Bearden - Chair. Marty Anderson, Ashley Sisti, Phil Peabody, Kamni Del Barba, Dez Del Barba, Anil Pakina, RL Scott, Edgar Vidriales, Kylie Hornbeck

**USTA NorCal Staff Present:** Christy Perez, staff liaison

**Guests Present:** none

**1. Approval of Minutes.** The Committee considered approval of the minutes of the meeting held *February 3, 2025*. The following motion was duly made by Kamni Del Barba seconded by Phil Peabody and **approved** by a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions:

## **2. Chair Report**

- Item 1: BAWT update. Anil Pakina gave the BAWT update. Anil reported that practices have been going well. They have 1 new addition to the team - Michelle. Ashley has helped with the coaching of the players due to her back injury. The BAWT team is asking the committee for recommendations for a chair for Michelle. Marty recommended a potential San Jose player (Retica) to BAWT. Don reported that BAWT may also have a junior wheelchair player (Damian) joining the team.
- Item 2: Adaptive Athletics Association update. Marty Anderson reported that the team is practicing as much as they can given the weather conditions. Phil Peabody added that he has given Bass a new chair for tennis. Both Phil and Marty reported that there are 2 new possible players interested in wheelchair tennis (Caleb and Troy).

## **3. Staff Report**

- Item 1: Kylie Hornbeck will be meeting with BORP in the next 2 weeks to discuss wheelchair tennis programming and target start date.
- Item 2: The 2025 Wheelchair Tennis Tournament calendar was introduced.
- Item 3: The 2025 Wheelchair Organization grant stipends were reviewed and voted on. The following 2025 Wheelchair grant stipends were approved on Tuesday March 4, 2025 via committee vote by the wheelchair committee. The vote was 8 in favor and 0 opposed in the following amounts:
  - Bay Area Wheelchair Tennis - awarded \$3000
  - 2025 Silicon Valley Wheelchair Open - awarded \$4200
  - Adaptive Athletics Association - awarded \$2800
- Item 4: Valley Children's Hospital exhibition update. Edgar Vidriales will be connecting with Laura in the next 2 weeks to solidify plans for the event.
- Item 5: SacTown Classic Wheelchair Championships update. Christy introduced the rebranding of the tournament name. Planning continues to be going very smoothly. She will be reaching out to individual committee members regarding areas of assistance.
- Item 6: Public Parks Tournament update. Wheelchair divisions have been added to the tournaments. These will be one day tournaments for the wheelchair players.
- Item 7: Reminder that player grants are live on the USTA NorCal grants page.

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.