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

5:00 P.M. Thursday, March 13, 2014 Town of Vail, Council Chambers AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. February 27, 2014
- 3. Public Input of Items not on the Agenda
- 4. Review of Request for those Organizations Seeking Golf Course Donation-Mr. Bill Suarez and Mr. Joe Hanlon
- 5. Review and Approval of Walking Mountains Services Agreement Mr. Mike Ortiz
- 6. Presentation of the "Golf Bike" for the Vail Golf Club Ms. Alice Plain
- 7. Executive Director Input Mr. Mike Ortiz
- 8. Board Member Input
- 9. Adjournment

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#### Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

#### Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District February 27, 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. Bill Suarez, Jeff Wiles, Joe Hanlon, Rick Sackbauer, Ken Wilson

#### 2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

#### 3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion

#### 4. OTHERS PRESENT

- 4.1. Michael Cacioppo, Vail Business Briefs
- 4.2. Kristin Bertuglia and Gregg Barrie with the Town of Vail
- 4.3. Seth Mason, Eagle River Watershed Council Consultant

#### 5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver, Robertson & Marchetti, P.C.

#### 6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Hanlon called the meeting to order at 5:06 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 13, 2014 regular meeting.

#### 8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- 8.1. Mr. Michael Cacioppo requested an update regarding the litigation of the Vail Golf Clubhouse project.
  - 8.1.1. Mr. Ortiz explained it is in Judge Dunkelman's court. There is a meeting scheduled March 13 at Eagle County Court where the judge will provide a

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progress report. Mr. Ortiz is unsure if it is a public hearing. The case is ongoing.

8.1.2. The Vail Golf Club will open as soon as conditions allow in early spring.

#### 9. RESIGNATION OF JOE HANLON AS CHAIR

- 9.1. Director Joe Hanlon resigned his position as Chair of the Board to allow a new chair to become familiar with the procedures necessary to lead the board prior to the May election.
  - 9.1.1. Director Suarez nominated Director Wiles to serve as chair of the board and Director Wilson nominated Director Suarez to act as Secretary/Treasurer.
  - 9.1.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to elect Director Wiles as chair and Director Suarez as secretary/treasurer. There will be an election for chair and secretary/treasurer after the May 6 election, when the public will elect three new members to the board.
- 9.2. Director Wilson recognized Director Hanlon's service as chair of the board for the past several years.

#### 10. GORE CREEK WATER QUALITY UPDATE

- 10.1. Ms. Bertuglia with the Town of Vail reviewed information regarding the quality of Gore Creek. She commented that Gore Creek is an important asset to the Town of Vail as both a recreational amenity and economic driver. Gore Creek is designated as a Gold Medal Water, which includes having 14" or longer fish and 12" trout with other criteria to achieve the designation. However, the Gore Creek has been enlisted as impaired on the state's 2011 303(d) listing, lacking an adequate amount of aquatic life (insects) to sustain its Gold Medal standard. The state allows 10 years to determine the cause of the decrease in the aquatic life before it removes the Gold Medal Water designation. The most affected area is East Vail.
- 10.2. She explained many agencies were involved in creating the Gore Creek Water Quality Improvement Plan, including the VRD. The agencies researched what might be causing the decline in the quality of the creek and created action items to improve the water quality.
  - 10.2.1. Mr. Seth Mason, consultant for Eagle River Watershed Council, explained that the first data was analyzed in 2010 and covered data from 2005.
  - 10.2.2. Three general causes for the decline included the degraded riparian buffer and stream bank habitat, impacts of impervious cover and urban runoff (drainage in developed areas) and pollutants associated with land use activities (road grime, deicers, ground water and surface pollution).
- 10.3. Town of Vail Landscape Architect Greg Barrie spoke about how to ensure that reality meets perception with Gore Creek- that it is the pristine creek shown in photographs. Sediments and pollutants do run off from developed areas/roads

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- into Gore Creek. Stream banks are also eroded along the creek. This causes algae and brown waters and effects aquatic life.
- 10.4. Mr. Barrie reviewed goals, objectives, action items, strategies, etc. that are meant to help improve the quality. To review the plan in its entirety, contact the Town of Vail.
  - 10.4.1. Strategies to improve the water quality include a community-wide education/outreach plan; site specific projects such as stream bank improvement projects, storm water quality vaults and more; best management practices to include revegetation work, sweeping of cinders, reviewing pesticide applications and more; and monitoring and continued studying of the creek.
  - 10.4.2. Mr. Barrie explained it is a community-wide effort to include governmental agencies, residents, homeowners, etc.
  - 10.4.3. Director Wiles questioned whether the town has reached out to other communities who have faced this issue. Mr. Barrie explained a lot of research has gone into the process.
  - 10.4.4. Mr. Barrie said next steps include convening a Gore Creek Water Quality Advisory Committee, RFP for an outreach campaign, evaluating best management practices, a Vail Town Council ordinance for insecticide application and other items to adopt a strategic action plan.
  - 10.4.5. Mr. Barrie also explained that from hole 14 at the Vail Golf Club to the Nature Center bridge is 2.25 miles. That is 20 percent of the 11-mile stretch of the creek being studied. He encouraged the VRD's involvement include best management practices on the athletic fields and golf course, be the eyes and ears of the community, support the strategic action plan advisory committee and water-wise Wednesdays.
- 10.5. Director Sackbauer, who also sits on the Eagle River Water and Sanitation District board, commented that there is a lot of planning and research to be done. Part of the Golf Course Master Plan included moving parts of the course closer to Gore Creek should be reevaluated. He requested staff, over time, create best management practices for the short-term and review the master plan to evaluate if it is appropriate for the Gore Creek and if there are needs for improved buffers between the course and the creek- without impacting golf. This could include stream bank improvements, planting of trees and other ideas for improvements. He suggested looking first to items that are cost-efficient and seek ways to be a better part of the solution.
- 10.6. Director Wilson questioned work on the Ford Park renovation and being good stewards to the creek.
  - 10.6.1. Mr. Barrie explained he is not directly involved in the project, but town staff is researching best practices to assure good drainage for the fields. He also said Ford Park has a fairly healthy riparian zone below the Ford Park fields.

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10.7. Mr. Ortiz said he and Mr. Scott Todd (Golf Course Maintenance Director) will become involved and work with town staff on best practices, as well as any review of the golf course master plan that is needed.

#### 11. ASSIGNMENT OF COUNCIL PEERS

- 11.1. The Board designated who their peers will be with the Vail Town Council as follows:
  - 11.1.1. Director Sackbauer will work with Ludwig Kurz
  - 11.1.2. Director Wilson will work with Andy Daley and Margaret Rodgers
  - 11.1.3. Director Hanlon will work with Greg Moffet
  - 11.1.4. Director Suarez will work with Dale Bugby and Jen Bruno
  - 11.1.5. Director Wiles will work with David Chapin

### 12. REVIEW OF REQUESTS RE: ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING GOLF COURSE DONATIONS

- 12.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed the organizations that have requested a donated day at the Vail Golf Club to conduct a charity golf tournament. These included the Philanthropic Education Organization, Battle Mountain High School Hockey Booster Club, Eagle Valley Land Trust, Ski and Snowboard Club Vail, Vail Jazz Foundation and Vail International Hockey Group. Staff requests a decision of one donated day to a group and then the VRD will offer a discounted rate for the charitable organizations who have requested the donation. The VRD typically hosts these organizations during the fall when the course is at its best and it doesn't affect peak season play. Mr. Ortiz also said there needs to be an equal value in marketing for the donations and reduced fees. The suggested fee for a reduce rate is \$50 per player.
- 12.2. Mr. Cacioppo encouraged the board to develop a non-profit fee, such as 50 percent, and to be cognizant about giving away "freebees."
- 12.3. Director Sackbauer said the fundraising tournaments are a good way to bring down valley golfers to the Vail Golf Club and show them how great the course is, if they haven't visited ever or in awhile. He requested a committee of two board members review the documents and come back with a recommendation at the March 13 meeting. Director Wilson and Hanlon will review the requests.
- 12.4. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to table the item to the March 13 regularly scheduled meeting.
- 12.5. Director Suarez left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

#### 13. JANUARY 2014 FINANCIAL UPDATE

13.1. Mr. Weaver said there is little to report for January. The VRD is starting 2014 ahead of budget. Currently the majority of expenses are fixed with little revenue at this time of year.

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#### 14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INPUT

- 14.1. Mr. Ortiz reviewed information provided in the executive director's report, which included:
  - 14.1.1. The greens at the Vail Golf Club will begin being cleared the first week of March. This is to avoid ice build up on the greens during the spring melt.
  - 14.1.2. The Vail Golf Club will offer a Vail Golf and Yoga Wellness Retreat in June for 30 participants. This is a new program.
  - 14.1.3. The Sports Spectacular begins Thursday with introduction to six sports.
  - 14.1.4. The Kids Adventure Race is being transition into the Kids Adventure Games. The VRD is working with the Mattisons on a contract for the transition and the event. However, this year's event will operate the same as previous years. This will help the race garner more national exposure. In five years the event has grown over 300 percent and is also the recipient of \$35,000 from the Commission on Special Events for 2014. The partnership will only elevate the event.
    - 14.1.4.1. Director Sackbauer encouraged working with the organizers to make Vail the event finals and recognize the tremendous work that has taken place to make it a success.
  - 14.1.5. The Shamrock Shuffle will take place on March 15 at 4 p.m. at the Vail Nordic Center.
  - 14.1.6. Preparations are underway for the Spring Gymnastics Show and camps have been organized for the summer season.
  - 14.1.7. Community Programming KidZone was full every day during the School's Out program. Today, there were 52 kids in the After School Program.
  - 14.1.8. Building Maintenance (Scott O'Connell), Mr. Weaver and Mr. Ortiz continue to work on the Borne Report.

#### 15. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 15.1. Director Sackbauer thanked Director Hanlon for his leadership. Mr. Ortiz also thanked Director Hanlon on behalf of VRD staff.
- 15.2. Director Wilson thanked Director Wiles for coordinating the VRD staff/board ski day. As a thought, he encouraged coordination of an annual ski day and a golf day. He shared his impression of staff and how well they work, ski and interact together.
- 15.3. Director Hanlon also thanked Director Wiles for thinking of ski day and commented on Jake, a new Dobson Ice arena employee, who on his second day of skiing ever, was cruising down blacks and blues.
- 15.4. Director Wiles commented on the camaraderie of the staff and how it was so great to recreate with everyone. He also thanked Director Wilson and Hanlon for chairing the board for the past six years. He commented that there is a lot of work

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to do and three new board members will be elected in May. He also shared the Burton US Open begins March 3 and last through March 8.

#### 16. ADJOURNAMENT

16.1. 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 Name of organization: P.E.O. (Philanthropic Education Organization)

**Company profile and mission statement:** P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College; and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.

P.E.O., one of the pioneer societies for women, was founded on January 21, 1869, by seven students at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Originally a small campus friendship society, P.E.O. soon blossomed to include women off campus. Today, P.E.O. has grown from that tiny membership of seven to almost a quarter of a million members in chapters in the United States and Canada. The P.E.O. Sisterhood is passionate about its mission: promoting educational opportunities for women. Our sisterhood proudly makes a difference in women's lives with six philanthropies that include ownership of Cottey College, a women's college with two-year and selected four-year programs, and five other philanthropies that provide higher educational assistance:

- · P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund
- P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund
- P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education
- P.E.O. Scholar Awards
- P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

Describe your organizations impact in the community the past 3 years? P.E.O. Chapter IG, Vail, Colorado has helped a number of women in the Vail Valley achieve thier academic goals.

In 2011, one of our members, Helen Beckwith, who works at the Vail Valley Medical Center as a surgical nurse, connected with a women working there in a non-medical capacity. This woman was a mother with several small children barely making ends meet and she was inspired by Helen. She decided to begin nursing school. She lived in Leadville and traveled to Vail each day for work and several evenings a week she would travel to Denver to take her necessary nursing classes. P.E.O. Chapter IG was able to financially help her attain her goal of completing nursing school. Upon completion of her degree, shortly before Christmas, we showered her children with gifts to show how much we cared.

Also in 2011, the daughter, Katie Tymkovich, of one of our members, Bettie Tymkovich, was returning to school after having achieved her associates degree at Colorado Mountain College and working for several years. She did not know where to begin

applying for financial aid and getting started back up with school after being away from it for so long. We were able to provide her with "seed" money, \$3,000 to \$4,000 over the course of a couple of years, to help her begin again. She went on to graduate from Metro State University with a degree in electronic communication in December 2012.

In September of 2012, we had two female candidates in their senior year from Eagle Valley High School that we were considering for our prestigeous STAR scholarship. Each chapter across the country can only sponsor one candidate per year so we carefully interviewed each and decided to began the application process alongside Erica Buzbee. Her detailed and passionate application was submitted online to our P.E.O. Executive Office in Des Moines, Iowa. In April of 2013, we received notice from our P.E.O. Executive Office that Erica was highly qualified and was awarded the STAR scholarship. Over 3,000 applications were received from across the country and she was one of 300 high school seniors awarded this scholarship of \$2,500 to be applided to tuition and books for her first year of college. She is attending Seattle Pacific University. Since both of our candidates were such exceptional women and we could only nominate one. Chapter IG raised local funds through hours contributed working at the Rummage Sale and decided to award our runner-up candidate, Natalie Goodwin, \$500. She is attednding Baylor University. We have another applicant in the running for this scholarship this year. Her name is Claire Guzik and we will find out if she is awarded this scholarship in April 2014.

Other locally raised funds have been distributed to aspiring and ambitious young women in our valley; Hanna Ploughman, attending University of Northern Colorado seeking a degree in voice and wanting to be an opera singer in Germany, Jessica Marie Law and Jana Weiss.

Just last month, a grant of \$600 was awarded through P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE) to Jessica Foulis, a young lady pursing her master's degree in conservation leadership at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Jessica earned her bachelor's degree and began working at Walking Mountains Science Center. She was there for several years and loved working there. She saw her environmental influence on the kids impact them in positive ways however, she was looking for more. In a primarily male dominated field she sees conservation as a women's movement and wants to empower them. This perspecitive attracted us to her and motivated us to do something to help her. PCE was a small but effective way to help her in her endeavors.

Currently, a new venture we have embarked on, is a partnership with Colorado Mountain College in Edwards through their Hero scholarship program. Applications are now being accepted for a \$2,000 Scholarship we are offering to be awarded in April. The candidate receiving this scholarship will be able to use this money at any Colorado Mountain College campus to cover a full year of tuition.

## Please explain in detail why you feel your organization would be a worthy recipient of the golf course donation.

P.E.O. Chapter IG, Vail, Colorado actively seeks out ambitious women throughout our valley in various stages of life looking to advance their education and who are determined to make a difference international, nationally and locally. We have touched the lives of young women going to college for the first time, women with families looking to go back to earn further education to help support their families and women pursuing a masters or doctorate degree. Their stories are powerful and the hope in their eyes says it all knowing that they are supported and encouraged by the women of our chapter. We make a point of staying in touch with our vaious scholarship recipients as their goals and dreams are achieved. We hope to continuously be a part of their lives and accomplishments both personally and professionally.

#### Proposed date of your 2014 golf tournament

Fall 2014, probably mid-September

#### Anticipated number of participants for golf tournament

100

## Number of golf tournaments you have coordinated for your organization in the past 5 years

Connie Miller is a long-time member of our chapter and brought this idea forward at our last meeting. She has coordinated 12 of these types of tournaments. She was instrumental in pioneering the first tournament that was donated to Small Champions and is a strong advocate of how effective this type of fundraising can be. We hope to utilize her expertise and your fine golf facility to generate funds that further the impact we can make on higher education for women.



### **Battle Mountain High School Ice Hockey Booster Club**

Alice Plain, Director of Golf

Vail Golf Club

1778 Vail Valley Drive, Vail, CO 81657

The Battle Mountain High School ice hockey team has had a very successful 14 year history that includes 12 years in the state playoffs and 4 final four appearances. We strive to produce quality student athletes and individuals through our program from all of Eagle County.

Over the course of the last several years our program has grown to include student athletes from all four of the high schools in Eagle County. Since we are the only varsity ice hockey team in the school district, all students can play for the team no matter which high school they attend.

Our program is the only high school varsity sport in Eagle County that is entirely self funded, largely because of the high cost of ice time. Recent school budget cuts have left the ice hockey program to raise money by itself in order to continue to field a team. Hockey camps and golf tournaments have been a successful way for us to raise money in the past, and the chance to have a fund raising golf tournament at the Vail Golf Club would be a great opportunity for us.

Last year we held a fund raising golf tournament at the Gypsum Creek Golf Course and it was a success for us. We certainly believe that holding one at the Vail Golf Club could be even more successful. Last year we had about 50 participants and we would expect more if we could hold it in Vail, perhaps up to 70.

It is our understanding that the best times for the Vail Golf Club to host these type of fund raising tournaments is in the fall, and that would work perfectly for us.

A weekend day in September would be ideal in our eyes, and we hope that you will consider us for your offer of a one day golf tournament donation.

Thank you for your consideration,

**Gary Defina** 

Head Ice Hockey Coach

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#### Request for Proposal - Vail Recreation District

Name of organization: Ski & Snowboard Club Vail

Company Profile & Mission Statement: Founded in 1962 to provide training and competition programs for aspiring young ski racers, SSCV is one of the Vail Valley's oldest non-profits. Today, the organization remains true to our roots by instilling the values of character, courage and commitment in more than 600 kids who participate in our on-snow winter sports programs each year.

Mission Statement: To inspire character growth and excellence.

Impact on the community over the past 3 years: Through our partnership with the Eagle County School District, local full-time SSCV athletes in grades 5-12 may attend Vail Ski & Snowboard Academy, the first publicly funded dedicated snowsports academy in the country. The Minturn Fitness Center is a partnership between the Town of Minturn and SSCV and another example of making the best possible resources available to our community and kids. Ultimately, nothing we do is possible without the enormous support of Vail Resorts, the likes of which exists nowhere else on earth.

Now in its fifth year, Early Season Training on Golden Peak included collaboration with Vail Resorts and a \$3M investment in snowmaking for early season training on Golden Peak. Early season training (Nov. – early Dec.) brings over 70 teams and 2,500 room nights to the valley during a traditionally slow season. The volume of athletes and teams has increased each year and November TOV tax revenue. Ski & Snowboard Club Vail early-season training venue at Golden Peak brings the world's greatest athletes to Vail to train. Our kids have the opportunity to watch and be around these incredible, incredible athletes. Colorado and Vail are really the center of the snow sports world today, both in the quality of skiing and the culture.

It's very clear that in order to meet the athletic goals of the club, we had to have a creative academic solution. We didn't want the pursuit of athletics to compromise our athlete's academics, and that issue had to be addressed. It makes our club and sport more accessible to a broader socioeconomic group – we've managed to eliminate a significant amount of the expense that comes with being a full-time snow sports program. As compared to attending an independent school, the value provided by the combination of resources – the club, the academy, the early-season training and now the fitness center – makes the entire thing a good fit for kids who want to take their sport as far as possible.

Ski & Snowboard Club Vail has developed a partnership with Town of Minturn in building the new Minturn Fitness Center. This summer, we broke ground on the facility and hope to have it ready in eight months. And despite the fact that World-Cup athletes will make use of the facility, stakeholders in the new Minturn Fitness Center project include anyone and everyone, as the high-level facility will be open to the general public.

In order to insure that our programs are accessible, SSCV relies on the generosity of businesses, corporate sponsors and individual supporters and volunteers via outright gifts of time and money. These efforts are supplemented by special events such as SSCV's annual Ski and Snowboard Swap, and the Celebration of Winter silent and live auctions. Funds raised through these efforts provide discounts covering 25-40% of the cost of our programs for local youth. On top of this, scholarships are also awarded to 20% of our kids based on financial need, and are raised through an annual golf tournament and an athlete driven month long bring it on ski/ride-a-thon.

Why we would be worthy of a golf course donation? We believe that no one should be restricted from participating in SSCV programs because of financial reasons. Hundreds of boys and girls have been the beneficiaries of scholarships from SSCV to help defray program costs. Last year, 100 kids from over 500 participants, or nearly 20% of SSCV athletes, received assistance totaling over \$150,000. If we are able to receive this donation, we would be able to raise more funds to support local athletes through scholarships. There are many people that are involved in the skiing industry that are very passionate golfers as well and we would be hopeful to have a great turnout. The two sports seem to go hand in hand.

Proposal Date 2014: May 24, 2014 (We can be flexible as well. We are trying to tie it into the end of the school year)

Anticipated number of participants: 75-100

Number of Golf Tournaments we have coordinated: 5 in the past 6 years.



#### **Proposal for Vail Golf Course Non-Profit Donation**

- Name of organization:
  - Eagle Valley Land Trust (EVLT)
- Company profile and mission statement:
  - The Eagle Valley Land Trust saves land for the people of Eagle County. We are preserving the character of our mountain community one acre at a time. Our community is a special place with unique and unparalleled natural beauty and natural resources. Your local Land Trust endeavors to conserve and protect our natural spaces and special places... forever.
  - Saving Land for People Open space conservation in our community connects people to the land. The Eagle Valley Land Trust saves and protects our local land for our people – our families, neighbors, homeowners, businesses, ranchers, sportsmen, tourists and guests. Your local Land Trust provides outdoor experiences, emotional connections and economic benefits to the people of Eagle County... forever.
  - Protecting Our Views and Landscapes Supporting local lands and open spaces protects our lush green valleys, purple mountain majesties, and our waterways and wildlife. Our conservation work has a lasting impact on scenic view sheds and helps save our Colorado landscape and Western heritage for the benefit of our entire community... forever.
  - Protecting Our Recreational Opportunities While Fueling our Economy Local land conservation protects the recreational values, outdoor experiences and sporting opportunities that drive the local economy. Our beautiful local lands are places for people... hunters and fishermen, bikers and hikers, ranchers and cowboys, snowshoers and skiers, bird watchers and boaters. Your local Land Trust protects the open spaces and wild places that supply outdoor recreational opportunities and fuel our local economy... forever.
  - Providing a Legacy for Our Future Investment in open space and land conservation allows us to preserve a mountain legacy for ourselves, our kids and grandkids. Saving our Colorado landscapes and waterways will guarantee the quality of life we enjoy

today will remain unspoiled for tomorrow. The great outdoors, the exhilaration and the emotional feeling we all experience in the nature that surrounds us... this is worth protecting for future generations... forever.

- The mission of the Eagle Valley Land Trust is to preserve forever our scenic vistas, open spaces, historic lands, waterways and wildlife habitats that represent the uniqueness of Eagle County and the Central Rocky Mountains for the enjoyment, education and benefit of all people who live in and experience this special place.
- The Eagle Valley Land Trust accomplishes our mission by:
  - Working in collaboration with local, regional, state, and national partners to conserve significant lands in Eagle County and the surrounding area.
  - Educating residents and visitors about the benefits of open spaces and natural places.
  - Providing information and expertise on conservation tools to landowners, public agencies, and other interested parties.
  - Providing a continuum of services for landowners and local governments wishing to protect their lands through the donation or sale of conservation easements.
  - Acting as stewards and monitors of the lands protected by the conservation easements we hold in the Eagle County region.
  - Defending in perpetuity the conservation values of property we hold in trust.
  - Developing strategies and serving as a facilitator for major conservation initiatives in the region.
  - Raising funds to permanently protect land by purchasing conservation easements in this region, with the assurance to donors that 100% of the funds raised for projects in Eagle County are used for local and regional projects.

#### Describe your organizations impact in the community the past 3 years:

- The past three year have been some of the most productive and successful years in the history of the Eagle Valley Land Trust. During this time, we have added 9 new conservation easements and over 1,290 new acres of permanent conservation to our portfolio of land conserved forever for our community. These lands provide numerous benefits to the people of Eagle County from preserving scenic views to protecting wildlife and their habitat; from providing public access to rivers and streams to saving precious open space; from maintaining land buffers between neighborhoods and towns which eliminates sprawl to conserving historic ranch lands which honor our Western heritage and we are very proud of the positive impact our conservation efforts bring to our community.
- Over the past three years, Eagle Valley Land Trust founded and expanded a youth education program called the "Future Conservationists Project." This program brings hundreds of local youth into the field each summer to learn about the land, what it means to conserve land, and the tools used for land conservation. We also teach kids

- orienteering and compass reading skills, as well as how to use a GPS device to navigate on the land. Participating students also undertake service learning projects like planting trees, pulling weeds or generally cleaning up a property to make a positive impact on the land. Also included as part of our Future Conservationists Project, the local Boy Scout troops earn their Soil and Water Conservation Badges while in the field with the Land Trust and our conservation educators.
- In 2012, Eagle Valley Land Trust and our partners in conservation finalized and closed the historic and momentous "Eagle Valley Land Exchange." This land exchange was the largest land conservation effort in the history of our community. By exchanging and swapping and buying and selling various parcels of land throughout our community through a complex, multi-party transaction, the Land Trust and our partners in this land exchange added 825 new acres of land into the White River National Forest in Eagle County, while also adding 725 acres of new, permanent conservation easements. We are proud to have been a founding agency in the Eagle Valley Land Exchange and were proud to help lead this effort along with the US Forest Service, Colorado State Land Board, Eagle County, Town of Avon and the Upper Eagle Water District.
- Please explain in detail why you feel your organization would be a worthy recipient of the golf course donation:
  - We are proud of our local land conservation accomplishments to benefit our community. But our work is not done, and we are not resting on our laurels. We would be a worthy recipient of the golf course donation because it will assist us with important upcoming conservation projects in 2014, including a 168-acre project between Lake Creek and Cordillera; a 4-acre project to provide public river access and a new park in Minturn; a project to save a working organic cattle ranch in Eagle County; and another land exchange effort to preserve and protect the historic and famous Lady Belle Mine, a former silver mine on Horse Mountain south of Eagle. The Land Trust would also be a worthy recipient because it will help us continue and expand our Future Conservationists Project to reach even more local kids with the message of conservation. Finally, the Land Trust serves as the steward of all conserved land in Eagle County. We annually monitor and inspect over 7,380 acres of land in our community. We provide professional biologists and ecologists with 'boots on the ground' to make sure the promise of permanent conservation is being met for our Eagle County. Just in the Town of Vail alone, we steward, monitor and inspect 5 conservation easements which provide public access into the national forest. Funds generated from the golf donation would also be used to assist with our annual land stewardship program.
  - Recognized for Excellence Your local Land Trust has been recognized for our leadership of local land conservation by numerous organizations over our 30 year history. In 2000, we were honored by the Eagle County Soil Conservation District for our "numerous contributions to the field of soil and water conservation". In 2012, we received the Jane Silverstein Ries Award for land stewardship in Colorado, citing our

"pioneering sense of awareness and stewardship of land use values in the Rocky Mountain region". And we have twice been named the "Small Non Profit of the Year" by the Vail Valley Partnership; in 2004, and most recently in Feb. 2013. These honors prove that when we make a promise to land owners, to donors and to our community, it truly is... forever.

#### Proposed date of your 2014 golf tournament?

■ The Eagle Valley Land Trust is very flexible and open to any and all potential dates that may be mutually agreeable with the Vail Golf Course. The only dates that would *not* be available for the Land Trust would be June 21 or 22. All other summer 2014 dates would be gratefully considered.

#### Anticipated number of participants for golf tournament?

- Our goal would be 144 participants (36 foursomes; shotgun start, 2 foursomes per hole)
- A minimum number of participants would be 72 (18 foursomes; 1 foursome per hole)

#### • Number of golf tournaments you have coordinated for your organization in the past 5 years?

- The Eagle Valley Land Trust has coordinated one golf tournament in the past 5 years. In the summer of 2011, the annual Vail Firefighters Golf Tournament benefited our organization.
- Kara Heide, Executive Director of Eagle Valley Land Trust, has coordinated numerous annual golf tournaments during her 36 years of living in the valley, to benefit a variety of charitable organizations; she has extensive experience with charity golf tournaments and recruiting teams.
- Jason Denhart, Director of Communications and Development for the Land Trust, is the former golf tournament coordinator for the Jimmie Heuga Center/Can Do MS organization; for 6 years he coordinated the multi-day MS golf tournaments at Cordillera. Denhart is also a former Director at both the Bravo Music Festival and the Vail Valley Foundation; during his time at those organizations, he helped to coordinate the annual "Artisians Golf Tournament" which used to be held at Arrowhead; he has experience with recruiting teams and securing sponsorship sales for charity golf tournaments.

Name of Organization: Vail International Hockey 501c3

#### Profile and Mission

Every three years since 1985, Eagle County hockey players have gone overseas for a culture tour that includes USA hockey sanctioned exhibition matches and training. The International Trips began 25+ years ago, founded by Merv Lapin, as a way to promote good will for Vail and show local youth other cultures. The trips also help to keep local youth interested in Hockey as a lifelong sport. Using his contacts in USA hockey, in China and in Russia, Lapin has created a 501 c3 non-profit that has taken 500+ locals to East Europe and China.

Our mission is to breakdown cultural stereotypes though a unique cultural experience, using hockey as the vehicle. We strive to enrich local players lives with this experience and help show them a "global prospective" at a pivotal point in their lives. Many participants have used this trip as springboard for selection of college studies and career choice.

#### **Community Impact**

Group fundraising for the trips helps the youth to feel that they "earned" the trip. We fundraise for 3 years, this committed effort teaches life lessons, making the trips very important and impactful for trip participants. "A trip of a lifetime" is what most local participants describe these trips as. For 90% of the players this is there first trip abroad. We see these trips as a way to steer youth in a positive direction and create positive motivation at a critical stage for teens.

" Kids in sports stay out of courts"

#### Why VIH

In December 2015 The Vail International Hockey team will go on a 16-day

adventure to East Europe. The trip will be made up of 2 teams, parent chaperones, a doctor and coaches. The eight-city tour will focus on WWII history and local culture. Both the younger and the older teams will play 2 games in each country. While in Europe the VIH players will participate in home exchanges with local players. The goal is to educate the youth on global history and provide prospective. Highlights will include, Prague, CZ. St. Petersburg, Russia. Auschwitz, Poland. Vienna, Austria and Budapest, Hungary. Each player is required to write a paper on a historical site we visit.

As an organization we must raise a general fund that pays for ice time, team uniforms, scholarships and other group costs. It has become very difficult in these economic times to go ask business and individuals for a hand out. We feel that a golf tournament would be a great fundraiser for our organization. A participatory event is something we have been trying to put together for the past few years to fill our corporate dotation gap. An event where we can gather the past trips alumni and current players to support future VIH trips.

#### Proposed date and size of tournament

We are open to whatever is available. The local players will be out of school June-Aug. If a date must be proposed we can do that.

We would like as least 20 4-somes. The more 4-somes that are allowed the better from our end. We expect as many as 150 people to participate in the overall event as we have currently 40 local families with players going on the 2015 trip and over 500 Alumni, most who live locally. We would like to organize a lunch or dinner in conjunction with the golf tournament.

#### **Qualifications**

The Tournament would be overseen by Eric Eves the director of VIH with assistance

provided by 3 of the current VIH parents. Chris Fedrizzi, Susan Gruber and Adel Wilson. All have experience in event planning for local organizations. Eric Eves has 10 years experience leading groups on international trips of up to 60 participants. Eric has organized 2 other golf tournaments; both were events of around 60 people. As well as experience coordinating 3 New Years Eve fundraisers for around 200 people and 2 years working for Eclipse sports marketing putting on mountain bike and ski race events nation wide.



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Ms. Alice Plain Vail Golf Club 1778 Vail Valley Drive Vail, CO 81657

Dear Ms. Plain,

The Vail Jazz Foundation is celebrating 20 years in 2014 with the summer-long 20th Anniversary Vail Jazz Festival. The festival has grown tremendously since its modest beginnings in 1995, when the festival consisted of the Labor Day Weekend Vail Jazz Party — a series of seven performances. Now, the festival includes free educational programming on Sunday at the Vail Farmers' Market and more than 40 performances starting on June 22th and wrapping up on September 1st.

In 1995, The Vail Jazz Foundation was created to perpetuate jazz music for future generations, with a specific focus on young artists and young audiences. The organization has seen overwhelming support and immense growth over the past 3 years. On a par with the International Dance Festival and Bravol Vail, the Vail Jazz Festival is now known as a cornerstone of culture in Vail. Economically, Vail Jazz contributes tremendously to the Town, bringing guests into Vail for concerts three to four times a week, each week throughout the summer. Performances take place in Vail Village and Lionshead, and support from businesses in both villages is significant.

As part of the celebratory festival, we are introducing a variety of new programs and desire to add a signature golf tournament. Additionally, to support the incredible growth in programming, we are increasing our fundraising efforts significantly.

Most local non-profits host golf tournaments as part of their annual fundraising. However, this would be a one-time event for The Vail Jazz Foundation. We wish to partner with the Vail Golf Club, to host a very special event as part of the summer-long celebration. We believe this special event will be a great draw to our supporters.

Our dates are wide open – because our festival runs for the full 12-week summer season, we are flexible with dates anytime between the start of our festival (June 22) until August 20<sup>th</sup>. However, we would not be able to host a tournament on Thursdays or Sundays. Additionally, we would not be able to couple a golf tournament with the Vail Jazz Party over Labor Day Weekend.

While The Vail Jazz Foundation is best known for its high quality performances, we focus on youth to create future listeners and performers. Funds raised through the tournament will be earmarked for our three signature educational

programs, focusing on young audiences and young artists. Jazz Goes to School, now in its 16th year, presents basic jazz education to every 4th and 5th grader in Eagle County in a four-part program, led by local jazz legend Tony Gulizia. Jammin' Jazz Kids grew out of Jazz Goes to School and offers local and visiting youth a chance to try their hand at a variety of jazz styles at the Vail Farmers' Market every Saturday in July. Debuting in 2013 to great success, Jammin' Jazz Kids is offered as a free interactive program. The Vail Jazz Workshop, now in its 19th year, educates a dozen of the nation's finest jazz artists who are all still in high school. This highly prestigious intensive allows high achieving and aspiring jazz students one on one instruction in a 10 day program with some of the best jazz artists in the county. In addition, the students get performance opportunities throughout the Vail Jazz Party and also are encouraged to 'jam' with their mentors and idols at the Late Night Jam Sessions. Many successful jazz careers have begun through this selective program.

We believe that the addition of a golf tournament during the summer of 2014 would be the perfect complement to the offerings we have lined up for the exciting festival. Recognition to the Vail Golf Club can take on many forms, some of which include:

- Full page promotion of the tournament in the Vail Jazz Festival Program Book (distribution of 20,000)
- Listing as a festival sponsor on banners, ads, e-newsletters
- Listing as sponsor of the golf tournament
- Weblink to <u>www.vailrec.com/vail-golf-club</u> from the "Visiting Vail" section of <u>www.vaillazz.org</u>

We believe Vail Jazz should be the recipient of your golf tournament because of the significant infusion of culture, energy and economic impact we provide to the Vail community. We also believe that hosting a tournament in conjunction with the 20th Anniversary Vail Jazz Festival will position both Vail Jazz and Vail Golf Club positively in the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our proposal to you. And thank you for your consideration and moreover, your generosity to the Vail community!

Sincerely

Executive Director

cc: Jamie Gunion

# The Golf Bike

Higher Ground Bicycle Company Tallahassee, Florida

# New Product for the 2014 Golf Season



## Video



## Golf Bike in Practice

Killearn Golf Club



Tallahassee, Florida

- 62 years: Average Age of Membership at Killearn Golf Club.
- Some of her elderly members cannot walk any more but want exercise and still want to play golf. Perfect Alternative
- Speed of Play
- General Manager, Lori Wilkey

# Bike Design

- Owner, Todd May, of Higher Ground Bicycle Company, Tallahassee, FL
- Combined his knowledge of cycling and passion for the sport of golf to develop this new product.
- The Golf Bike was built from the ground up to be specifically designed for golf.

- Owner, Todd May looks at the product as bringing "more fun" to the game and thus bring more people into the game.
- Bike incorporates fun, speed and pace of play to the game.
- Low impact exercise

## 2014 PGA Merchandise Show



# Cost for Start up

- Ordering 4 Golf Bikes, Cost is \$899 per bike. Total of \$3596.00.
- Estimated cost to rent the bike: \$15 per person for 18 holes.
   60 rounds of 18 holes will pay for the cost of the bike.
- Longevity of Golf Bikes for Rental with continued maintenance: 4-6 years.
- Vail Golf Club would be the first Golf Club in Colorado with the Golf Bike.
- Fun Factor: Priceless

### VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS March 13, 2014

#### **GOLF MAINTENANCE**

- Snow continues to pile up on Vail Mountain, Colorado River basin and statewide.
   We have lost a little snow pack in the last two weeks due to warmer daytime temperatures.
  - Vail Mountain snow/water equivalent = 126% of average for YTD
  - Colorado River basin = 126% of average YTD
  - Colorado statewide snowpack average = 111% of average YTD
- The remainder of March and April will determine if we finish with an average or above average snowpack and water/equivalent going into the melt and run-off season.
  - This will dictate whether we are looking at flood potential on Gore Creek this summer.
  - This period will also effect when we are able to get out on the golf course to complete #18, and prepare the rest of the golf course for opening. Safe to say that it's likely to be later than the last two years.
- Clearing greens began first week of March, #2 and #3 cleared as March 6. After clearing, they get a late season fungicide application to protect against snowmold through March and April. Both greens cleared so far looked good, no snow mold. Very deep snow on these first two greens, 4-5' in back portion of #3 and left side of #2.
- Continuing search for our 2nd assistant position, taking resume's through early March in order to have someone on board early to mid-April.
- Ordered new equipment, including a new topdresser with much greater capacity than
  existing model, two utility vehicles and a new sand trap raking machine to replace
  the one that died at the end of last season.

#### **GOLF OPERATIONS**

- DJ Cook will be returning to Vail Golf Club this summer as a PGA Assistant Professional. DJ worked at the VGC two years ago as a PGM intern from New Mexico State University. DJ has been teaching in Dallas for Golf Tech for the past year and a half.
- Marketing efforts for our Golf Yoga weekend were distributed March 6. Jamie is
  working on marketing with the VLMDC on this unique women's retreat. Press release
  will go out to many outlets throughout Colorado and Arizona as well as the LPGA
  teaching contact list and business women in the Front Range and nationwide. Jon
  Levy and Kathleen Heiney have many contacts in both the yoga and golf
  communities.
- The Nordic Center plans to move out on April 6 for the season.
- We are continuing to book groups for summer. The majority of these groups are between 24-32 players.
- The First Tee of Eagle County will be in full swing this summer. Courses will be
  participating in the "Team Golf" as well. This summer Nate Corsbie (from Eagle
  Ranch) will be organizing the team programs for all the courses participating. Weekly
  programming will be taking place at all the public golf courses. The First Tee of
  Denver will continue to support our FTEC.

• Ed Wisneski will be unable to work at the Vail GC this summer because of health reasons. Ed has worked at the course for 14 years. He hopes to return in the fall if his recovery goes well. Carolyn Wisneski plans to work at the course again entering her 15 year.

#### **SPORTS REPORT**

- Registration is underway for the Keen Vail Kids Adventure Games and after 24 hours close to 50 teams have registered. This year's event will include three days of racing, two days of clinics, three days of the Family Adventure Expo and a mud room.
- Under two months to go till the first bike race, which will feature a shortrack race on April 23 in Eagle.
- Vail Valley Medical Center and Howard Head Sports Medicine are returning as a sponsors for the mountain bike and trail running race series, as well as the Kids Adventure Games. They have increased their sponsorship to be part of the new mud run during the Games.
- Continue to finalize plans on the use of EagleVail fields for summer programming while Ford Park is under construction.
- Working with the Lacrosse Shootout to meet the special needs for the New Zealand and Israel National teams that will be attending this year's tournament.

#### **DOBSON**

- Dobson played host to FTI Consulting. The event was run by Operation Altitude. The
  event hosted close to 400 people from all over the country who work for FTI. The
  Counting Crows played as entertainment. The event brought in close to \$17,000 in
  revenue for the two days.
- All programs are coming to an end. We had a successful youth hockey season. We will continue to operate through April 30 with adult hockey and some figure skating.
- DJ Jazzy Jeff played for the Burton US Open after party. Attendance was approximately 1,500 with estimated revenue to be similar to the FTI event.
- Spring adult hockey began last week with 13 teams playing in two divisions.

#### MARKETING

- Summer marketing is in full swing for collateral, ads, email blasts and more.
  - Finalizing collateral for youth camps and updating databases to mail the information.
  - Website updating to accommodate all the new info.
  - Running postcard to be sent in a collaboration with the Mountain Games
- Jamie is training departments on the website upkeep to have a point of contact for each area.
- Jamie met with Kristin Yantis of MYPR who is responsible for Vail Summer public relations efforts. Jamie and Kristin plan to head to Denver April 30-May 1 for one-onones with local media to discuss VRD activities and events, as well as all things summer. Focus will include the Kids Adventure Games, Yoga Retreat and youth and family programs.
- The VRD's Year in Review is complete and available on line. Jamie will provide copies at the Town of Vail's March 11 annual community meeting.
- Continuing to coordinate with Jason Roberts of Intercept Insights to plan for economic impact survey work during 2014.

- Jamie met with Walking Mountains Science School to discuss marketing for summer programs and coordination efforts to elevate spreading the word about the programming.
- The VRD's special district election will be held on Tuesday, May 6 at which election voters will elect three directors to the VRD board to serve a four-year term. Seven candidates, Kevin Foley, Constance Miller, Kimberley Newbury, Robert Oppenheimer, Brian Rodine, Tom Saalfeld and Penny Turilli, are running for the three Board of Director seats
  - Planning is underway to host a candidate briefing on March 20 to provide candidates with background information on the VRD and a chance to meet and ask questions of staff. This will be open to the public.
  - Jamie is working with the Vail Chamber and Business Association on hosting a Candidate Forum prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting on March 27. The candidates will be asked eight questions, which they will receive prior to the forum. Then they will be asked four to five questions from the public that will be collected during the meeting. Thank you to the VCBA for helping coordinate this meeting.

#### **GYMNASTICS**

- The Gymnastics Center's new Head Coach, Steve Murray, began his position March 3. He is familiarizing himself with our students, parents, and current style of programming. He has been well received by our students and the last Head Coach stated her vote of confidence as well.
- We have also had a recent hire for a lower level coach who has been coming in for training. Unfortunately she broke her hand recently so an official start date when she can take classes on her own is still tentative.
- Heather Gilger has announced her resignation from the Gymnastics Center. She will be leaving us on March 13 in pursuit of being able to be more present in her family. We support her decisions and appreciate all her hard work over the last 10 years. The Center is hosting a small going away party for her at 5 p.m. March 12 for anyone would like to come and wish her farewell.
- We have opened up some new classes to accommodate parent requests and waiting lists for classes.
- The Boy's Team finished a competition at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs last weekend. This was by far the largest and most challenging meet they have had this season. We had two boys finish with sixth place medals in individual events. A great finish considering the competition at the meet.
- The Team is now preparing for the upcoming State Competition with the new head coach. We all wish them the best of luck.

#### **COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING**

#### Community Programming

- Traffic at Imagination Station has continued to be busy through January and into February. We are even picking up more traffic in March. We had become accustomed to about 3 to 5 families visiting Imagination Station daily in November; we are still at about two times that traffic.
- Children's Art has had a few participants. Paint Your Own Pottery has had some rather busy days. Kid's In the Kitchen on Saturdays is gaining a following and word seems to be spreading.

- Fitness classes are back to typical levels in the morning sessions. We continued the Thursday noon class with some VIPs from the Town of Vail. We discontinued Young Yogis and the Après Ski Yoga classes.
- We have quite a few birthday parties on the schedule and Stone Creek kindergarten and first grade classes are coming to do art and play with us.
- We are marketing Date Night for the month of March in hopes of selling this muchtalked-about opportunity. March has been the best time to try this type of programming in the past.
- Twyla and Kat are testing the viability of an Adaptive Yoga class. We had a visit from a gal that is interested in offering dance to Parkinson's patients (and folks with other issues such as Traumatic Brain Injury).

#### KidZone

 We continue with a vibrant program. We have one day of School's Out Camp on Monday, March 17.

#### Other

- We have partnered with the TOV Library and Alpine Arts Center to offer a fun twist on Cocktails & Canvas on Thursday, March 13. We will paint wine bottles under the instruction of Lauren from Alpine Arts Center. The Town of Vail is paying for the artist, we are taking care of the Special Event Liquor License.
- We are in need of a Director for Pre Kamp Vail. We are just beginning the hiring process for other positions.
- We are in the midst of discussions with Vail Resorts for use of the Golden Peak Children's Center. We have a contract in place for use of Red Sandstone this summer.
- We have also started planning programs as a certain level of preparation is required for marketing in mid-March and opening registration in early April. We will have the website updated by March 14 (hopefully earlier) and registration opens Monday, April 7.
- Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 19.

#### **BUILDING MAITENANCE**

#### Vail Golf Course

- Hole 18
  - We will begin to look at phase 2 scheduling and keep a close eye on weather.
     As soon as the construction area is free of snow and reasonably dry we will mobilize the contractor to evaluate any erosion issues and prepare for finish work
- Driving Range Net Project
  - Netting on a change order for additional concrete poured and spoils exported.
  - We have reached out to Judge Netting to establish timelines for phase 2 which we would like to begin by the end of March with an expected completed install date of early April
  - VRD staff has been working on keeping the north side of parking area clean, erosion, mud and rock has been an issue with parking as snow continues to melt

#### **Vail Golf Club House**

• 1 Domestic Hot Water heater is "limping along" and we have on occasion utilized the 2<sup>nd</sup> heater for all hot water needs. It has control challenges as well as a leak in the tank. We will continue to patch this until it fails completely and needs replacement.

- Scheduling the repair of the HVAC restaurant roof unit with TOV
- Schedule install of new commercial washing machine
- Staff will be doing a hazardous materials and recycling clean out this month

#### Vail Golf Maintenance Bldg.

• Annual fire inspection complete and building passed with no issues

#### Ford Park and Athletic Fields Renovation

- OAC meetings have resumed on a bi-monthly schedule
- Infield material (synthetic vs dirt) is still being evaluated however the window to ensure this project is completed this summer is.

#### Dobson

- Concessions successfully hosted a private event for Operation Altitude
- Concessions is currently gearing up for the Burton US Open after party, hosted by Highline
- Concessions area needs to be updated to meet code, we should discuss if we
  just want to complete code issues or if we want to move forward with additional
  upgrades and renovations previously presented. Additional discussions with
  TOV may be valuable for funding.
- TOV evaluating replacement of boilers, both require significant \$ to keep them running unless replaced, study involves High Efficiency vs. regular gas fired

#### **Gymnastics**

Annual fire inspection complete and building passed with no issues

#### **Youth Services**

- Electrical for thoughts flow is complete, waiting on unit to arrive for installation
- Working on spring punch list, including installation of "self-pay" station

#### **Bourne Engineering Study**

 All indoor evaluations are complete, study will resume once snow is gone and exteriors can be evaluated.

#### **Nature Center**

 VRD staff will be meeting with Walking Mountains Science School to address maintenance and capital items that need to be addressed as the transition begins in spring 2014