

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

5:30 P.M.
Thursday, August 22, 2013
Town of Vail, Council Chambers
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. August 8, 2013
3. Public Input of Items not on the Agenda
4. July 2013 Financial Report – Mr. Eric Weaver
5. Executive Director Input
6. Board Member Input
7. 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”- related to pending litigation.; and/or
§24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., “Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators.”
8. Site Visit to Vail Nature Center
9. Adjournment

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District August 8, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on August 8, 2013 at 5:30 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. Billy Suarez, Jeff Wiles, Joe Hanlon, Ken Wilson, Rick Sackbauer
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. None
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz
4. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. Rob LeVine
5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
 - 5.1. Eric Weaver, Robertson & Marchetti, P.C.
6. CALL TO ORDER
 - 6.1. Director Hanlon called the meeting to order 5:30 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 25, 2013 Regular Meeting.
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
 - 8.1. Mr. Rob LeVine, General Manager of the Antlers at Vail, spoke about the Vail Golf Clubhouse proposed renovation and 18th hole realignment project currently underway. As a lodging operator who has guests who utilize the facility both in the summer for golf and in the winter for Nordic; a member of the Vail Economic Advisory Council; and board member of the Vail Symposium, he encouraged the VRD Board and staff to “keep the faith” on the projects. He

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shared his appreciation for the VRD Board and Vail Town Council for moving forward through the process.

9. DISCUSSION OF 2014 BUDGET COMMITTEE AND CALENDAR

- 9.1. Mr. Eric Weaver reviewed the budget calendar with the board. He explained the 2014 budget will be more complicated due to property valuation assessment unknowns. Mr. Weaver and Mr. Mike Ortiz suggested creating a budget committee with one or two board members to work on the budget with staff. The committee would then come back to entire board with budget philosophy and direction for expenses and revenues. Mr. Ortiz encouraged Director Wiles and Suarez be part of the committee.
- 9.2. Director Sackbauer offered his appreciation for Director Wiles and Suarez to be part of the committee saying 2014 begins a rocky road for the district.
- 9.3. Director Wilson asked Mr. Weaver for clarification on 2014 assessed valuations. Mr. Weaver explained that due to substantial increases in some of the commercial properties (hotels), he expects numerous protests of their assessed valuations, which results in many large dollar unknowns. The VRD is down \$500,000 annually and has planned to be down \$750,000 annually beginning in 2014.

10. EXECUTIVE DRIECTOR REPORT

- 10.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed highlights that have taken or will take place at the VRD.
 - 10.1.1. The Vail Golf Club has been having an excellent summer and is on track to meet its budget. Mr. Weaver explained the budget is based on historical norms (weather delays, etc).
 - 10.1.2. The Berry Picker Trail Running Race had 219 finishers, nearly 100 more participants than an average Berry Picker race.
 - 10.1.3. The KEEN Vail Kids Adventure Race is underway with clinics, expo and racing.
 - 10.1.4. Dobson is hosting women's collegiate tournament in November with clinics for youth and adults. It is also hosting a clinic featuring a former Russian National Team Head Coach and a current Olympic hopeful.
 - 10.1.5. US Pro Cycling Challenge will return Aug. 23 in Vail. The VRD will send out information to its users about parking and transportation solutions, especially for golf and tennis.
 - 10.1.6. Community Programming is offering its annual KidZone Afterschool Program beginning the week of Aug. 19.
 - 10.1.7. The Nature Center's new signage looks good and has increased traffic to the center.

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11. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 11.1. Director Sackbauer encouraged Mr. Weaver and Mr. Ortiz to consider reviewing what the VRD does to generate income for the community outside the budget process. He expressed concerns about how programming has grown and staffing has not, saying staff is doing an amazing job week after week with very large events. He encouraged the board be creative in how to make sure staff is taken care of.
 - 11.1.1. Mr. Ortiz explained there are so many programs the VRD offers that generate revenue not only for the VRD, but for the community in terms of sales tax and lodging tax.
 - 11.1.2. Director Suarez questioned if it's a compensation process or a staffing issue.
 - 11.1.3. Director Sackbauer responded it may be more of a balance of compensation, salary and salary versus just one solution. When you're down \$750,000 annually, you have to get creative.
- 11.2. Director Wilson shared the KEEN Vail Kids Adventure Race Spectator Guide and shared that it was illustrated by Andy Linke, a local who used to participate in the VRD's program. He also shared well wishes for Janice Cerra's family, who passed away earlier in the day. Director Wilson asked Mr. Ortiz to walk the board through the realignment process for the 18th green.
 - 11.2.1. Mr. Ortiz explained there is a preliminary injunction hearing on Aug. 16. If the Town is allowed to proceed, construction on hole 18 could begin on Sept. 16. It will not be turfed until spring 2014. The hole could be ready for play prior to the Fourth of July holiday in 2014, weather and conditions permitting. During construction, golfers will be able to play the 19th hole and the "20th" hole, hole 15. This process would include the installation of the back tee by the ponds. The Town continues to look to the VRD for technical advice for the project. The Town is responsible for taking the bids and awarding the contract.
- 11.3. Director Wiles shared that on Saturday, Aug. 10, 60 percent of the families participating during the Kids Adventure Race are from out of town. Sunday's race, Aug. 11, has 50 percent of participants from out of town. A total of 430 racers will be participating in the two-days of competition. The reach of the Kids Adventure Race is taking on a life of its own. He encouraged all the board members to come and check out the race. Director Wiles echoed Director Sackbauer's comment about making sure the VRD is taking care of its staff.
- 11.4. Director Suarez encouraged staff to keep him updated on Ford Park parking meetings and processes for 2014. He also encouraged staff to look at Clubhouse restaurant service and if this could be improved. Director Suarez encouraged the VRD to have its own project manager as part of the 18th hole and clubhouse remodel projects.

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11.5. Director Hanlon encouraged the VRD to put a design on the field for the US Pro Cycling Challenge. Mr. Ortiz said Tony Giroux is working with the Vail Valley Foundation on a design. He also said he is looking forward to the KEEN Vail Kids Adventure Race and continue to watch it grow.

12. ADJOURNAMENT

12.1. 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

ROBERTSON & MARCHETTI, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants

Accountant's Compilation Report

August 19, 2013

Board of Directors
Vail Recreation District
Vail, Colorado

I have compiled the accompanying balance sheet of Vail Recreation District as of July 31, 2013 and the related statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance with budgets for the seven month period then ended. I also compiled the accompanying budget and forecast of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for the year ending December 31, 2013 in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

I 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, I participate in the financial management of the District. Management (with my 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. I have prepared these financial statements in my capacity as consulting financial managers for the District.

My 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 my 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.

I 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. I 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 2012 is presented for comparative purposes only. Such information is taken from the financial statements for the District for the year ended December 31, 2012, which have been audited by McMahan and Associates, L.L.C. and upon which they expressed an unqualified opinion in their report dated July 17, 2013.

I am not independent from an accounting and auditing perspective with respect to Vail Recreation District because I perform certain accounting services that impair my independence.

ROBERTSON & MARCHETTI, P.C.



Eric Weaver, CPA
Vice-President

VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT
 COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
 December 31, 2012 and July 31, 2013

	12/31/12					07/31/13				
	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	2,483,884	-			2,483,884	3,998,250	2,550			4,000,800
INVESTMENTS- RESTRICTED		289,140			289,140		290,271			290,271
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	110,926	817			111,744	154,397	7,977			162,374
PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE	2,390,213	283,188			2,673,401	108,782	12,888			121,670
PREPAIDS, DEPOSITS & INVENTORY	1,500	68,145			69,645	9,463	119,040			128,503
DUE (TO) FROM OTHER FUND	(14,799)	14,799			0	28,160	(28,160)			0
LOAN DUE (TO) FROM OTHER FUND	4,569	(4,569)			0	4,569	(4,569)			0
LAND & BUILDINGS			752,651	12,030,911	12,783,562			752,651	12,030,911	12,783,562
EQUIPMENT			775,671	1,772,789	2,548,460			775,671	1,772,789	2,548,460
ACCUM DEPR			(715,752)	(7,527,768)	(8,243,520)			(715,752)	(7,527,768)	(8,243,520)
TOTAL ASSETS	4,976,294	651,520	812,570	6,275,932	12,716,316	4,303,621	399,997	812,570	6,275,932	11,792,120
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY										
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	61,376	23,652			85,028	76,953	48,675			125,629
DEFERRED PROPERTY TAXES	2,390,213	283,188			2,673,401	108,782	12,888			121,670
DEFERRED REVENUE	26,000	11,114			37,114	14,751	42,730			57,481
ACCRUED COMPENSATED ABSENCES			32,472	18,682	51,154			32,472	18,682	51,154
ACCRUED INTEREST PAYABLE			841	30,804	31,645			841	30,804	31,645
DUE TO TOV- DOBSON IMPROVEMENTS				10,614	10,614				10,614	10,614
DUE TO TOV-GYMNASTICS			80,000		80,000			40,000		40,000
DOBSON BONDS PAYABLE				1,800,000	1,800,000				1,610,000	1,610,000
IMPUTED INTEREST			(2,339)	(310)	(2,649)			(786)	(310)	(1,096)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,477,589	317,954	110,974	1,859,789	4,766,307	200,487	104,293	72,527	1,669,789	2,047,097
NET ASSETS										
INV IN FIXED ASSETS, NET OF DEBT FUND BALANCE	2,498,705	333,566	701,596	4,416,143	5,117,738	4,103,134	295,704	740,043	4,606,143	5,346,185
TOTAL NET ASSETS	2,498,705	333,566	701,596	4,416,143	7,950,009	4,103,134	295,704	740,043	4,606,143	9,745,023
TOTAL LIAB & NET ASSETS	4,976,294	651,520	812,570	6,275,932	12,716,316	4,303,621	399,997	812,570	6,275,932	11,792,120

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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: 08/19/13

Modified Accrual Basis

	2012 Prelim Actual	2013 Forecast	2013 Adopted Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavor)	Percentage Variance Favorable (Unfavor)	7 Months Ended 07/31/13 Actual	7 Months Ended 07/31/13 Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavor)	Percentage Variance Favorable (Unfavor)
COMBINED REVENUES									
PROPERTY AND OTHER TAXES, NET OF FEES	2,672,897	2,705,593	2,705,593	-	0%	2,532,630	2,519,287	13,343	1%
OTHER NON-DEPARTMENTALIZED REVENUES	35,962	63,000	63,500	(500)	-1%	18,997	20,001	(1,005)	-5%
BANQUET ROOM OPERATIONS, NET	-	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-	0%
SPORTS	357,473	459,371	424,539	34,832	8%	358,627	342,882	15,745	5%
GYMNASTICS	195,537	219,890	191,590	28,300	15%	155,292	103,526	51,766	50%
YOUTH SERVICES	353,118	350,511	338,738	11,773	3%	308,872	279,143	29,730	11%
OUTDOOR & NORDIC PROGRAM	118,214	103,688	103,287	400	0%	50,056	46,774	3,283	7%
GOLF COURSE	1,443,301	1,350,825	1,336,163	14,662	1%	808,270	811,735	(3,465)	0%
TENNIS	35,671	34,825	35,475	(650)	-2%	28,819	22,325	6,494	29%
DOBSON	494,800	532,462	508,386	24,076	5%	343,925	292,308	51,617	18%
TOTAL REVENUES	5,706,974	5,820,165	5,707,272	112,893	2%	4,605,490	4,437,980	167,509	4%
OPERATING EXPENSES									
ADMINISTRATION	(649,593)	(710,741)	(722,527)	11,786	2%	(376,431)	(398,817)	22,387	6%
PUBLIC RELATIONS/MARKETING	(227,434)	(234,556)	(234,503)	(54)	0%	(128,019)	(140,062)	12,043	9%
PARK MAINTENANCE	(175,557)	(170,338)	(175,430)	5,092	3%	(98,810)	(109,504)	10,694	10%
FACILITIES MAINTENANCE	(104,662)	(111,557)	(103,695)	(7,862)	-8%	(64,191)	(57,804)	(6,387)	-11%
SPORTS	(439,767)	(539,840)	(517,073)	(22,767)	-4%	(275,244)	(280,571)	5,327	2%
GYMNASTICS	(203,317)	(242,299)	(217,843)	(24,456)	-11%	(128,408)	(117,560)	(10,848)	-9%
YOUTH SERVICES	(407,432)	(426,637)	(412,170)	(14,467)	-4%	(242,026)	(237,693)	(4,333)	-2%
OUTDOOR & NORDIC PROGRAM	(118,118)	(127,658)	(124,701)	(2,957)	-2%	(66,723)	(69,547)	2,824	4%
GOLF OPERATIONS	(628,974)	(656,801)	(658,582)	1,780	0%	(271,521)	(313,856)	42,335	13%
GOLF MAINTENANCE	(749,948)	(771,127)	(769,508)	(1,620)	0%	(415,220)	(435,360)	20,140	5%
TENNIS	(78,364)	(76,656)	(72,704)	(3,952)	-5%	(47,049)	(43,819)	(3,229)	-7%
DOBSON	(543,589)	(602,491)	(577,115)	(25,375)	-4%	(351,668)	(324,293)	(27,375)	-8%
TOTAL EXPENSES	(4,326,753)	(4,670,702)	(4,585,850)	(84,852)	-2%	(2,465,309)	(2,528,888)	63,578	3%
CHANGE IN FUND BAL BEFORE DS & CAP	1,380,220	1,149,463	1,121,422	28,041		2,140,180	1,909,093	231,087	
DEBT SERVICE	(322,262)	(323,750)	(323,750)	-	0%	(281,487)	(281,487)	0	0%
CHANGE IN FUND BAL BEFORE CAP	1,057,958	825,713	797,672	28,041		1,858,693	1,627,606	231,087	
DONATIONS, LOANS, & SALE OF ASSETS	23,000	-	10,000	(10,000)	100%	-	10,000	(10,000)	100%
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	(735,790)	(450,779)	(1,847,794)	1,397,015	76%	(292,127)	(506,084)	213,957	42%
LESS UNFUNDED AMOUNTS	-	(125,000)	(125,000)	-	0%	-	(62,500)	62,500	100%
OPERATIONAL CONTINGENCY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL NET CAPITAL EXPENSES	(712,790)	(575,779)	(1,962,794)	1,387,015	71%	(292,127)	(558,584)	266,457	48%
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	345,168	249,935	(1,165,121)	1,415,056		1,566,567	1,069,022	497,545	
BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	2,487,103	2,832,271	2,669,672	162,599		2,832,271	2,669,672	162,599	
ENDING FUND BALANCES	2,832,271	3,082,206	1,504,550	1,577,655		4,398,838	3,738,694	660,144	

GYMNASTICS REVENUES- Collecting fees earlier than in the past with changeover in staff and procedures and programs going great.
YOUTH SERVICES REV- Also collecting more fees up front, schools out and other camps showing good numbers
GOLF REVENUES- Slower start to season and punch card sales down significantly, however negative variance is decreasing each week.
DOBSON REVENUES- Bob Johnson camp full, free skate numbers ahead of budget, another good year so far at Dobson.
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES- Primarily timing differences, expenses being incurred later than anticipated.
GOLF OPERATIONS EXPENSES- Savings in wages & building repairs
GOLF MAINTENANCE EXPENSES- Primarily timing related due to ordering of supplies later than anticipated.
DOBSON EXPENSES- Maintenance expenses running higher than budget as facility continues to age. Also high revenues translates to more operating costs.
CAPITAL- Delayed start on several projects and only authorizing projects/purchases as critical.
FUND BALANCE- Savings at end of 2012 (\$130K) as well as roll-forward of uncompleted capital projects (\$30K).

VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT
August 22, 2013

GOLF MAINTENANCE

No Report Given

GOLF OPERATIONS

No Report Given

SPORTS REPORT

- KEEN Vail Kids Adventure Race took place Aug. 8-11.
 - 2 sold out sessions of clinics -Thursday & Friday. 100 kids each
 - 2-day event expo in Solaris was very well received. When it wasn't raining, attendance was good and lots of fun
 - 2nd Annual Strider Cup on Friday 8/9 in Solaris. Always a crowd favorite
 - Saturday race = over sold @ 120 teams/240 kids
 - Sunday race = 100 teams/200 kids
 - 87% increase in participation over 2012 event
 - 330% increase in participation over inaugural event 2010
 - No injuries reported, all teams that started the race finished the race.
 - Great feedback from sponsors, parents, race staff and spectators
 - KEEN and KidSPORT have already recommitted to 2014 event
 - Detailed participant demographics coming soon
- Camp Hale Hup MTB Race took place on Aug. 14. The final MTB race of the series will take place in Beaver Creek on Aug. 28
 - Nearly 200 adult and youth racers
 - After party at Minturn Saloon
- La Sportiva 5k and 10k@10,000 Feet Trail Running Race will take place this Sunday, Aug. 25
- Softball League Playoffs are taking place now
- Sand Volleyball Leagues continue thru the beginning of September
- Youth Fall Soccer programs are almost full
- Sports is planning other youth fall sports programs, adults fall leagues and cyclocross races

DOBSON

- Dobson hosted a figure skating clinic Aug. 13 with Edouard Pliner and Elene Gedevanishvili. Edouard is a former Head Coach on the Russian National Team from 1952-1992 and has spent the last 15 years in the U.S. Elene is a 2 time Olympian from Georgia (the country) and is hoping to make Sochi this winter. This is a rare and unique opportunity for our local skaters and very last minute. Jared arranged the clinics with the two skaters and 14 skaters participated. Jared is working on arrangements to offer a similar clinic over the winter holiday break with Elene as the main coach. Elene and Edouard have been great guests and can't wait to come back this winter for more preparation towards Sochi.
- Staff has been piecing together the winter schedule. The schedule is almost complete. Missing pieces include the SCV and our new Senior A Elite hockey team. Staff has met with Chris Huntington who would be the owner/general manager of the team. Talks will continue via email to get a schedule in place and we hope to bring some good hockey to Dobson for our guests.

- Staff is preparing fall and winter programs as we looked to have our traditional skating and hockey programs offered starting the week after Labor Day.
- All other programs are business as usual. Concessions have stayed steady during adult hockey nights.
- Andy O'Brien is planning to bring a select group of NHL players for high altitude training again this year. This would mark the 7th year he has brought his camp here.

MARKETING

- Beginning to work on event recaps, event/economic surveys and sponsorship recaps for the Kids Adventure Race and mountain and trail running race series.
- Working on announcements for fall and school-year programming including Cyclocross races/clinics, KidZone afterschool programs, Dobson's learn to skate options, gymnastics, etc.
- Jamie will be in Denver next week, Aug. 26-28 for 2015 World Championships Joint Information Center training with the Eagle County Public Information Officer group. The training and lodging for the training is paid for by the state.
- Beth and Jamie will begin working on planning to attend the Interbike convention, Sept. 18-20 using it as an opportunity to meet with current partners and recruit additional partners.
- Continue to coordinate communication with the Town of Vail regarding the Vail Golf Clubhouse remodel and 18th hole realignment projects.
- Summer marketing winding down.

GYMNASTICS

- Our camps have finished with great success this year. Every camp was full with 30+ participants in each.
- Our last team camp was great and we did an overnight from Thursday to Friday, then went rafting with Timberline tours.
- We are accepting registration for our fall classes that begin August 26.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

- Traffic at Imagination Station is steady. Working on a self-pay station that could be used in the fall.
- Children's Art and Paint Your Own Pottery have been busy. Three to four families are participating in art on Monday and Friday; an additional three to four families are painting pottery Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Camp programs are using the space and enjoying it for cooking, painting pottery, shaping clay and playing in Imagination Station.
- Monday evening yoga typically has 2 students. Morning fitness classes continue to be at or above typical levels: Monday evening yoga has 1 to 3, Tuesday and Thursday morning yoga has 4 to 6. TRX Tuesday has 4 to 6 and Thursday 5 to 8. We had our busiest fitness class ever last Tuesday morning yoga: 10 participants.

Summer

- All camps are running smoothly. All camps are operating at or near capacity: Camp Eco Fun Hummingbirds M/W: 24; Camp Eco Fun Hummingbirds T/Th: 16; Camp Eco Fun Hawks T/Th: 20; Mad Scientist Friday: 20; Pre Kamp Vail M-F: 24; Camp Vail M-F: 80; Extreme Camp Vail Friday: 26. We had an additional instructor on for T/Th Eco fun 8/6 and 8; therefore, we were able to take an additional 10 campers. We could have taken even more on T/Th and M/W if we could have pulled in more staff for this one week.

- Camps closed on 8/16, and we started moving out and cleaning up to leave the spaces better than when we came into them.

Other

- The final Skateboard Clinic had 10 participants Tuesday 8/13. The clinics have been busy with 10 to 15 participants since mid-July. In the past, we have had 15-18 participants in July.
- We will see if an after-school skateboard clinic can have enough interest – and get scheduled around children's other activities/commitments.
- KidZone gets started with School's Out Camp on Monday-Wednesday Aug. 19-21. We will be present for the RSES Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, Aug. 21, and then we begin KidZone Afterschool on Aug. 22.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

- On vacation, no report given.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

- Ford Park: The field is holding up in great condition still. We have softball playoffs starting next week. The softball community has been very pleased with the condition of the fields this year. Also, last week was our final week of Lacrosse Camp. The goalie creases and other high wear spots on the field have held up very well this summer. This is partly due to having stayed on top of it with zeroing in our fertilization and over-seeding techniques in these areas specifically. This weekend we are hosting the TransRockies camping where hundreds of trail running participants will be camping on the field Saturday night. Also, at the tennis center we have made an extra effort to make sure the tennis grounds and tennis court surfaces themselves are in pristine condition. Friday, Saturday and Sunday we will be hosting our annual clay court tennis tournament. This tournament goes from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will be hosted on all eight clay courts. Three sets of bleachers have been brought in for extra viewing, as well as extra tables and chairs. In addition, the concessions building will also be open on Saturday for the tournament.
- Athletic Field: The athletic field has hosted its last Rugby game this previous Saturday (8/10). Since, we have begun to cut the field at 1.5" (1/2" shorter than normal) for the DU Men's and Women's Soccer teams that are now here having their preseason training. In years past they have requested that the turf is mowed slightly shorter to help increase the ball speed on the field. (Mowing the field shorter than a normal height actually helps thicken the turf as it is forced to grow outward instead of vertically). The women's team has been on the athletic field practicing twice a day, Aug. 11-15. The men's team arrived this morning and will be on the athletic field twice a day until Sunday, Aug. 18.
- Homestake Peak School: This field hosts 8v8 soccer which is currently in the second week of playoffs. We expect there to be a fall league as well but to whether or not it will be hosted on this field is too early to determine. The field is holding up in fine condition, we have a few regular hot spots that we are combating with wetting agent and hand watering. Otherwise the field is in great condition. The battle mountain middle school will soon be on the field more once school starts for fall sports such as football.
- Red Sandstone/Donovan: Both fields are in great condition. Red Sandstone has seen little play this summer but that will soon change as soon as school starts next week. In fact we have had to double cut this property lately because the afternoon rains have added the extra precipitation to push the vertical growth. Soon we will be

busy painting youth soccer fields at Donovan, Red Sandstone as well as down in Eagle Vail at the soccer field and on the outfield of the baseball diamond. We will have a total of four micro soccer fields (40x60'); two U-10 fields (40x70'); two 8v8 fields (175x260'); and two full size soccer field (one at the Vail Athletic Field and one at the Eagle Vail Soccer Pitch) which are regulation size (220x330').

VAIL NATURE CENTER

- The week of Aug. 12 marked the beginning of the end for several summer programs including Wildflower Walks, Art in Nature for Kids and Learn to Think like a Trout. Each of these programs had steady participation, including waitlists for the kids' programs each week. We are considering adding a second weekly fly-fishing class in 2014 if possible.
- Evening programs continue to remain popular, though the waitlists aren't as long since school started in the Denver area. Evening programs will run until the end of August.
- We recently finished building a bench in memory of Bill Todd, whose family and friends donated the funds to build it in 2012. It sits on a new "patio" at the east end of the Meadow-Creek Trail, looking toward the Gore Range, by request of the family. It's a beautiful addition to this great birding spot. Thanks so much to the guys at the golf course for helping us move it to its home!



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August 19 – 25, 2013

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	COST
Monday	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Beaver Pond Tour	\$6/child \$12/adult \$35/family of 5
Tuesday	7:00 am-afternoon 8:30 am – 9:30 am 8:45pm- 10:00pm	Adult Full Day Hike: Lonesome Lake Bird Walk Stories in the Sky: Stargazing	\$50/\$45 Vail Taxpayer \$5/\$3 Vail Taxpayer \$6/child \$12/adult \$35/family of 5

Wednesday		Open 9am – 5pm	
Thursday	7:00 am-afternoon 8:30 am – 9:30 am 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Adult Full Day Hike: Holy Cross City Bird Walk Beaver Pond Tour	\$50/\$45 Vail Taxpayer \$5/\$3 Vail Taxpayer \$6/child \$12/adult \$35/family of 5
Friday	8:30am – 1 pm 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	½ Day Wildflower Hike S'mores & More	\$35/adult, \$30 Vail Taxpayer \$6/child \$12/adult \$35/family of 5
Saturday		Open 9 am – 5 pm	
Sunday	10 am – 3:30 pm 11 am & 1:30 pm	VNC Booth at Vail Farmer's Market Creekside Tours from the Market	Donations accepted