

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

5:00 P.M.  
Thursday, July 11, 2013  
Town of Vail, Council Chambers  
AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. June 27, 2013
3. Public Input of Items not on the Agenda
4. Presentation and Acceptance of 2012 Audit-Mr. Dan Cudahy
5. Executive Director Input
6. Board Member Input
7. Site Visitation-Dobson Ice Arena & Imagination Station
8. Adjournment

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## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

#### **Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District June 27, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on June 27, 2013 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. Joe Hanlon, Ken Wilson, Billy Suarez, Jeff Wiles, Rick Sackbauer
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
  - 2.1. None
3. STAFF PRESENT
  - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jamie Gunion, Scott O'Connell
4. OTHERS PRESENT
  - 4.1. Stephen Connolly
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 5:03 p.m.
7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
  - 7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2013 Regular Meeting.
8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
  - 8.1. Mr. Stephen Connolly spoke in regards to the 5 p.m. start time for the VRD Board Meetings. He encouraged the board to consider a later start time to provide an opportunity for more public participation. Mr. Connolly also expressed concerns regarding the process of the Vail Golf Clubhouse renovation. In addition, he spoke about his concerns regarding management of the District and encouraged the board to listen to the community.

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#### 9. MAY 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

- 9.1. Mr. Eric Weaver reviewed the financials through May. Revenues are ahead in most areas with the Vail Golf Club behind due to a late season start and decreased punch card sales. On the expense side, the District is favorable in most departments.
- 9.2. Director Wilson questioned when the tax abatement/appeal period would provide a clearer picture of the District's new valuation for the 2014 budget. Mr. Weaver explained this would happen in August and he is working with the Eagle County Assessors office on updates. Mr. Weaver explained that property owners who are appealing have to pay their tax fees and if it is abated it will be refunded plus interest.
- 9.3. Mr. Weaver reviewed a document that shows expenses and revenues and how all department operations are subsidized, even before capital expenditures. However, last year the Vail Golf Club did cover its own operating costs due to the early start, great weather, and Cordillera members playing the course. However it still required a subsidy to cover capital expenditures.

#### 10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 10.1. Mr. Mike Ortiz provided a departmental review:
  - 10.1.1. He said the King of the Mountain Volleyball tournament had 620 teams. The Vail Lacrosse Shootout tournament will begin Saturday.
  - 10.1.2. The new 12<sup>th</sup> tee box will be open on June 28. The 15<sup>th</sup> green sod is being stripped and are working on solutions to improve the tee box, including reurfing the tee box. Goal is to be able to play the 15<sup>th</sup> green later this summer. The old turf is being placed in the nursery to reuse it to maintain similar playing surface on all tee boxes. Scott Todd is working on providing more sand in the bunkers as a temporary solution to the bunkers until they can be improved.
  - 10.1.3. Sports is busy, the 37<sup>th</sup> running of the Vail Hill Climb will take place July 6th.
  - 10.1.4. Many of the Youth Services camps are nearly full. The Nature Center programs have been going very well.
- 10.2. Director Suarez questioned signage regarding paying per entry at Ford Park. Mr. Ortiz said he would look into it.
- 10.3. Director Sackbauer asked how many people King of the Mountain Volleyball and Lacrosse bring to town. He said it's interesting for the community to know how many people the sporting events bring to town. He complimented staff for addressing the parking situation at the Vail Golf Club and utilizing the new biking program.
  - 10.3.1. Mr. Ortiz explained the VRD purchased 15 bikes for staff who will be using these bikes to commute from Public Works and Vail Golf Club.

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10.3.2. Director Sackbauer shared information about Dobson Ice Arena's four new instructors who are well known in the skating community, nationally and internationally. He requested a site visit to the concession area at Dobson Ice Arena. In response to Mr. Connolly's request for early meeting times, he requested staff look into what it would take to change the meeting times.

#### 11. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 11.1. Director Sackbauer said he feels the Vail Golf Club's conditions are some of the best in the county. He requested bringing the new Food and Beverage Manager to a board meeting to introduce him to the community.
- 11.2. Director Wilson also commented he is not opposed to a later start time if staff feels it would accommodate the community. He also questioned if staff knows the impacts to the Vail Skating Invitational. Mr. Ortiz said his understanding is numbers are up for the Skating Invitational.
- 11.3. Director Wiles thanked staff for the added picnic tables and BBQ at the sand volleyball courts. He worked the Summer Solstice race and said the participants felt it's one of the best races produced. There was great participation and an atmosphere. Director Wiles questioned storage for Sports. Mr. Ortiz said Sports staff is looking at what could be convenient for them.
- 11.4. Director Suarez questioned if softball players are using the concession stands. Mr. Scott O'Connell said softball use has been low. Mr. O'Connell said staff is researching netting to catch the tennis balls on courts one and two.
- 11.5. Director Hanlon extended their condolences to the families affected by the plane crash this past week. The VRD is looking for volunteers for the Vail Hill Climb.

#### 12. SITE VISIT TO NEW CONCESSIONS/RESTROOM AREAS AT FORD PARK/VAIL TENNIS CENTER

- 12.1. The Board left the meeting to visit the new restrooms and concessions area at Ford Park and the Vail Tennis Center.

#### 13. ADJOURNAMENT

- 13.1. 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

**VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT**  
**July 11, 2013**

**GOLF MAINTENANCE**

- New #12 tees are close to opening for play. They were sand-topdressed heavily on 6/28, waiting for turf to grow up through sand to provide a teeing surface as good as current tee.
- Renovation of the “old 15 green” that served as the temporary green the last 2 springs is in progress. In the next week we will have it sodded and ready for play this summer or fall if desired.
- The chipping green opened on 6/18. It’s currently being mowed at an intermediate height and will eventually be down to putting green height. The same applies to #12/19 green, and it is on schedule to be mowed to green height by the time we begin renovation of #18.
- New program instituted of mowing driving range on Wednesday evenings instead of Thursday mornings. This has allowed Alice and staff to open range Thursday mornings without any closure period. Placement of synthetic turf mats additionally has cut back on the time needed to topdress divots from the previous week, with our staff able to complete this by opening time.
- June weather wrap-up: Warm and dry, a repeat of last year. Total rain for the month was .17”, and the average high was 77 degrees. The course handled it well, and it was beneficial to grow-in of last year’s ryegrass over-seeding to fill in thin areas.
- Gore Creek is flowing at 153 cfs, about half of the average for today’s date. Last year on this date it was only flowing at 41 cfs and we were in our second week of irrigation restrictions. The monsoon moisture/afternoon rains came this time last year and prevented a difficult July and August. That pattern appears to be in effect once again this first week of July, and hopefully we can get through August without restrictions.
- We plan to plant several trees between #1 tees and the chipping green to provide increased safety screening of errant tee shots from #1.

**GOLF OPERATIONS**

- Business has been strong. The 5th of July is booked. Staff is working diligently on Pace of Play. We had a customer from Oklahoma come into the shop at 4:10 p.m. on July 3 to mention he finished his round in close to 4:07 and congratulated us for the pace. He said “This is the best program he has seen at a Resort course.”
- We started our Ranger “Question of the Day” when we started PEAK Season last Friday. We began this program to help engage the guest and ranger in a positive light. Staff mentions our pace of play program in the golf shop when they check as well as let them know about the question of the day. The ranger has the question and the guest is directed to seek out the Ranger on the course. If the guest gets the question correct, they receive 15% off for the first correct answer and 25% off (Back 9 question) for the second correct answer. We have found this to be positive for all involved and the majority of our guests are excited.
- Staff started the BIKE commute program this past Friday. Staff is parking in the TOV Public Works Lot and pedaling to the golf course. Staff has been having fun with this daily exercise. We are emphasizing the importance of SAFETY as well, with riding on the sidewalk and stopping at the bottom of the hill before crossing frontage road.
- The first PGA Tour Academy was successful. We had juniors from Mexico, Canada and two different U.S. States. Nate Mead and Chris Johnson instructed the program.

- All our junior camps are going well. Our First Tee Vail Team has been competing every week throughout the valley. The kids are having fun! Our two and three day camps are filling up as well.
- We are hosting a Taylor Made Demo Day on Friday July 5. The demo day will offer a chance to hit the R1, Rocket Ballz and other Taylor Made products as well as live music, skills contests, food, drinks and activities for the kids.

## **SPORTS REPORT**

- Lacrosse shootout is going well; keeping sports and parks depts. busy utilizing Ford Park, Vail Athletic, Homestake Peak School Stadium and VMS.
- Mike and Joel met with Jeff Layman and Steve Barber in Eagle-Vail to discuss hosting tournaments next year in Eagle-Vail. A lot of work to be done but overall a favorable meeting
- Vail HillClimb, July 6, was a huge success.
- VRD's Lacrosse camp is sold out next week with over 110 participants
- July 17 is the next bike race, Davos Dash
- July 21 is the next running race, Vail Half Marathon, preregistration is excellent for this race
- Also the weekend of July 19-21 is the Vail Invitational Men's Soccer Tournament with 16-20 teams coming in from around the state
- Registrations for Kids Adventure Race continue to roll in. Looking to be a very busy week Aug. 8-11.

## **DOBSON**

- Business as usual at Dobson. We get into the Vail Skating Invitational this week followed by Bob Johnson Hockey School.
- Adult league concession sales are staying steady each week. We are getting \$800-\$1,000 in total revenue each week which covers four nights each week.
- Our new skating instructors are making an instant impact with the kids as we had 10 kids in our group class on Wednesday with Robyn and George. George and Robyn told the kids "here's what we are going to work on next week" as Robyn balanced on George's head while he did a spin with no hands. The level of joy for those kids in that class was fantastic.

## **MARKETING**

- The new vailrec.com is up and running, phase I complete. Many positive comments coming from our users in the community. Phase II will include fixing and tweaking issues and adding photography libraries to each department/area as well as researching social media enhancements.
- Kelly Paton has left the VRD to take a fulltime job, with benefits, at the Sonnenalp. She was extremely helpful in getting the build-out of the new website. She will be missed. In the interim, Kat Jahnigen, who has been the summer marketing coordinator for the past three summers, will move into Kelly's position and take on Kelly's duties as website/special projects manager, while continuing to build the VRD's video and photography databases.
- Concierge day was held at the Vail Golf Club. This was successful. We are looking at doing a hospitality day for the business community in the fall that will include golf and a special at Happy Valley Grill.
- Videos for the Vail Nature Center and Vail Golf Club are complete as part of a partnership with the Vail Local Marketing District.

- Nature Center  
[https://www.dropbox.com/s/i74epzqa6skvq5r/Hiking\\_480p\\_h264.mp4](https://www.dropbox.com/s/i74epzqa6skvq5r/Hiking_480p_h264.mp4)
- Vail Golf Club  
[https://www.dropbox.com/s/y23rumb5go8xhpt/Golf\\_draft\\_480p.mp4](https://www.dropbox.com/s/y23rumb5go8xhpt/Golf_draft_480p.mp4) (Please note: The number at the end has been corrected).
- Summer is in full swing with marketing in high-gear for new and existing programs. Many programs seem to be full or are up, which is an excellent sign. Working to keep up with all the great programming/events the VRD is offering.
- VRD is publishing a weekly ad in both the Daily Weekly and Sneak Peak with weekly highlights and upcoming programs. These have a weeklong shelf life and are more affordable than the Vail Daily.
- Jamie will be attending a State Division of Emergency Management specialized Joint Information System/Joint Information Center training on Aug. 27-28. The training is free and paid for by the state and will include 10 members of our local Eagle County Public Information Officer group and be centered around the 2015 World Championships planning. In addition to planning for the championships, training such as this is important to maintain, should a crisis ever occur within the VRD and town.
- Beginning to plan for fall programming.

## **GYMNASTICS**

- Gymnastics Camps are in full swing with many sold out.
- Drop-ins for programming have been busy.

## **YOUTH SERVICES**

### Community Programming

- Traffic at Imagination Station and Children's Art is picking up just like traffic in town.
- Camp programs are using the space and enjoying it for cooking, painting pottery, shaping clay and playing in Imagination Station.
- We have a lighter fitness and adult art schedule as fewer folks are seeking indoor activities in the summer.
- We will host Chocolate Making special event on Friday, July 12.

### Summer

- All camps are running smoothly. The big crowds are in town, and all camps are pretty full.

### Other

- The state has given us preliminary approval on moving Pre Kamp Vail across the hall. We have had a visit to Pre Kamp Vail and Camp Vail from our licensing specialist with the state. Due to the successful inspection at Pre Kamp, the Camp Vail inspection was fantastic!
- The skatepark is complete and ready for skaters as of Friday, 5/17. We have had quite a few repairs required already this summer. Donald with TOV has been helpful with these. My experience tells me many repairs required is a good indicator for the life of the current materials.
- Permanent Skatepark plans with the Town of Vail are on hold. Right now there are plenty of other priorities for the TOV and VRD

## **BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

### **Vail Golf Course**

- Hole 19
  - Sand placement pending

- Asphalt work needs to be decided
- Hole 18 relocation Project
  - DRB ruling was appealed, bid packets being prepared
  - Encourage discussion of a game plan for this project with Recreation Subcommittee
- Driving Range Net Project
  - DRB approval complete, bid packets being prepared
  - Encourage discussion of a game plan for this project with Recreation Subcommittee

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

- Lightning detection system repairs underway, equipment on #12 and at Ford Park to be relocated due to challenges with proximity to Wi-Fi towers. Reservationist line is complete.
- Sewer Vault controls fried after being water repeatedly while chipping green surface was replaced. New controls installed and vault functioning properly again. The vault only fails on the 4th of July!

#### **Ford Park and Athletic Fields Renovation**

- Concessions currently open daily 8:30 am till 4:00 pm for lacrosse tournament. Averaging \$1K during the week and \$2K on weekends.
- POS installed and working, we are accepting credit cards at all F&B locations
- Working on punch list with RAN and TOV
- Meeting with VFD and GC to discuss hood operation,
- We continue to consult on all aspects of phase 1B with the TOV and design team.

#### **Dobson**

- PRV continues to struggle with contaminants entering the bldg., working with PSI plumbing and ERW&SD to resolve.
- Dobson concessions temporary upgrades complete and concessions is open
- Concessions punch list items underway

#### **Tennis Center & Parks**

- Landscaping around Tennis center is nearly complete and looks great
- Gate access has been changed on courts 1 & 2 to allow for safer entry

#### **Youth Service**

- New signs installed at G.P. and Red sandstone elementary

### **PARKS DEPARTMENT**

- **Ford Park:** This property has hosted lacrosse every day for the last week. We have flipped our fields from a north/south direction to an east/west direction and the turf is holding up well. The far west end near the west storage building is nearly 95% complete with new sod and landscaping. We are currently running irrigation off of raw water but I expect us (the Gardens, TOV, and VRD customers combined) to hit the limit of raw water usage per month by next week. At that time we will have the water district switch our irrigation source back to potable water. After the shootout finishes on Sunday, we will be double aerating Ford Park along with topdressing and over-seeding weak areas. After which we will apply another liquid fertilizer application (Ford Park turf seems to respond better to liquid fertilizer vs. granular). We have also performed an irrigation audit on the field before the shootout began to ensure that all of our irrigation rotors were performing adequately.
- **Tennis Center:** Tennis courts are holding up well, we have had minor irrigation issues that supply water to the courts from our HDPE pipe installation. Repairs only

require system flushes to clear the debris. We are also planning on mowing around the tennis center (new sod included for the first time) this Friday afternoon.

- **Donovan:** This field is holding up well and is also on a raw water feed from Gore Creek being monitored by the ERWSD. There has been limited play with the Lacrosse Shootout at this property.
- **HPS:** Lacrosse games are finished here. As of today (7/4) we are aerating, topdressing and over-seeding. Next week we host two nights of 8v8 soccer league here. As a result of a light schedule this field is holding up well. The practice field (lying just east of the track) has some dry areas that were consequently due from a couple of damaged irrigation heads. These heads have been repaired and the field is beginning to rebound. This property is scheduled to be fertilized by early next week.
- **Red Sandstone:** This is a quiet property as of late, with only youth camps out there intermittently throughout the week. The turf is in great shape and is on a regular fertilizer/mowing schedule.
- **Athletic Field:** New temporary netting has been installed on the east end of the field to separate lacrosse balls from the volleyball courts. The volleyball community has been very responsive and appreciative of the new netting. The playing field itself is in great condition. It has been fertilized before the Lacrosse Shootout started and is now growing and is looking very healthy. Also at this field we have purchased sideline tarps for the players/teams to stand on along the sideline. The tarp material allows both sunlight and water to percolate through, allowing the grass underneath to remain healthy. In years past this area of the field would struggle because of constant wear and tear from cleats and foot traffic as the tournaments went on. We are very pleased with the outcome of this purchase.

### VAIL NATURE CENTER

Visitation to the Vail Nature Center remains high, with the potential to be the busiest summer we have experienced. We continue to get volunteer help from SOS Outreach for trail maintenance. We also have a beautiful new bench for the Meadow-Creek trail, built in memory of a longtime supporter of the Nature Center.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	COST
<b>Monday</b>	11:30 am-12:30 pm 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Wildflower Walk Beaver Pond Tour	\$5/\$3 Vail Taxpayer \$6/child \$12/adult \$35/family of 5
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 am-afternoon 8:30 am – 9:30 am 8:45pm- 10:00pm	Adult Full Day Hike: Cross Creek Bird Walk Stories in the Sky: Stargazing	\$50/\$45 Vail Taxpayer \$5/\$3 Vail Taxpayer \$6/child \$12/adult \$35/family of 5
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:30am-12:30pm 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Wildflower Walk Guest Speaker: HawkQuest	\$5/\$3 Vail Taxpayer \$6/child \$12/adult \$35/family of 5
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 am-afternoon 8:30 am – 9:30 am 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Adult Full Day Hike: Machine Gun Ridge Bird Walk Beaver Pond Tour	\$50/\$45 Vail Taxpayer \$5/\$3 Vail Taxpayer \$6/child \$12/adult \$35/family of 5
<b>Friday</b>	8:30am – 1 pm 9:00 am – 1:00 pm 9:30 am – 1:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	½ Day Wildflower Hike Art in Nature for Kids Fly-Fishing for Kids S'mores & More	\$35/adult, \$30 Vail Taxpayer \$45/child \$45/child \$6/child \$12/adult \$35/family of 5

<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Open 9 am – 5 pm</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	10 am – 3:30 pm 11 am & 1:30 pm	VNC Booth at Vail Farmer's Market Creekside Tours from the Market	Donations accepted

### **VAIL TENNIS CENTER**

- In general, courts are almost always completely full between 9 and noon. Afternoon play is a little slower.
- Sunday A.M. doubles is picking up, we will have 4 to 5 courts of players this weekend.
- Monday Pro/Am 4.5 and better has been strong this summer, averaging 4-6 courts weekly and has had a very strong group of players all summer.
- Men's 60 and Over Doubles is a very popular program... people can sign up on Tuesday one week before and we typically have a wait list started by Wednesday. If we start having a full wait list, we will offer the program a second time in the afternoon.
- Ladies Day typically takes 4-5 courts every Wednesday. Men's Night has been a mixed bag, often affected by paid parking, but they will have at least a couple courts every week.
- Both Friday Men and Women's doubles are picking up and have 2-3 courts every week.
- Junior Tennis camps are going well, we still have some spots left in each camp. Junior Clinics are slow this summer, likely because the afternoon camps are more popular, but we need to drum up more business for the clinics.