

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

5:00 P.M.
Thursday, January 22, 2015
Town of Vail, Council Chambers
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. December 11, 2014
3. Public Input of Items not on the Agenda
4. Legal Matters
 - a. 2015 Meeting Dates
 - b. 2015 Meeting Notice Posting Locations
5. 2014 Preliminary December Financials – Mr. Eric Weaver
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 December 11, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on December 11, 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. Kevin Foley, Jeff Wiles, Bill Suarez, Tom Saalfeld
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. Kim Newbury
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion
4. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. Chris Romer, Vail Valley Partnership
 - 4.2. Gabe Shalley, EGE Air Alliance
 - 4.3. Members of Battle Mountain High School Cross Country Team
5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
 - 5.1. Eric Weaver, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC
6. CALL TO ORDER
 - 6.1. Director Wiles called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.
7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - 7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014 meeting.
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
 - 8.1. None
9. BATTLE MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM THANK YOU
 - 9.1. Members of the Battle Mountain High School Cross Country Team, with their coach Rob Parish, thanked the VRD Board for contributing \$2,000 to help the

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- team attend the Nike Regional Championships in Arizona. The athletes said the team had a successful season with 25 BMHS athletes attending the championships. The championships include the top 30 teams in the western U.S.
- 9.2. BMHS Coach Rob Parish explained the Nike race is a growing event. BMHS is unique with being able to fundraise and allow as many members as feasible to attend the championships. In addition to the competition, the team visited Sedona and various Arizona colleges. Fundraising allows the team to travel as a group.
- 9.3. Mr. Ortiz thanked the team for their community representation and volunteering for the VRD's summer events, including the trail running races and Kids Adventure Games.

10. EGE AIR ALLIANCE PRESENTATION

- 10.1. Mr. Chris Romer, President of the Vail Valley Partnership, presented information about the Eagle County Regional Airport (EGE) Air Alliance. He explained the Air Alliance is a 501-c6 non-profit public-private partnership that provides funding to make the airport a vital part of the Eagle County economy. The EGE Air Alliance started in 2002 and now has over 60 organizations participating in the program. Outside of the Denver commuter flight, every flight into EGE has started with a minimum revenue guarantee. According to Mr. Romer, the Air Alliance is important as it impacts every town and municipality in Eagle County. He explained the airport employees nearly 600 employees. Approximately 47 percent of jobs in Eagle County are directly related to tourism and hospitality and one in four airport customers would consider a change in a vacation destination if the airport continues to decrease flights. Mr. Romer reported that competitive resort communities, such as Aspen and Steamboat, have approximately \$3.5 million to attract air service into their community. EGE Airport only has about \$400,000. EGE funding is not dedicated unlike competitor resort communities (Steamboat, Aspen, Telluride, Sun Valley, Mammoth, Jackson Hole, Crested Butte, etc.).
- 10.2. Ms. Gabe Shalley, EGE Air Alliance Board Member, also presented information about the airline industry. She explained airlines need to be "courted" and educated about opportunities available at EGE airport. Almost all small regional airports have experienced a decrease in seats/flights, unless there is a dedicated funding source. More than 1/3 of Eagle County's guests arrive via EGE airport. Additionally, I-70 congestion is a continued concern and EGE Airport continues to provide alternative transportation. Ms. Shalley also explained any revenues generated by EGE airport must be reinvested back into the airport in such a way that it benefits all users. She said, the current structure for EGE Airport is both unreliable and insufficient because it relies on the annual "variable" public and private funds, making it difficult to capitalize on all potential opportunities at the airport.

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- 10.3. Ms. Shalley explained the current funding model is insufficient and unsustainable. If the EGE Air Alliance fails it will have a tremendous impact on the tourism economy in the valley.
- 10.4. Mr. Romer commented that the alliance is not asking for money, but educating the VRD board and the community about the Air Alliance and its importance in the community.
- 10.5. Director Saalfeld questioned the primary funding entities.
- 10.5.1. Mr. Romer explained the largest funding partners are Eagle County Government, Town of Eagle, Town of Gypsum, Beaver Creek Resort Company and Vail Resorts. Many small businesses, retail shops, restaurants and lodges are also funding partners. There are about 65 partners overall.
- 10.6. Director Suarez questioned what the stumbling block is to implementing a funding source.
- 10.6.1. Mr. Romer explained there is need to look countywide for a solution, with everyone being part of the program.
- 10.7. Director Suarez questioned when the airport is busy and opportunities for growth.
- 10.7.1. Mr. Romer explained during the peak winter season on Saturdays, the airport is close to capacity. However, the rest of the time, there are plenty of opportunities to incur additional flights.
- 10.8. Mr. Ortiz questioned if the county had analyzed whether a tax increase would be feasible.
- 10.8.1. Mr. Romer explained a poll was done on a \$.25 and \$.35 cent sales tax, exempting groceries, etc. There was 96 percent recognition of the importance of the airport. The poll showed a 46 percent support at \$.25 and 54 percent against. The support dropped significantly at \$.35 sales tax increase.

11. OCTOBER 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT

- 11.1. Mr. Weaver reviewed October 2014 financials as the district nears the end of the financial year.
- 11.1.1. He said the Vail Golf Club ended 2 percent lower than forecasted
- 11.1.2. Director Saalfeld questioned the reason that golf was down this summer.
- 11.1.2.1. Mr. Weaver explained the results are due to a later start in the season, late peak fees and rainy weather in July and August.
- 11.2. Director Suarez questioned Gymnastics being down 11 percent.
- 11.2.1. Mr. Weaver explained, this year the Gymnastics Center didn't have revenue and expenses from uniforms.
- 11.3. Overall, Mr. Weaver explained there are no surprises and financials are looking good through the end of the year.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INPUT

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- 12.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed items from the Director's Report, which included:
- 12.1.1. Golf Maintenance: In a span from Nov. 11 to Nov. 25 accumulated 45" of snow at its weather station.
 - 12.1.2. Golf Operations has ordered an additional six golf bikes for 2015. Total golf rounds were down 494 over 2013. The Women's Golf and Yoga Retreat will return June 18-21. A Couples Golf Yoga Retreat is also being scheduled for next summer.
 - 12.1.3. The Sports Department is conducting interviews for a new sports coordinator. Steve Croucher left to take a position in Stratton, VT. Sports have also had discussions with Alpine Kayak in taking over the Town's whitewater series in 2015. Discussions are underway for two new large tournaments summer 2015- a soccer showcase, put on by the Colorado Storm and the Colorado Youth Baseball World Series.
 - 12.1.3.1. Director Wiles questioned a need for more staff within the sports department as the tournaments grow.
 - 12.1.4. Marketing, Sports and Community Programming hit the streets handing out information on winter programming to concierges and businesses. Marketing is also working on collateral and information about the Grill on the Gore.
 - 12.1.5. Gymnastics has had a several successful placements at the Level 5 and Level 4 state meets. Leah Sandberg placed 10th in the state on the bars for Level 5.
 - 12.1.6. School's Out Camp will take place Dec. 19 through Jan. 5 with Community Programming. There was an open house on Dec. 2 for concierges with low attendance. There are opportunities for holiday gift making and a Lanterns and Libation program coming up in December.
 - 12.1.7. Maintenance is working on a shade structure at the Nature Center with conceptual designs. There is also a conceptual design ready for storage for sports at the Athletic Field.
 - 12.1.8. The Sportsmanship Tournament took place the first three weeks in November and was highly successful. The Holiday Ice Show is also coming up at the end of December.
- 12.2. Director Foley questioned how the whitewater series would work.
- 12.2.1. Mr. Ortiz explained that discussions are continuing on how it will be managed. The Commission on Special Events funds the event. It takes place on Tuesday evenings in May/June.
- 12.3. Mr. Ortiz also reported that he presented the interpretive master plan of the Nature Center to the Vail Local Marketing District Advisory Council. The advisory council voted to fund the study at \$30,000 to include a hiking component. Mr. Ortiz thanked the advisory council for their support of the study. VLMDAC studies continue to show hiking as the number one activity for

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guests who visit Vail. A 3rd party will do the study and it will be coordinated with Walking Mountains and the VRD.

12.4. The English National Rugby Team will be practicing in Vail.

13. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

13.1. Director Tom Saalfeld spoke about the golf bikes. He commented that the bikes were somewhat unstable when you park them.

13.1.1. Mr. Ortiz explained the manufacturer is working on fixing the issues and staff also is working on solutions.

13.2. Director Foley asked about the ice damn on the Nordic Track.

13.2.1. Mr. Ortiz explained staff is aware of the damn, which was created by a beaver, and are looking for solutions.

13.3. Director Suarez encouraged people to checkout the Nordic Center as the course is in great shape.

13.4. Director Wiles wished everyone happy holidays. He is looking forward to the two new tournaments this summer.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Vail Recreation District Proposed 2015 Meeting Schedule

Month	Meeting	Date
January	Regular Meeting	January 8, 2015
January	Regular Meeting	January 22, 2015
February	Regular Meeting	February 12, 2015
February	Regular Meeting	February 26, 2015
March	Regular Meeting	March 12, 2015
March	Regular Meeting	March 26, 2015
April	Regular Meeting	April 9, 2015
April	Regular Meeting	April 23, 2015
May	Regular Meeting	May 14, 2015
May	Regular Meeting	May 28, 2015
June	Annual Meeting	June 11, 2015
June	Annual Meeting	June 25, 2015
July	Regular Meeting	July 9, 2015
July	Regular Meeting	July 23, 2015
August	Regular Meeting	August 13, 2015
August	Regular Meeting	August 27, 2015
September	Regular Meeting	September 10, 2015
September	Regular Meeting	September 24, 2015
October	Regular Meeting	October 8, 2015
October	Regular Meeting	October 22, 2015
November	Regular Meeting	November 12, 2015
December	Regular Meeting	December 10, 2015

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**DO NOT REMOVE
TO REMAIN IN VIEW THROUGHOUT 2015**

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETINGS
VAIL PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that regular meetings of the Board of Directors of Vail Park and Recreation District d/b/a Vail Recreation District, Eagle County, Colorado, will be held at the Vail Town Council Chambers 75 S. Frontage Road West, Vail, Colorado on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 5:00 p.m.; at which meeting the Board will take up regular business of the District and any other matters as may come before the Board. Anyone wishing items to be put on the agenda should contact Mike Ortiz at 479-2461. This meeting is open to the public.

By /s/
Bill Suarez, Secretary

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Regular Meetings was, by me personally, posted in three locations within the District's boundaries. (Town of Vail Municipal Building, Vail Golf Course, Vail Recreation District Administration Office.)

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Regular Meetings and Special Meeting/Work Sessions was, by me personally, forwarded to the Eagle County Clerk and Recorder's Office, P.O. Box 537, Eagle, Colorado 81631.



Accountant's Compilation Report

January 18, 2015

Board of Directors
Vail Recreation District
Vail, Colorado

We have compiled the accompanying balance sheet of Vail Recreation District as of December 31, 2014 and the related statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance – historical, budget and forecast - for the twelve month period then ended. We also compiled the accompanying budget and forecast of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for the year ending December 31, 2014 and the adopted 2015 budget, in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As a consulting financial manager, we participate in the financial management of the District. Management (with our participation) is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements. We have prepared these financial statements in our capacity as consulting financial managers for the District.

Our responsibilities include conducting the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

Management (with our participation) has elected to omit substantially all the disclosures and the statement of cash flows required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the District's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Accordingly, the financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

A compilation of a forecasted financial statement is limited to presenting in the form of a forecast, information that is the representation of management and does not include evaluation of the support for the assumptions underlying the forecast. We have not examined the accompanying forecast and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the forecasted statement or assumptions. Furthermore, there will usually be differences between the forecasted and actual results, because events and circumstances frequently do not occur as expected and those differences may be material. We have no responsibility to update this report for events or circumstances occurring after the date of this report.

The actual historical information for calendar year 2013 is presented for comparative purposes only. Such information is taken from the financial statements for the District for the year ended December 31, 2013, which have been audited by McMahan and Associates, L.L.C. and upon which they expressed an unqualified opinion in their report dated July 2, 2014.

We are not independent from an accounting and auditing perspective with respect to Vail Recreation District because we perform certain accounting services that impair our independence.

VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT
 COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
 December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2014

	12/31/13					12/31/14				
	General Fund	Enter-prise Fund	General Fixed Assets & LTD	Ent. Fund Fixed Assets & LTD	Total	General Fund	Enter-prise Fund	General Fixed Assets & LTD	Ent. Fund Fixed Assets & LTD	Total
ASSETS										
CASH- UNRESTRICTED	3,223,801	300			3,224,101	3,691,493	(1,200)			3,690,293
INVESTMENTS- RESTRICTED		291,421			291,421		293,074			293,074
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	437,744	1,665			439,409	131,118	3,129			134,247
PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE	2,490,158	301,345			2,791,504	2,457,073	256,390			2,713,463
PREPAIDS, DEPOSITS & INVENTORY	1,976	73,714			75,690	476	59,540			60,016
DUE (TO) FROM OTHER FUND	(147,554)	147,554			0	(1,206,719)	1,206,719			0
LOAN DUE (TO) FROM OTHER FUND	378	(378)			0	17,223	(17,223)			0
LAND & BUILDINGS			722,160	12,124,678	12,846,838			722,160	12,124,678	12,846,838
EQUIPMENT			772,165	1,740,862	2,513,027			772,165	1,740,862	2,513,027
ACCUM DEPR			(711,676)	(7,999,771)	(8,711,447)			(711,676)	(7,999,771)	(8,711,447)
TOTAL ASSETS	6,006,503	815,621	782,649	5,865,769	13,470,542	5,090,664	1,800,429	782,649	5,865,769	13,539,511
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY										
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	307,871	165,290			473,161	46,363	23,580			69,943
DEFERRED PROPERTY TAXES	2,490,158	301,345			2,791,504	2,457,073	256,390			2,713,463
DEFERRED REVENUE	27,342	10,263			37,605	26,976	12,377			39,353
ACCRUED COMPENSATED ABSENCES			34,206	20,734	54,940			34,206	20,734	54,940
ACCRUED INTEREST PAYABLE			425	27,851	28,276			425	27,851	28,276
DUE TO TOV- DOBSON IMPROVEMENTS				5,307	5,307				0	0
DUE TO TOV-GYMNASTICS			40,000		40,000			0		0
DOBSON BONDS PAYABLE				1,610,000	1,610,000				1,410,000	1,410,000
IMPUTED INTEREST			(786)	(104)	(890)			0	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,825,371	476,899	73,845	1,663,788	5,039,903	2,530,412	292,347	34,631	1,458,585	4,315,976
NET ASSETS										
INV IN FIXED ASSETS, NET OF DEBT			708,804	4,201,981	4,910,785			748,018	4,407,184	5,155,202
RESTRICTED	111,653	278,913			390,566	110,705	278,913			389,618
COMMITTED & ASSIGNED FOR CAPITAL	2,000,000				2,000,000	1,350,000	1,200,000			2,550,000
UNASSIGNED	1,069,479	59,809			1,129,288	1,099,547	29,169			1,128,716
TOTAL NET ASSETS	3,181,132	338,722	708,804	4,201,981	8,430,639	2,560,252	1,508,082	748,018	4,407,184	9,223,535
TOTAL LIAB & NET ASSETS	6,006,503	815,621	782,649	5,865,769	13,470,542	5,090,664	1,800,429	782,649	5,865,769	13,539,511

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VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
ACTUAL, BUDGET AND FORECAST FOR THE PERIODS INDICATED

Printed: 01/19/15

Modified Accrual Basis

	2013 Audited Actual	2014 Forecast	12 Months Ended 12/31/14 Actual	12 Months Ended 12/31/14 Budget	Variance Favorble (Unfavor)	2015 Adopted Budget
COMBINED REVENUES						
PROPERTY AND OTHER TAXES, NET OF FEES	2,710,991	2,817,591	2,821,839	2,698,069	123,770	2,740,695
OTHER NON-DEPARTMENTALIZED REVENUES	89,384	63,750	61,871	64,250	(2,379)	63,750
BANQUET ROOM OPERATIONS, NET	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPORTS	435,912	410,168	411,980	366,864	45,116	376,349
GYMNASTICS	249,050	203,794	193,439	229,175	(35,736)	215,638
COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING	369,599	352,393	362,270	345,700	16,570	345,400
OUTDOOR & NORDIC PROGRAM	114,161	84,160	97,767	77,000	20,767	83,000
GOLF COURSE	1,347,486	1,262,800	1,285,648	1,309,250	(23,602)	1,236,894
TENNIS	37,219	38,038	37,326	36,965	361	37,965
DOBSON	536,408	556,655	555,582	528,787	26,795	575,555
TOTAL REVENUES	5,890,210	5,789,349	5,827,723	5,656,060	171,663	5,675,246
OPERATING EXPENSES						
ADMINISTRATION	(633,400)	(653,196)	(639,893)	(687,548)	47,655	(640,917)
PUBLIC RELATIONS/MARKETING	(207,683)	(230,655)	(218,918)	(231,350)	12,432	(249,045)
PARK MAINTENANCE	(165,681)	(152,279)	(161,526)	(172,413)	10,886	(195,634)
FACILITIES MAINTENANCE	(109,682)	(116,740)	(119,689)	(116,643)	(3,046)	(121,746)
SPORTS	(499,124)	(524,714)	(510,340)	(482,980)	(27,360)	(482,199)
GYMNASTICS	(238,171)	(206,062)	(210,775)	(232,636)	21,861	(231,307)
COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING	(411,953)	(426,307)	(413,945)	(427,132)	13,187	(435,429)
OUTDOOR & NORDIC PROGRAM	(118,611)	(78,399)	(67,897)	(70,550)	2,653	(78,000)
GOLF OPERATIONS	(653,925)	(655,441)	(658,537)	(659,657)	1,120	(776,418)
GOLF MAINTENANCE	(759,636)	(756,897)	(769,763)	(776,583)	6,820	(776,479)
TENNIS	(79,764)	(81,325)	(80,140)	(77,963)	(2,177)	(67,389)
DOBSON	(586,792)	(641,962)	(621,483)	(594,790)	(26,693)	(669,996)
TOTAL EXPENSES	(4,464,420)	(4,523,977)	(4,472,907)	(4,530,246)	57,339	(4,724,560)
CHANGE IN FUND BAL BEFORE DS & CAP	1,425,790	1,265,373	1,354,816	1,125,814	229,002	950,686
DEBT SERVICE	(323,749)	(324,582)	(324,582)	(324,582)	0	(274,145)
CHANGE IN FUND BAL BEFORE CAP	1,102,041	940,791	1,030,234	801,232	229,002	676,541
DONATIONS, LOANS, & SALE OF ASSETS	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	(414,457)	(531,680)	(481,755)	(1,982,175)	1,500,420	(2,374,484)
LESS UNFUNDED CAPITAL PROJECTS	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONTINGENCY	-	(25,000)	-	(125,000)	125,000	(100,000)
TOTAL NET CAPITAL EXPENSES	(414,457)	(556,680)	(481,755)	(2,107,175)	1,625,420	(2,474,484)
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	687,584	384,110	548,479	(1,305,943)	1,854,422	(1,797,942)
BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	2,832,271	3,519,855	3,519,855	3,305,088	214,767	3,903,965
ENDING FUND BALANCES	3,519,855	3,903,965	4,068,333	1,999,144	2,069,189	2,106,023
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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES:

PROPERTY TAX REVENUES- Budgeted for larger abatements than were ultimately approved.

SPORTS REVENUES- Large expansion of Kids Adventure Games and other programs and camps did well.

GYMNASTICS REVENUES- Numbers down somewhat, but a portion is uniforms which is offset by expense savings

GOLF REVENUES- Later start than in 2013 but made up a lot of ground in late summer

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES- Savings primarily in legal

SPORTS EXPENSES- Additional costs for kids adventure race, but offset by additional revenues.

GYMNASTICS EXPENSES- Savings in staffing costs from numbers being down slightly and not ordering participant uniforms

DOBSON EXPENSES- Utilities and maintenance costs increased, also more Bob Johnson & Food & Beverage revenues translates to additional expenses.

CAPITAL- Clubhouse delay and other savings to be rolled forward to 2015 and future years

FUND BALANCE- Savings at end of 2013 rolled forward to 2014.

VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS
January 22, 2015

GOLF MAINTENANCE

- A lot of snow fell in December; 35” tallied at our weather monitoring station next to green 3, and 77” reported on Vail Mountain for the month. With all of the snow the Nordic trails are in great shape. However, we have had to close the Far East portion of the ski trails, due to ice flows that are a result of a Gore Creek diversion dam created by wildlife. Officials are looking at the issue.
- Snowpack and water-equivalent figures as of Jan. 15:
 - Snow-water equivalent for Vail Mountain is 106 percent of average
 - Snow-water equivalent for Upper Colorado River basin is 111 percent of average
 - Snowpack is at 105 percent of average for the Upper Colorado basin
- January snow report: Only 5.5” snow measured through Jan. 16, but cold temperatures are keeping Nordic trails in excellent condition.

GOLF OPERATIONS

- 2014 Caggy Award Winner (Avid Golfer Magazine) for “Best Pace of Play at a Public course in Colorado”. This is the second time Vail has won this award. The award winners will be published in the February issue. Alice conducted a 20 minute interview on our pace of play program on Jan. 16 with the magazine editor Jon Rizzi.
- The Vail Golf Club hosted Scott Lamothe’s memorial service. Scott worked as a volunteer this past summer at the course and was a member of our Men’s League. Scott’s family was pleased with staff and the venue.
- Jon Moore has accepted a year-round job in Omaha, Neb., at the “Field Club of Omaha” and will start work mid-January. Jon has worked at the Vail GC for the past eight years. Jon was a PGM PGA intern from the University of Nebraska and was 18 years old on his first internship in Vail. We will miss Jon.
- Staff will be attending the annual PGA Golf Merchandise show in Orlando, Flo., on Jan. 20. Among many items the to do list, we plan to interview potential PGM PGA Interns for this summer.
- We hired a Matthew Rion, a student at UNLV, for a three-month internship. Matthew will be on his second internship in Vail. He came highly recommended from the golf professional at Incline Village where he interned last summer.
- The Vail Golf Club is hosting a Junior Golf Tournament through the Colorado PGA in June. The participant goal is 80 junior golfers. This will be in conjunction with the Drive, Chip and Putt competition, taking place at Eagle Ranch.
- Alice Plain is a volunteer coach of the Vail Breakaways women’s hockey team for the 4th year. The team record is 3-1-0 for the season. We are excited to welcome new young talent this season with women who played at the college level and have a lifetime background of hockey. Looking forward to a successful season.
- We plan to work with the Red Sandstone Elementary School for the third year with the PGA Golf in Schools program. We will work with the 4th graders and teach golf in the gymnasium for four sessions. For the final class, they will come to the golf course for a field trip.

SPORTS REPORT

- We would like to welcome long-time local Kip Tingle to the VRD Sports team as the new Sports Coordinator.
- Adult Basketball league is underway at Homestake Peak School with eight teams playing on Sunday nights.
- Congratulations to the fall coed adult volleyball league champion, Legion of Doom. Winter league is underway with eight teams Wednesday nights at Red Sandstone Elementary School.
- Youth Futsal started this week with 50 plus kids participating in the three sessions.
- Registration is open for High Country Hoops, youth basketball.
- We will be timing two upcoming races: the Eagle Valley High School Nordic race at Cordillera on Saturday, Jan. 31 and Ellen Miller's Vail Athletic Club Uphill Race on Vail Mountain in February.
- Beth and Jamie will be going to Outdoor Retailer and SIA in the next few weeks to meet with current partners and seek new ones.

MARKETING

- Summer planning is in full swing to include media buys and graphic collateral creation (fliers, brochures, rack cards, golf passes, ads, etc). Hannah King is now full-time, hourly in marketing and working on a large list of graphic needs. She is also assisting Julie Cotter at gymnastics while they search for a new head coach.
- Coordinating with Scott O'Connell on marketing for the Grill on the Gore at the Vail Golf Club, to include a new logo, messaging and website, as well as a proposal packet for event planners. Scott and Jamie will sit down with event planners to explain 2015 opportunities and planning for the reopening following the renovation.
- Jamie will meet with the Vail Daily to discuss marketing opportunities for 2015.
- Continuing to work on the Year in Review (annual report) information with departments. This is required by the state. This will be completed and printed for the Town's annual community meeting, taking place on March 31.
- Assisting Sports with year-end sponsor recaps and analyzing surveys.
- Jamie and Beth will be attending Outdoor Retailer in Utah Jan. 22-23 to meet with existing partners and seek new partners. They will also attend the Snowshow (SIA) Jan. 27-30 to meet with partners and seek out appointments with media. Planning is underway.

GYMNASTICS

- Vail Recreation District has promoted Julie Cotter to Director of Vail Gymnastics Center. Julie has been working as Head Coach with the Gymnastics Center since May and helped lead the team to several successful finishes this season. Cotter is excited to begin her new position as Director and to continue to contribute to the overall success of the program.
- With the Promotion of Julie Cotter, The Gymnastics Center is now interviewing potential candidates for the Head Coaching position.
- Currently training new recreational staff members to join our growing recreational program.
- The Gymnastics Center now offers three new classes on the recreational schedule including cheernastics, adult/teen conditioning and toddler open gym.
- Enrollment has risen since the start of our winter schedule on Jan. 5.

- The Boys Competitive Team competed in their first competition at 20 Mile in Parker, Colo., on Jan. 10. Brendon Todd finished a respectable 3rd place on the Rings. The boy's team will continue competition on Jan. 31 at Extreme Altitude Gymnastics in Lafayette, Colo.
- The Girls Competitive Team levels 6 and 7 will begin their competition season on Jan. 24 at 5280 Gymnastics in Denver.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

Community Programming

- Traffic has been steady at Imagination Station. We have five to 10 families most days of the week.
- We have three birthday parties scheduled for January.
- We have a few new TRX students and our regulars returned after the holidays.

KidZone

- Our current after-school reservations are in line with 2013-14 numbers for the ski season. We have two additional staff members: one for Tuesday/Thursday and one for Wednesday. This gets us to appropriate staffing for our reservations.
- We have one day of School's Out Camp on Monday, Jan. 19. We have low reservations right now; we are prepared for last-minute reservations if they come.

Other

- Chad has been working with Todd Oppenheimer from the TOV on a skatepark in the atrium of the Lionshead Parking structure. The council likes the concept, and has approved Todd O move forward with engineering studies, we have sent out an RFQ, and we will make a short-list to invite to make and RFP. We are preparing for 2015 construction.
- Chad is meeting with the Youth Foundation to discuss how to best work together to offer Red Sandstone children the best programming possible.
- Chad and Mike are meeting with Mike and Mark from Vail Mountain School to discuss after-school and summer camp collaboration.

Summer

- We have a request in to renew the Golden Peak Children's Center lease for summer camp. Vail Resorts is planning to run a summer camp out of the Lionshead Ski School. We do not know how that will affect Camp Vail or if it will affect our lease at the GP Children's Center.
- We have a request in to renew our lease at Red Sandstone Elementary for the summer.
- We will reach out to last summer's staff and start hiring for the summer.

Marketing/Photos (Tooting Our Own Horn)

- We posted a bunch of After School sledding photos to Facebook
- We posted some Nordic and photos to Facebook

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Vail Golf Course

- Survey work: Field work is complete, surveyor will forward necessary information to Zehren by Tuesday January 20th

Vail Golf & Nordic Club House

- Grill on the Gore is now booking events for the 2015 calendar year: Policies and pricing are being drafted for use of this facility for events and this space is now available for bookings

- Inquiries and bookings for both the Club House restaurant and wedding island have have been brisk.

- Punch list is complete for winter operations, preparation for summer operations is underway

Ford Park and Athletic Fields Renovation

- Punch list still not complete
- TOV, VRD, BFAG, & VVF met again to discuss new lease agreement boundaries and maintenance responsibilities.

Dobson

- Replaced heat coils in cooling tower water lines
- Dobson Concessions continues to be popular and profitable. Upgrading this service should be a priority moving forward as it is way outdated and in need of improvement

Disc Golf

- VRD currently waiting for revised golf hole layout overhead map for use in planning.

Vail Nature Center

- We are currently working on punch list items for summer operations.
- We will get pricing on installing a new shade structure for outdoor programming. A discussion with interested parties should be scheduled for feedback.

Vail Tennis & Admin Center

- Ice dam issues by main entrance have been resolved and cleaned up
- IT issues associated with phone swap are being resolved.

Projects on the radar

- Conceptual plans for both shade structure at the Nature Center as well as storage building at the Athletic fields are now available for review by VRD board and staff.

DOBSON

- We hosted the annual SCV skating show. About 250-300 people attended each night.
- Adult league and regular programs start back up January 5.