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Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District March 13, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on February 27, 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. Jeff Wiles, Joe Hanlon, Rick Sackbauer, Ken Wilson
 - 1.2. Bill Suarez arrived at 5:05 p.m.
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. None
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion, Alice Plain
4. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. Kim Newbury and Bob Oppenheimer
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 p.m.
7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - 7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014 regular meeting.
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
 - 8.1. None
9. REVIEW OF REQUESTS FOR ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING VAIL GOLF COURSE DONATIONS
 - 9.1. Director Hanlon explained there were six applications from organizations seeking a donation of the golf course for a fundraising event. Director Hanlon

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and Suarez worked with staff to review the applicants and made a recommendation to the board to provide the Vail International Hockey 501c3 with a course donation for 2014 which will provide great marketing of the VRD and the course.

- 9.2. Ms. Plain explained because of the construction in the spring, the course won't be available for donation at that time of year, but an additional event could be funded at a discount in the fall and could be discussed later this spring/summer.
- 9.3. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve donating one day at the Vail Golf Course for a fundraising event that will benefit the Vail International Hockey 501c3.
- 9.4. Director Wilson requested a list of organizations the golf course provides rounds to, donations, etc. throughout the year for fundraising events. He also requested board-approved guidelines be created for donation requests in the future.

10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL FO WALKING MOUNTAINS SCIENCE CENTER VAIL NATURE CENTER SERVICES AGREEMENT

10.1. Mr. Ortiz explained the agreement process:

- 10.1.1. Mr. Weaver and Mr. Ortiz met with WMSC staff to review budgets, staffing, responsibilities, capital needs and discussed the agreement in depth.
- 10.1.2. The VRD's counsel drafted the agreement and WMSC has reviewed the agreement. Both organization's counsels have approved the agreement.
- 10.1.3. The agreement will allow WMSC to manage the Vail Nature Center programs. It is a one-year agreement. Operationally it will save the VRD \$25k in staffing and operating costs. The VRD retains management coverage and leadership oversight. Programs will continue and new programs will be discussed. Program fees will remain similar to 2013. It will provide the Nature Center with a new level of expertise.
- 10.1.4. Director Wiles questioned who would have oversight over the management.
 - 10.1.4.1. Mr. Ortiz will have oversight and work with WMSC for community needs, feedback, etc.

10.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve the Walking Mountains Science Center services agreement for management of the Vail Nature Center.

11. PRESENTATION OF THE "GOLF BIKE" FOR THE VAIL GOLF CLUB

- 11.1. Ms. Plain explained the golf bike is a new product that she and her staff saw at the PGA show earlier this year and would like to offer to users of the Vail Golf Club. The bike is designed for golf courses and has smaller wheels, wider tires, low cross bars, etc. and designed to avoid damaging the turf. The bike has six gears and is built for maneuverability and safety.

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- 11.2. Ms. Plain said Killeran Golf Club in Florida has been using the golf bike at their course, with the average golfer age at the course at 62. Killeran's speed of play has improved and the members who have trouble walking have been able to ride the bikes.
- 11.3. The cost per bike is \$899. Ms. Plain would like to order four bikes at a cost of \$3,596. The Vail Golf Club would rent the bikes at \$15 per person for 18 holes. 60 rounds of 18 holes would pay for each of the bikes. The bikes are estimated to last four to six years. The Vail Golf Club would be the first course in Colorado to offer the product. The bikes are on hold with the company to be built and purchased.
- 11.4. Director Wilson questioned what type of breaking system the bikes are equipped with and whether there are liability issues.
- 11.4.1. Ms. Plain said it is a standard-hand break and liability would need to be discussed to include a liability waiver.
- 11.5. Director Wiles expressed concerns with the visual of having bicycles on the course and whether it will encourage recreational cyclists to use the cart paths.
- 11.5.1. Ms. Plain said that would have to be addressed with signage and the rangers.
- 11.6. Director Sackbauer commented that it is a cool product and requested staff research storage of the bicycles, speed of play and other factors that may need to be discussed before approval. He remarked the bikes could offer enjoyment for those who are unable to walk but can bike.
- 11.7. Ms. Plain would like to test four bicycles this summer. She will work with staff to evaluate the board's concerns with hills, frost, storage, timing for course maintenance etc. and revisit the discussion with the board at another meeting.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INPUT

- 12.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed information provided in the executive director's report, which included:
- 12.1.1. Greens are being cleared at the Vail Golf Course to remove the snow to allow the greens to breathe while the snow melts. This prevents ice damage and allows the turf to grow quicker in the spring.
- 12.1.2. The Vail Gymnastics Center has hired a new head coach, Steve Murray. He is transitioning into the position as previous director, Heather Gilger, has departed to spend more time with her family.
- 12.1.3. The US Burton concert took place at Dobson this past weekend and was very successful. The concert featured DJ Jazzy Jeff.
- 12.1.4. The fifth judicial court ruled in favor (entered a summary judgment) for the town and the VRD on all three motions regarding the Vail Golf Club renovation lawsuit.

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13. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 13.1. Director Suarez commented that the Vail Tennis Center courts are full of snow. He wished Tennis Director Bob Seward a quick recovery from surgery.
- 13.2. Director Hanlon is proud to support the Vail International Hockey program as the recipient of the course donation. He thanked Ms. Gilger for the past 10 years as an employee and director of the Vail Gymnastics Center.
- 13.3. Director Ken Wilson expressed that he is happy with the court's decision today and that the new board will be able to focus on quality programs and opportunities. He also encouraged everyone and staff to protect themselves with sunscreen as we recreate and work. Mr. Ortiz explained that the VRD staff is involved with Sun Safe Colorado.
- 13.4. Director Wiles commented that he attended the State of Town's annual meeting on March 11. He expressed his gratitude for town staff and Mayor Andy Daley for their work on the presentations during the meeting.

14. ADJOURNAMENT

- 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