

VAIL PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
d/b/a VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5:00 P.M.
Thursday, September 11, 2014
Town of Vail, Council Chambers
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. August 28, 2014
3. Public Input of Items not on the Agenda
4. Update on Golf Course Clubhouse
5. Update on Disc Golf Course in East Vail-Mr. Scott O'Connell
6. Executive Director Input
7. Board Member Input
8. Adjournment

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District August 28, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on August 28, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Vail Town Council Chambers, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT
 - 1.1. Kim Newbury, Tom Saalfeld, Jeff Wiles, Kevin Foley, Bill Suarez
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. None
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion
4. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. Jenny Rink, Jo Rink, John Gottlieb, Charlie Penwill, Mike Kieler
5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
 - 5.1. Eric Weaver, Robertson & Marchetti, P.C.
6. CALL TO ORDER
 - 6.1. Director Wiles called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - 7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2014 meeting.
8. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - 8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to move into Executive Session for the purpose(s): §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., “Conferences with an attorney for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions”
 - 8.2. Upon exiting from Executive Session Director Foley noted that the matters discussed in executive session did not deviate from the purpose it was called for..

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9. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- 9.1. Mr. Charlie Penwill spoke to the board about his perspective on the Pickleball program that has grown in Vail over the past two summers. Pickleball is game that can be played by anybody, school-age children and older. It is an interesting demographic group, beneficial to Vail. Many players in Vail reside elsewhere during the winter but live in Vail during the summer and are a positive financial addition to the Vail area. This summer, the VRD has provided the players with four courts, from one during last summer. Pickleball allows a full-sized tennis court to be turned into four pickleball courts, with up to 16 players playing at any one time. The game works well when there is a central location and the local players would like to see the Golden Peak courts be that area.
- 9.1.1. Director Saalfeld questioned if parking at Golden Peak has worked for the group. Mr. Penwill said the parking has been successful for the program.
- 9.2. Mr. Joe Rink, also a member of the pickleball community, recommended expansion of the courts to pickleball only at Golden Peak. He also encouraged the addition of a seating area, water for drinking and cleaning of the courts, as well as bathrooms. He encouraged the board to research how pickleball players will pay for the activities, as well as relocating the junior program to the Vail Tennis Center at Ford Park. He mentioned there are two outdoor pickleball courts in Avon, as well as indoor court used at Avon Elementary School for weeknight play. This year 50 people paid \$15 for the summer pickleball at Golden Peak.
- 9.2.1. Director Suarez clarified that Mr. Rink is suggesting moving the junior program to Ford Park, not moving the courts at Golden Peak elsewhere. He also explained the VRD is working on a plan to repair the Golden Peak courts, and, when this happens, the VRD can look at reorienting the courts. He also stated that no additional changes will be made until new hard court(s) are installed to Booth Creek, as the hard court at Gold Peak is needed until that time He agreed that a plan needs to be created with a payment policy.
- 9.3. Mr. Penwill also mentioned there are two pickelball courts at Cordillera but Vail is emerging as the pickleball center for the Vail Valley. He explained there's very little maintenance required and encouraged the board look at the peripheral benefits of bringing people to town to play the sport.
- 9.4. Mr. Mike Keiler also expressed interest in hosting a pickleball tournament in Vail.
- 9.5. Director Wiles thanked the group for coming, saying the board will review their suggestions as they plan for 2015.

10. ASSIGNMENT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 10.1. Mr. Weaver explained the public hearing for the budget would take place in October and be continued for approval in November. Mr. Weaver requested two members of the board be part of the committee.

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- 10.1.1. Directors Suarez and Saalfeld volunteered to sit on the budget committee.
- 10.2. Mr. Weaver also shared that Sept. 10-12 is the Colorado Special District's Association annual conference in Keystone. The conference is designed for board members of special districts and includes information on budgets, financials, elections, community interaction and more.

11. JULY 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT

- 11.1. Mr. Weaver provided the board with a recap of financials through July. Revenues are doing well with unfavorable revenues in Gymnastics due to not requiring new uniforms, as well as revenues down at the Vail Golf Club due to weather, later opening and other various factors. Operations and expenses are favorable in most departments. Most changes in operations are due to timing. The district is looking to finish the year in good standing.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INPUT

- 12.1. Ms. Jamie Gunion provided a brief update from the executive director's report, which included:
 - 12.1.1. The KEEN Vail Kids Adventure Games was a success. Overall the VRD grossed nearly \$70,000 in revenue from adventure games, clinic and mud run registrations. The sports department is processing expenses. Additionally, the VRD and Kids Adventure Games, L.L.C will present a recap to the Commission on Special Events on Sept. 3.

13. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 13.1. Director Foley questioned what the significant challenges with disc golf creation. He will meet with staff to discuss.
 - 13.1.1. Ms. Gunion commented that challenges include working around the wetland areas.
- 13.2. Director Suarez is excited to see Ford Park coming to completion.
- 13.3. Director Newbury said the Vail Golf Course looked amazing on television during US Pro Cycling Challenge coverage. She commended the staff who worked during the Kids Adventure Games.
- 13.4. Director Wiles commented he had been approached about installing an outdoor ice arena at Donovan Park to increase programming and extended opportunities for the community to play hockey or skate. Director Newbury encouraged the topic is discussed during recreation subcommittee. Director Wiles also said the 10@10,000 feet trail running race took place on Aug. 24 with solid turnout of runners and spectators. He echoed Director Newbury's comment about the Kids Adventure Games.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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14.1. Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Vail Recreation District Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Gunion
Secretary to the Meeting

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GOLF MAINTENANCE

- Hole 18: Continues to mature, only minimal areas roped or restricted. Native areas on the left of the hole continue to progress, but will need to be roped off through September. Wildflowers seeded above green coming in nicely.
- Practice area of old 18 green getting utilized more and more.
- Aeration schedule for this fall:
 - Fairways- September 15-19, or until completed
 - Tees- September 22-26, or until completed
 - Greens- October 6-7
- Weather update: Rainy end to August had some fungal diseases become active, fairy ring and Yellow Patch specifically. We did an extra fungicide application, outside of our normal program, to keep it in check until we broke out of the cloudy, rainy, cool weather pattern. No turf was lost, just superficial and aesthetic in nature. August weather figures, below:
 - High temp. - 78
 - Avg high - 69.3
 - Low temp. - 36
 - Avg low – 41.6
 - Precipitation – 2.06”
- Gore Creek continues to flow slightly above the historical median numbers each day, a good trend as far as irrigation restriction potentials apply. We are essentially through the “worry period” as watering requirements are concerned. Regular frosts began this past week, with four frosts in five days, from August 30-Septmeber 4.

GOLF OPERATIONS

- Our weather did impact August numbers slightly. However, we were 20 percent up in revenue for rental clubs for the month of August. Green Fees were down 8 percent for month. Cart Fees down 4.75 percent. Total rounds in August for 2014 were 6,145 compared to 6,461 in 2013. Total rounds for the year through August 2014=18,341 compared to 19,580 in 2013. This is a difference of 1,239 rounds for the year.
- The Vail GC hosted the Vail Mountain School Boy’s HS Invitational on Tuesday September 2. Vail Mountain School finished in 2nd place, 4 strokes behind Aspen. Coaches and players were complimentary on course conditions, course marking and tournament presentation.
- Club Championship is taking place for both Men’s and Ladies league. The tournament finishes Sept 4.
- We have several Corporate Outings and shotguns coming up in the next 10 days. We have a Red Rocks Country Club group playing on Sept 10-11 with 92 players in a shotgun. September 14 is the Vail International Hockey Tournament with an 11 a.m. shotgun
- Alice and Jamie are coordinating with the Vail Chamber to host a Tournament on Oct 2nd. This tournament will benefit the Tom Slaughter Fund. The price is \$100 per person or \$400 per team. Information will be sent on Sept. 5.

- Our staff at the Vail Golf Club is lean for the month of September and October. We have had several seasonal employees decide to leave early this season.
- Our group clinics have finished for the season. We taught over 300 adults this year in the Women's, Senior and Coors coaching hour. We taught over 200 juniors this year through a variety of programs and camps.
- Golf Bikes continue to rent out daily. We have now paid for 3 of the 4 bikes. Legacy Ridge in Denver is very interested in purchasing a few for next season.
- Several staff from the Vail GC will be heading to the BMW Championship in Denver this week. Exciting to have the top 70 PGA Players at Cherry Hills this year.
- Ray Jay Benoit was voted "Employee of the Year" at the Vail GC by his fellow staff. Ethan Malzahn was voted to have the "Best Customer Service."

SPORTS REPORT

- The 31st Annual Athletic Club at the Westin Vail Mountain Bike Series wrapped up last Wednesday at Beaver Creek. It was another successful season that showcased some new courses. Congratulations to Pedal Power on the team win and congrats to all the series winners. Big thanks go out to all the volunteers and sponsors who are an integral part of making the series so successful.
- We have our 2nd Cyclocross race on Wednesday 9/17 to wrap up the season of bike events.
- Sports Department will be assisting in production of three charity races: BMHS XC Home Meet, Wild West Days Great Stampede and BMHS FBLA's Zombie Run.
- Fall adult leagues have commenced in Flag Football and Co-ed Soccer. Volleyball will start in another month.
- The final trail running race of the season is the La Sportiva Evergold 5k, 11k on Sept. 14 at the Vail Golf Course.
- Fall Youth Soccer is underway with 175 kids playing in Micro, U8 and U10 leagues.
- Beth, Jamie and Joel are off to Interbike next week to meet with existing and potential new partners.

MARKETING

- Finishing up summer marketing and gearing up for fall and winter. Summer 2015 planning also underway for long-lead publications.
- Will begin working on post-event survey for both the mountain bike and trail running race series.
- Kids Adventure Games survey complete and recap presented to Commission on Special Events. The event was well received by the CSE. Survey highlights include:

Comparison to past years:

- 58% increase in race participants over 2013
- 632% increase in race participation since inaugural event in 2010
- 25% increase in overall attendance over 2013
- 1,599% increase in overall attendance since 2010

Total Estimated attendance: 8,495

- 366 Teams
- 732 Participants
- 2,928 Family Members

- 4,500 Expo Participants
 - 335 Mud Run Competitors
- Geographic Breakdown of Participants:
- Local (Vail Valley): 51%
 - Denver and Surrounding Areas: 34%
 - Out of State: 14%
 - International: 1%

- Coordinating a community golf tournament with Alice and the VCBA on Oct. 2. Looking forward to raising awareness about the Tom Slaughter, Jr. Grant Program and bring the community together before the snow flies.
- Park City representatives will be in Vail Sept. 10-12. Hope to have some VRD staff meet with the representatives and share what we do.
- Jamie, Beth and Joel will be heading to Interbike Sept. 10-12 to procure sponsorships and meet with existing partners.

GYMNASTICS

- The Girl's Gymnastics Team held a carwash/BBQ fundraiser and were able to raise \$300 towards their program.
- Competition starts this month and the team is working hard to prepare for a great season.
- The gym purchased a new Balance Beam for the Team and will be setting it up as soon as we can arrange time to undergo minor construction.
- The Boy's team is back from their summer and has resumed practices preparing for their upcoming season in January.
- We welcomed 2 new members to the Boy's Team and 2 new members to the Girl's Team.

PARKS MAINTENANCE

- Prepping for fall leagues. All fields, except Ford Park will be in use. Waiting for the contractors to turn over Ford Park to the VRD. Anticipated to happen in the next two weeks.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

Community Programming

- Traffic at Imagination Station was busy prior to Labor Day and dropped off significantly now that town is slow and children are back in school. We are seeing one to four families per day.
- We are planning a "Chocolate Making" evening in conjunction with the TOV Library for Wednesday, October 1.

Camps

- All summer camps are closed. We are moved out of Golden Peak Children's Center, and Scott O'Connell has a small punch list to complete.

Other

- Chad has been working with Todd Oppenheimer with the TOV on a skatepark in the atrium of the Lionshead Parking structure. We have preliminary designs from American Ramp Company and are shopping these to the skate community to make sure the skaters can be excited about this park in this location. We had to go to another round of preliminary design since the first design did not fit all the engineering parameters we gave them, fine-tune another engineering parameter, and the overall direction was not what the local skaters would like to see.

- Youth staff offered children's activities (on VERY short notice) to the VVF's Friday evening U.S. Pro Challenge bike race kick-off event. We provided carnival games, a bounce house, slide and staffing for all.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Vail Golf Course

- Hole #8 gas line exposure
 - TOV met with Xcel to discuss line repair with two options discussed:
 - 1) Relocate line away from creek utilizing combination of open excavation and horizontal drilling. Xcel would request new easement with TOV requiring existing site be restored as part of agreement (easement doesn't match existing location, negotiating new line and discussing construction options)
 - 2) Repair and restore stream bank in current location.
- Hole #3
 - Contractor on Resnick home has requested access for rock installation. Working with Golf Maintenance team to see if we can accommodate and minimize impact, should be complete prior to board meeting.

Vail Golf Club House

- Old plumbing continues to plague the building.

Vail Golf Maintenance Building

- Heater in garage bay is scheduled to be replaced, this is a TOV project managed by VRD.
- Main door on west side also scheduled for replacement.

Ford Park and Athletic Fields Renovation

- Punch list items being worked on.
- Project currently includes landscaping on upper bench, work on Alpine Gardens entrance.
- TOV, VRD, BFAG, & VVF met to discuss maintenance of new park features, an agreement will be drafted once work is complete.

Tennis

- Golden Peak Tennis court anchors repaired, VRD to restring net.
- Landscaping between courts 3-8 completed prior to tennis tournament

Dobson

- Concessions is looking at replacing the sink for code compliance
- Boiler Project nearing completion, Tolin mechanical working on finishing punch list items
- Bricks on west end of building now rescheduled for 2015.
- Contractor has been hired by TOV to excavate north west side of building and reseal concrete structure to alleviate leaks in mechanical spaces

Gymnastics

- Contractor has hired by TOV to excavate north side of building and reseal north wall to alleviate water infiltration on north side.
 - Work should conclude by early next week.

Disc Golf

- VRD completed a walk through and evaluation with Birdie Disc Golf of potential for a disc golf course on Katso Ranch land.
 - VRD will host a walk through with TOV to discuss project

Projects on the radar

- ERW&SD will be working on replacing wells and pumps in the vicinity of #12 greens (specifically on the west side of the restrooms. Project is scheduled for

- fall 2014 and will have a minimal impact on play (driving carts around construction on the way to 13. Additional details are being discussed now
- VRD has contracted with Pierce Architects to provide conceptual plans for both the installation of a permanent shade structure at the Vail Nature Center as well as a new restroom and storage facility at the Vail Athletic fields. VRD bldg dept. will provide details at future VRD board meeting. VRD to meet with Pierce to review work completed and devise plan for roll out to TOV and public

DOBSON

- Our middle school cross country program has 55 kids registered. We have had nothing but the most positive feedback. The community is excited about this one.
- We hosted 3 different youth teams from Denver over Labor Day weekend. This has been a trend over the years.
- We hosted 21 of the world's best hockey players which included several NHL All Stars from September 1-5. This was the most elite cast since the camps inception about 8 years ago. Players included Sidney Crosby, Nathan McKinnon, Patrick Kane and Jonathan Tavares to name a few.