# Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

# Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District May 8, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on May 8, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., at the Town of Vail, Council Chambers Eagle County, Colorado, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

- 1. MEMBERS PRESENT
- 1.1. Michelle Hall, Joe Hanlon, Rick Sackbauer, Ken Wilson, and Jeff Wiles, Scott Proper
- 1.2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
- 1.3. None
- 2. STAFF PRESENT
- 2.1. Mike Ortiz, Lori Gordon, Scott O'Connell, Steve Sarro, Alice Plain, Jeanne Sutherland, and Chad Young
- 3. TOV MEMBERS PRESENT
- 3.1. None
- 4. OTHERS PRESENT
- 4.1. Scott Bluhm and Leonard Bloom
- 5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
- 5.1. Eric Weaver and Cheri Curtis, Robertson & Marchetti P.C.
- 6. CALL TO ORDER
- 6.1. Director Proper called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 7. APPROVAL OF 3/27/08 MEETING MINUTES
- 7.1. Director Sackbauer made a motion to approve the March 27, 2008 meeting minutes. Director Hanlon seconded. Approved unanimously

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- 8. APPROVAL OF 4/24/08 MEETING MINUTES
- 8.1. Director Sackbauer made a motion to approve the April 24, 2008 meeting minutes. Director Hanlon seconded. Approved unanimously
- 9. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA
- 9.1. None
- 10. NEW VRD BOARD MEMBERS OATH OF OFFICE
- 10.1. Mr. Jeff Wiles and Ms. Michelle Hall took their Oaths of office.
- 10.2. Scott Proper excused himself from the meeting.
- 11. ELECTION OF VRD BOARD MEMBER OFFICERS
- 11.1. Director Hall made a motion to elect Director Wilson as Chairman, Director Hanlon seconded. Approved unanimously
- 11.2. Director Sackbauer made a motion to elect Director Hall as secretary/treasurer and Directors Wiles, Hanlon, and Sackbauer each assistant secretary, Director Wilson seconded. Approved unanimously
- 11.3. Director Wilson wanted to thank Mr. Proper for his 4 years on the Board with the VRD, welcomed Director Wiles, and thanked Director Hall for her continued commitment to the Board.
- 12. COLORADO STAGE INTERNATIONAL CYCLE CLASSIC (COURSE ROUTES) MR. SCOTT BLUHM, VAIL VALLEY FOUNDATION
- 12.1. Mr. Scott Bluhm explained to the board that the Vail Valley Foundation will be holding a bicycle race on August 22, 23, and 24, 2008. Mr. Ortiz and Mr. Bluhm met a couple of weeks ago and went over a few different scenarios of different race routes to try and minimize the disruption with play on the golf course. Mr. Bluhm suggested that the golfers be told about the race at the time of the reservation. There will be signs up around the course during the days of the event.

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- 12.2. Director Hall suggested that we come up with a way to entice the golfer for their inconvenience. The rest of the board and Mr. Ortiz agreed. Playing the course is not going to be easy that day and the golfers need to know this when they are booking their tee time.
- 12.3. Director Hanlon stated that this is exciting for the Town of Vail and questioned how many participants and spectators this is expected to draw? Mr. Bluhm responded that there would be about 120 riders and could be as many as 10,000-20,000 spectators. This is also the first professional cycling event to happen in Colorado since 1987.

### 13. MARCH 31, 2008 FINANCIALS- MR. ERIC WEAVER

- 13.1. Mr. Eric Weaver explained that since this is Director Wiles first Board meeting he would like to go into a bit more detail in the financial report. Director Wiles is new and want him to understand everything up to this point, and to please ask questions if he or any other Board member has any. In general, the VRD is staying close to operating budget with numerous positive and negative variances that are expected to equal out and allow the District to remain close to the overall budget. Mr. Weaver also went over several graphs to display where the funds of the District are received from, where the funds are spent, and how departments are subsidized by property taxes. Mr. Weaver also provided the Board with an update of the capital budget and reiterated that the remainder of the capital budget is not being allocated to specific projects until the golf course lease is negotiated and signed by the Town.
- 14. PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION FOR THE INCLUSION OF REAL PROPERTY INTO THE VAIL PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT THE CHALETS AT THE LODGE AT VAIL, LLC
- 14.1. Mr. Ortiz informed the Board that tonight's meeting had been published as a public hearing to allow the general public to provide comment on the inclusion. Director Sackbauer made a motion to open public hearing. Director Hanlon seconded.
- 14.2. No public input was provided.
- 14.3. Director Sackbauer made a motion to close public hearing.

  Director Wilson seconded

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14.4. Director Sackbauer made a motion to approve the petition for Inclusion of Additional Real Property into the Vail Park and Recreation District. Director Wilson Seconded. Approved unanimously

### 15. RECREATION MASTER PLAN

15.1. No additional items to discuss.

#### 16. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 16.1. Mr. Ortiz wanted to congratulate Director Hall and Director Wiles and Thank Mr. Ross Davis Jr. for running. He also wanted to thank Ms. Cheri Curtis from Robertson and Marchetti for being the Designated Election Official, Ms. Kristin Kenny Williams for moderating our forum last Board meeting, and the Eagle River and Water District and Town of Vail for their assistance in the joint election held at the Town.
- 16.2. Dobson- Our fall hockey season (16 teams) is coming to an end and he is very proud of Mr. Jared Biniecki and his staff for all of their hard work. The Lipizzaner Show is this weekend and after that Dobson will be closed until the 9<sup>th</sup> of June for annual maintenance. The State Gymnastics Meet will be hold at Dobson on June 13-14-15, 2008.
- 16.3. Building Maintenance- The new truck is in for Mr. Scott O'Connell. There many projects going on with building maintenance. The tennis facility was just painted and is going to get new carpet. The lightning warning system has been installed which will sound an alarm throughout the golf course as well as the Tennis Center and athletic fields. Emergency lights were put out at the golf clubhouse. Carpet is going to be replaced at the restaurant at the Clubhouse. The fire alarm was fixed and tested at the golf maintenance building. The tiles were cleaned at the gymnastics building. The new lights will be going up at Dobson. Fox 31 is going to be doing an interview with Mr. Biniecki and Mr. O'Connell on the new Lights. Youth Services is closed while they are getting re-painted. Mr. O'Connell is working very hard on recycling programs. Thank you.

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- 16.4. Golf Operations- Ms. Alice Plain has worked very hard to get the H2B Visa program to work. She has taken it on herself. Thank you! I know it was not easy or stress free. The application for the season pass is available online. The new range ball machine is being installed which will allow us to track range usage by customer.
- 16.5. Gymnastics- The state meet is June 13-14-15. This should bring in about 2500 visitors to Vail. We are working with Vail Valley Partnership. We are getting steady reservations.
- 16.6. Sports- This weekend is the volleyball camp. Thank you to the lodging partnerships that are helping us with the Coach's accommodations. (Vail Reality, Evergreen Lodge, Simba Run, and Antlers) Mr. Joel Rabinowitz is going to the Vail Mountain School to seek volunteers for summer work.
- 16.7. Golf Maintenance- We are hoping to have the back 9 open by May 16 and the entire course by the 23 of May. It all depends on Mother Nature. Green 5 and 14 have incurred damage from the wildlife and ice and will need some extra care but are expected to recover. On May 12, the staff hopes to have the majority of the irrigation system up and running.
- 16.8. Skate Park will be moved from Minturn to the Lionshead Parking Structure on Monday.
- 16.9. Ms. Jamie Gunion has been working hard and getting us advertised in many different areas including Denver Golf, Vail Buses, Golf Adventures, TV8, Plum TV, discovercolorado.com, and lots of brochures via email and regular mail.

#### 17. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

17.1. Director Sackbauer stated that he just came back from Charlotte, NC. He would love to put together a power point presentation for the rest of the board to see the 32 Million cement White water course for canoes, rafts, and rock climbing. Director Sackbauer would also like to have a presentation on the ADA options for the clubhouse and whether we have to spend the money on the improvements. The 3<sup>rd</sup> thing is he would like: a combined meeting of the Recreation boards (VRD, Eagle-Vail, and WECMERD). We should host a social activity at the Happy Valley Grill and center the

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discussions on "How we can make Recreation Valley wide even better?"

- 17.2. Director Hall welcomed Director Wiles. Director Hall stated that she is relying heavily on press releases and the web site for information because of the limitations on the information that can be distributed through the schools. She is emailing it to different user groups. Director Hall also feels as we have 4 different one time opportunities this summer: Bike race, Democratic, Convention, State Gymnastic Meet, and the Suzuki Institute in Beaver Creek for 2 weeks. There is a big opportunity if all of the departments get together to offer packages to visitors so that the VRD could offer something for everyone attending each of these events.
- 17.3. Director Hanlon stated that is was nice to have the Vail Valley Foundation bring the cycling race to our attention early on in the game. He also suggested that we send out a letter to our neighbors letting them know about the Lightning Detection System. Director Hanlon also suggested that we could get the Nature Center involved with Fly Fishing as this is part of our original charter. He was also concern with the elevator at the golf clubhouse which is required by ADA and the \$450,000 that it could cost.
- 17.4. Director Wiles thanked everyone for there support and he is looking forward to working with everyone. Director Wiles agrees with Director Sackbauer in working with the other districts and communicating with them.

## 18. ADJOURNMENT

18.1. Director Wilson motioned to adjourn at 6:20 PM. Director Sackbauer seconded. Approved unanimously.

Michelle Hall, Secretary	Lori Gordon, Assistant Finance Director