

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

5:00 P.M.
Thursday, May 8, 2014
Town of Vail, Council Chambers
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April 24, 2014
3. Public Input of Items not on the Agenda
4. Oaths of Office– Mr. Jeff Wiles
5. Election of Officers
6. Water Quality Management Vail Golf Course BMP's 2014 – Mr. Scott Todd
7. Assignment of Council Peers – Mr. Jeff Wiles
8. Assignment of Recreation Sub-Committee Members-Mr. Jeff Wiles
9. Executive Director Input
10. Board Member Input
11. Adjournment

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District April 24, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on April 24, 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, Bill Suarez
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. Rick Sackbauer, Ken Wilson
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion
4. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. Connie Miller, Tom Saalfeld
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 March 27, 2014 regular meeting.
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
 - 8.1. None
9. REVIEW OF VAIL GOLF AND NORDIC CLUBHOUSE PLANS
 - 9.1. Mr. Ortiz explained he wanted to review the clubhouse renovation plans as planning for the project has resumed following the judgment ruling regarding the lawsuit. A new cost estimate will be available for the Town Council in the next few weeks.

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9.2. Director Wiles clarified the current plans show a baffled system for the driving range netting. The newly constructed netting is not a baffled system. The space between the new netting and clubhouse is now 15 feet, up from 11 feet. He questioned whether during the planning stage there is an opportunity to add aesthetics to the wall between the driving range and clubhouse.

9.2.1. Mr. Ortiz explained there would be landscaping but it will be basic to allow for easy maintenance and for golf crews to pick up the golf balls efficiently.

9.2.2. Director Wiles encouraged staff to review options with the architects for additional landscape that will make it less mundane, but still provide efficient maintenance.

9.3. Director Wiles also questioned options for the bus flow.

9.3.1. Mr. Ortiz said the bus flow has been widened and line of sight improvement options have been made for pedestrian and bicycle safety.

9.4. Director Hanlon also questioned garbage enclosures and flow.

9.4.1. Mr. Ortiz explained the garbage enclosure and delivery would be further from the current location and away from residences.

9.4.2. Director Hanlon suggested reviewing the new recycling ordinance and how this might affect the garbage enclosure area.

9.5. Director Suarez asked about cart flexibility and flow for returning carts.

9.5.1. Mr. Ortiz said staff is working with the architects and there might be additional cart return options when the multi-use space is not in use and for loading and delivery congestion. However, the plans are being designed to encourage golfers to walk through the grill and pro shop when they have finished their round.

9.5.2. Director Hanlon requested staff research flexibility for a dual return option but to not encroach into the new chipping and putting green adjacent to the clubhouse, where the previous hole 18 green was. He encouraged the master plan designer and the clubhouse architects collaborate on the new putting and chipping green area.

9.5.3. Director Wiles also encouraged reviewing improvements to the cart path adjacent to the driving range as you head toward the starter facility. This could improve flow during shotgun starts.

10. REVIEW OF VAIL GOLF AND NORDIC CLUBHOUSE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATING PLAN

10.1. Mr. Ortiz explained reviewed portions of the management plan including:

10.1.1. The grill seats 40 people inside and 25 outside. Maximum capacity in the multi-use community space is 160 attendees (occupancy), including the outside patio.

10.1.2. Today there are 121 parking spaces. The revised parking will be 125 striped with an option to have 158 valet parked.

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- 10.1.3. Ambient music on the patio will be allowed on the grill during the day. All outside music ends at 8 p.m. with all outside activity, such as on the patio, ending at 10 p.m. That is two hours earlier than any other restaurant or event venue in town. Operations in the multi-use space will end at midnight.
- 10.2. There will be a calendar on vailgofclub.net that shows events and event attendance estimations. The Planning and Environmental Commission will review the plan following the first year of operations.
- 10.3. Mr. Tom Saalfeld questioned how the document can be amended and what the process will be.
- 10.3.1. Mr. Weaver explained at the conclusion of the first year of operation, the PEC will conduct a hearing to review the effectiveness of the plan. This meeting will be open to the public. The VRD neighborhood liaison will inform neighbors included on the neighborhood email contact list of the meeting.
- 10.4. Mr. Ortiz explained exceptions could be reviewed by the Town of Vail for activities taking place after midnight on holidays, such as New Year's Eve.
- 10.5. Director Hanlon said the document is a solid start for operations and there are opportunities for improvements and suggestions. He encouraged town and VRD staff to be consistent with their enforcement of the regulations in the operations plan.
11. REVIEW OF BOOTH CREEK PARK OPTIONS AND COMMUNITY MEETING
- 11.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed options that will be presented at an open house on April 24. The options are not approved and are to be a discussion for the community. The April 24 meeting is the first of many meetings for public input. VRD staff will attend to hear the ideas and answer questions regarding the tennis courts and other potential recreation opportunities in the area.
- 11.2. Director Suarez said the public has asked him if there is a need for more tennis courts. From speaking with staff, he explained there is a needed area for Pickle Ball, which now shares the Golden Peak courts with youth tennis. He encouraged staff to research an area for Pickle Ball courts as the sport continues to grow.
- 11.3. Director Hanlon explained the charter of the VRD is for tennis, golf and fly-fishing. The tennis community is important and so are neighborhood needs, suggestions and concerns. This is the first of many sessions that will be led by the Town of Vail with VRD staff input. It's a great step forward to gather public input and an incredible opportunity to enhance the Booth Creek Neighborhood Park.
12. MARCH 2014 FINANCIAL UPDATE
- 12.1. Mr. Weaver explained as of March 31, revenues are up \$25,000 of budget. This is due to increased concession collections at Dobson Ice Arena and Bob Johnson Hockey School attendance. The VRD is 8 percent favorable over all with savings

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in insurance. Much of this is timing and will even out. In the Vail Daily's article on April 24, it read that the VRD's budget is at \$13 million. This is incorrect and normally the VRD operates at a \$6 million. Ms. Gunion has called the paper and requested a correction be made.

- 12.2. Director Hanlon questioned if the legal allocations that were rolled over will be reallocated. Mr. Weaver explained those funds would be held while discussions continue regarding the remodel of the Vail Golf Clubhouse.

13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INPUT

- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed information provided in the executive director's report, which included:

- 13.1.1. The Golf Bikes announcement has received media interests and Alice has been interviewed by some national and regional media. Mentions have been made on many regional and national websites.
- 13.1.2. Adult softball will be held in EagleVail this summer while the fields are under construction. The VRD thanks EagleVail for their support.
- 13.1.3. Dobson will be closed April 30 to June 2.

14. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 14.1. Director Suarez said the new nets are up at the Vail Golf Club and snow is melting quickly.
- 14.2. Director Hanlon wished his fellow board members good luck and wished the candidates good luck during the election. He also thanked staff. Tonight is Director Hanlon's final meeting.
- 14.3. Director Wiles said the Easter Egg Hunt was a success. Great weather and great participation. Director Wiles thanked Director Hanlon for his contributions to the VRD Board and guiding him and fellow board members during his chairmanship.

15. ADJOURNMENT

- 15.1. 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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May 8, 2014

GOLF MAINTENANCE

- Snow pack update: We lost around 30% of snow/water equivalent on Vail Mountain in early and mid-April, and went from 20" of settled snow at #3 green monitoring station, to 5" from April 7-11. Charged the irrigation on April 22, a result of one of the most rapid snowmelts I've ever witnessed.
 - Snowpack at #3 green = 20" on 4/7, 5" on 4/11, and 0" on 4/21.
 - Vail Mountain snow/water equivalent = 82% of average YTD, down from 116% on 4/3.
 - Upper Colorado River basin = 116% of average YTD
 - Colorado statewide snowpack average = 102% of average YTD
 - Snow on the golf course = ~20% of course still covered, with holes 2, 4-5, 7, 14, 15 (tees) still holding a significant amount of snow on north facing aspects.
- Clearing greens process completed week of April 7-11. As we progressed through late March and early April, we started to find greens with ice damage upon clearing, with the Putting Green and #11 having the most significant damage on an area percentage basis. Recent snows have aided in keeping greens insulated from wind, and we have begun placing covers, and will start to sod small areas of damage on several greens on the course.
- Nordic operations closed up on April 6, with the most successful season ever in terms of snow and track conditions, as well as financially.
- A staff of six are working on cleaning up debris on the golf course and the many other tasks associated with moving towards opening a mini-loop of golf holes, or more if possible, in the next week or two. Forecast is for good weather over the next 5 days or so, and we will try to complete as much work as possible on the course.
- Scheduled to Dry-ject aerate the greens Friday, May 9.
- Remobilization of contractor next week to continue and complete work on hole #18, irrigation repair on the Driving Range resulting from the Pole/Net project, as well as leveling of some of our crowned tee boxes on the course.
- Have made offer to an excellent candidate to fill our 2nd assistant position on the golf course.

GOLF OPERATIONS

- We are in the process of setting up the pro shop. We are receiving and checking in new merchandise, both soft goods and hard goods. We will have the newest equipment with Ping, Nike, Taylor Made and Titleist.
- Golf in schools at Red Sandstone has been going well. We have completed two weeks of lessons with the 4th grade. Next week, we will be teaching short game in the gymnasium. The kids are loving it! The 4th grade will come to the Vail GC on May 20 for their golf course field trip. We will provide 1.5 hours of instruction. All our instruction time is donated
- Alice did a live Radio interview this past Tuesday with a Portland radio station. The interview was about 10 minutes. They were interested in the Golf Bike. I plan to follow up with them in the summer after we have used the bikes.

- Avid Golfer online published that Vail is getting the golf -bike. Divot Magazine on line also published a story. The PR has been tremendous from the golf-bike. Looking forward to testing the bikes out this summer.
- Our Inaugural Women's Golf/Yoga weekend is coming together. We have 8 women paid for the event so far. Our goal is 25 women. This takes place June 19-22. The Antlers Lodge is our lodging partner.
- Alice will attend a PGA seminar in Denver at Bear Dance Golf Course May 7. The seminar topic is: How to teach golf to physically disabled students. Alice will be helping out the Can Do Center (formally the Jimmie Huega Center) with the golf event the end of May. Alice will donate her time to help teach students with Multiple Sclerosis at the event. This could also be a benefit for the Vail Veterans Program in the Vail Valley.

SPORTS REPORT

- Sports Department has already produced two short track bike races. Despite iffy weather we have had an average of 61 people race each night and those numbers should grow the next two weeks as we get closer to the first Mountain Bike Series event on May 21.
- Thanks to our friends in EagleVail we were able to offer three nights (Monday/Wednesday & Thursday) of Softball on their field. All three leagues sold out with six teams per night.
- The Keen Vail Kids Adventure Games has passed 200 teams registered for the 3-day race.
- Horizon Organics has come on as a large partner of the Kids Adventure Games series and will have a significant contribution to the Vail event
- Haute Route, a new running store in Avon, has joined on as a presenting sponsor of the Evergold 5k and 10k trail run.
- The first race in the Trail Running Series is the 11K Boneyard Boogie which is part of the Eagle Outdoor Festival on May 17
- Ad sales for the Kids Adventure Games Spectator guide are going well, look to see an expanded guide out for distribution starting with the GO Pro Mountain Games
- Sports Department will have a presence at the Eagle Outdoor Festival, Vail Valor Races and GO Pro Games and Dunk N Dash Series as our services have been contracted at all these events.

DOBSON

- Dobson is closed for maintenance until June 2.

MARKETING

- Summer marketing is in full swing for collateral, ads, email blasts and more.
 - Youth camp brochures have been mailed and distributed to the schools.
 - Trail running postcard has been sent to 4,000+ database. GO Pro partnered with the printing of these cards again.
 - Website updating to accommodate all the new info.
- Working on ads for trail running, golf, KEEN Kids Adventure Games and more for larger regional publications including 5280, Westword, Denver Post, as well as local magazines such as High Country Golf, Vail/BC Magazine and others.
- Jamie has hired Hannah King for the summer marketing coordinator position. Hannah is also a head gymnastics coach at the Vail Gymnastics Center. Jamie and

Mike will work on her schedule for the summer. She has strong writing skills and design skills.

- Working with Sports on the KEEN Kids Adventure Games spectator guide including editorial for the piece.

GYMNASTICS

- We have hired a Girls Team Head Coach. Ms. Julie Cotter will be moving to the valley June 1 and we are excited to have her join our staff. She was an International Elite competitive gymnast and also competed on the National Team.
- We are doing our Spring Show this month (May 18th) and the participants have been practicing hard getting ready for it.
- Summer Gymnastics camps have been steadily filling up with more registrations coming in almost daily.
- We have fully staffed the gymnastics camps and are preparing for a very active summer.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

- Chad Young is on vacation and will submit a report for the May 22 board meeting.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Vail Golf Course

- Hole 18
 - Contractor will be on site beginning the week of 05/05, he will be working on projects for the golf maintenance dept. as well as 18 concurrently
- - Driving Range Net Project
 - Poles and netting installed.
 - Concrete curbs delayed due to weather, we are hopeful to have the contractor back starting week of 05/05.
 - A Significant amount of turf damage occurred during the warm spell and melt off, ground will be regarded and prepped for sod
 - Grading and turf repair will begin week of 05/05

Vail Golf Club House

- Schedule install of new commercial washing machine week of 05/05
- Staff will be doing a hazardous materials and recycling clean in May
- Working on exterior punch list

Vail Golf Maintenance Bldg

- Heater in garage bay is scheduled to be replaced,

Ford Park and Athletic Fields Renovation

- OAC meetings have resumed on weekly basis
- Storm sewer work has begun on east parking lot, retaining wall at tennis center have been removed.
- Work on fields to resume starting week of 05/05
- Ford park is a busy area with multiple projects, please avoid this area when possible

Tennis

- Clay for courts has arrived and has been staged at court side

Dobson

- Concessions is looking at replacing the sink for code compliance, trying to schedule for annual maintenance closure.
- Tolin Mechanical was selected for boiler replacement, work will begin end of May. Contractor has committed to limiting impact to operations. One boiler will be installed at a time