
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District
dba Vail Recreation District
September 27, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on September 27, 2018 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. Tom Saalfeld, Bill Suarez, Kim Newbury Rediker, Jason Plante, Roland Kjesbo

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, Dan Timm, Jerry Stevens, Jerrica Miller

4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. None

5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver

6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

7.1. Mr. Ortiz asked to add an agenda item to recognize an outstanding employee, Jerrica Miller.

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2018 regular meeting.

8.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2018 special meeting with Director Plante and Director Rediker abstaining due to absence.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

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9.1. None

10. REVIEW OF 2018-19 NORDIC PASS AND EQUIPMENT FEES

10.1. Mr. Dan Timm presented the 2018-19 proposed Nordic Center fees. Mr. Timm proposed a moderate increase in rates for season passes, daily fees, rentals and lessons. Under the proposal, daily trail fees would go up slightly, and a new fee was added for youth skiers of \$10 per day. Kids under 6 will still be free. Season passes would go up \$5 per season and rentals up \$2 per day. Mr. Timm said the Nordic Center will also be offering AT equipment for rent, new to the Vail Nordic Center offerings this season. Lessons would go up \$5 per session.

10.2. After some discussion, and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the Nordic Center fees as proposed.

11. REVIEW OF 2018-19 PICKELBALL SEASONAL PASS FEES

11.1. Mr. Jerry Stevens explained the evolution of the VRD pickleball program over the past few years. He stated that as participation numbers and days of programming have increased, so have operational costs. Mr. Stevens explained that the sport is so popular in Vail now that they have to staff the courts 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the peak summer season. On the busiest days, Mr. Stevens said they will see 80-90 players during drop-in sessions. He explained that having programmed pickleball is unique to Vail. Mr. Stevens proposed raising the seasonal pass prices \$40 for residents and \$60 for non-residents, and the annual passes \$50 each. Junior passes would stay the same.

11.2. After some discussion, and by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the pickleball program fees as proposed.

12. EMPLOYEE AWARD – NEW AGENDA ITEM

12.1. Mr. Ortiz reminded the Board of the recent Businesses, Bogeys and Bragging Rights Tournament put on at the Vail Golf Club in conjunction with the Vail Chamber and Business Association to raise money for the VRD's Tom Slaughter, Jr. Memorial Youth Recreation Grant. To encourage employees to help solicit teams and sponsorships, the VRD held an internal competition among employees and departments. Thanks to the hard work of employees, the tournaments sold out with 32 teams this year and raised over \$20,000 for the scholarship fund. Mr. Ortiz also thanked Mr. Jerry Cross, the gentleman who that started the fund with the Slaughter Family, who just this past week gave another \$1,000. Mr. Ortiz recognized Miss Jerrica Miller who won the individual employee competition bringing in 12 sponsors and a \$3,230 sponsorship value. The admin department won the department competition, bringing in 23 sponsors and a value of \$7,794 between employees Mr. Ortiz, Mrs. April Heredia, Mrs. Jessie Klehfoth and Mrs. Nell Davis. Mr. Ortiz also

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thanked Mrs. Alison Wadey for all her work organizing the tournament and Mrs. Klehfoth and Mrs. Davis for their hard work as well.

13. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz gave an overview of the capital construction projects at the Vail Golf Club, including the demolition and reconstruction of the golf maintenance storage facility, progress on the new starter building, and information on the driving range, bridge and tee upgrades.

14. AUGUST 2018 FINANCIALS

- 14.1. Mr. Weaver talked about year-to-date variances which are within 1% of budgeted revenues. Mr. Weaver stated that golf revenues are about 25% down to budget, but with interest rates on the rise, other departments doing well, and starting the year \$350K ahead of budget, the deficit has largely been offset. Overall, the VRD is about 2% favorable in operating expenses. Mr. Weaver expects the VRD to finish really close to budget overall. Mr. Weaver also stated that we still have some contingency built in for construction, but overall VRD is in good shape with the offsets.
- 14.2. Mr. Weaver explained to the Board that budget templates were due from department heads today, so Mr. Ortiz and Mr. Weaver will be spending the next week in one-on-one budget meetings with each department head. Departments are also working on their proposed 2019 rates. Mr. Weaver reminded the Board that thanks to the passing of the mill levy increase, we won't have to raise the rates extravagantly, but we do still need to be doing small rate increases based on inflation, which is what the mill levy calculations were based on. The timeline for the budget process is to use the October 25 meeting for the budget hearing, which will be published in the newspaper and open for public comment. Mr. Weaver would then like to postpone the approval of the budget to a second meeting in November so there is time to make adjustments.
- 14.3. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Weaver for the information.

15. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 15.1. Mr. Ortiz thanked Mrs. Klehfoth and Mrs. Davis for all the hard work on the BB&B tournament and stepping outside of their regular duties to produce this tournament. Marketing is still really busy with producing collateral for Dobson, open gyms and the Trick or Treat Trot. Mr. Ortiz also highlighted the new photography on the golf website and the new banquet menus that marketing created.
- 15.2. Mr. Ortiz talked about golf maintenance's plans for the golf course over the winter and commended Mr. Scott Todd for his research and thorough plans to protect the course through the winter.

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- 15.3. Mr. Ortiz thanked the sports department for their continued community work. They helped with some local cross country meets and are working weekends to assist these community events, even though this is usually their slow time. Sports is also working on events dates and finalizing the winter race series. The uphill will take place on Feb. 17.
- 15.4. Mr. Ortiz said thank you to the parks department who do such a great job with the fields that college teams from Denver come up to train every fall and run high-altitude camps. These teams are very particular about the fields they play on, and VRD staff does a great job taking care of the fields.
- 15.5. Mr. Ortiz highlighted pickleball outdoor drop-in play, which is still happening daily at Golden Peak. Once the weather gets wintery, the pickleball program will move over to the Ski and Snowboard Academy on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday and Sunday mornings. Next year Mr. Stevens is going to offer weekly junior camps throughout the summer.
- 15.6. Mr. Ortiz talked about how Dobson had a Pucks, Pars and Poker event a few weeks ago with 160 people in attendance. The alumni game saw just under 900 people in attendance, and Mr. Ortiz said it was a nice event that raises money for the hockey club. The Mile High Mites program partnered with the Colorado Avalanche to put on a great beginner hockey program at very low cost to local children. The kids get to keep equipment, and 42 children participated. The World Figure Skating Championships are at Dobson this weekend, and right after that the Philadelphia Flyers are coming in to get high altitude training.
- 15.7. Mr. Ortiz said that gymnastics has been doing really well with a new coach, Mr. Ryan Enfield, who is doing tumbling and trampoline programs that incorporate ski and snowboard skills into gymnastics. With Mr. Enfield on board, the program will be adding about 10 new classes to lineup. The competitive season is starting soon and on Friday, Oct. 26 they will have a Halloween-themed parents' night out, followed by a Tumbling Turkey Camp during Thanksgiving school break. Mr. Ortiz mentioned that they have some new athletes coming from Summit County and Gypsum to take advantage of VRD's expert coaching, and he expects to see multiple, high-levels athletes coming out of the Vail Gymnastics program in the next few years. He also mentioned that the parking structure construction is on schedule and is really pleased with the construction contractor, Hazelton, who has had great communication with VRD.
- 15.8. Mr. Ortiz also thanked Mr. Scott O'Connell for all his work on the capital construction projects and contracts. He mentioned how Mr. O'Connell was even out manually pumping sewage through the lift station while the power was out from the starter building demolition.
- 15.9. Mr. Ortiz reiterated how pleased he was still all the staff doing a great job throughout the summer, highlight how tough of a summer it was for Mrs.

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Alice Plain and the golf staff but how their customer service has been outstanding. He also shared that he get letters from guests who love the service at the golf club and also at pickleball.

16. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 16.1. Director Kjesbo shared that he thought Mr. Weaver and Mr. Ortiz did a phenomenal job of working down the construction budgets and getting everything to go at one time. He commended them for a great job and said it is going to be nice to get it all done and get the course open next spring.
- 16.2. Director Plante commented that it's nice to see new programs – pickleball and a new gymnastics coach focused on ski and snowboard training. He reiterated that he thought the new Nordic and pickleball prices were completely reasonable. He also commended the golf staff for doing a wonderful job all season and said the growth in pickleball is really nice to see. He also thanked the staff for a great BB&B tournament and was pleased to see all the money raised.
- 16.3. Director Saalfeld asked when will the greens be punched at the gold course. Mr. Ortiz said he would get the date out and reminded the Board that the closing date for the golf course is October 21.

17. ADJOURNMENT

- 17.1. 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,
Jessie Klehfoth
Secretary to the Meeting