

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

5:00 P.M.  
Thursday, June 25, 2020  
Town of Vail, Council Chambers  
AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING

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**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Changes to Agenda;
3. Approval of Minutes;
  - a. May 28, 2020
4. Public Input (for matters not otherwise on Agenda/3-minute time limit/no disrupting, pursuant to § 18-9-108, C.R.S.);
5. New Business and Special Orders;
  - a. Presentation of Vail Scholar Athlete Award Winners-Mr. Mike Ortiz
  - b. Presentation and Acceptance of 2019 Audit-Mr. Eric Weaver
  - c. Re-Opening of Dobson Ice Arena-Mr. Jared Biniecki
6. Unfinished Business;
  - a. None
7. Officers, Committees, Staff, and Professional Consultants;
  - a. May 2020 Financials-Mr. Eric Weaver
  - b. Executive Director Input
  - c. Board Member Input
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  
May 28, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on May 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via virtual meeting, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

#### 1. MEMBERS PRESENT

- 1.1. Tom Saalfeld, Jason Plante, Kim Newbury Rediker, Roland Kjesbo. Kirk Hansen

#### 2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

- 2.1. None

#### 3. STAFF PRESENT

- 3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, Alice Plain, Scott Todd, Scott O'Connell

#### 4. OTHERS PRESENT

- 4.1. Unknown phone caller

#### 5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

- 5.1. Eric Weaver

#### 6. CALL TO ORDER

- 6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### 7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

- 7.1. Added an agenda item for election of board officers.

#### 8. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

- 8.1. Director Saalfeld nominated Director Rediker to be the board secretary.
  - 8.1.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to elect Director Rediker as board secretary.
- 8.2. Director Kjesbo nominated Director Saalfeld to be board chairman.
  - 8.2.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to elect Director Saalfeld as board chairman.
- 8.3. Director Saalfeld nominated Director Plante to be board treasurer.

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8.3.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to elect Director Plante as board treasurer.

#### 9. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

9.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2020 regular meeting.

#### 10. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

10.1. None

#### 11. REVIEW OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

11.1. Mr. Scott O'Connell updated the Board on various capital projects being worked on around the District, including golf course bridges and lightning shelter maintenance, a new netting between the athletic field and golf course, and the new marketing office at Dobson Arena. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. O'Connell for his hard work.

#### 12. REVIEW OF GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS

12.1. Mrs. Alice Plain updated the Board on golf course operations and new protocols due to COVID-19. She said the course has been very busy since opening day, and staff has been working hard to keep everyone safe. Pass sales for 2020 have exceeded 2019 numbers and the course has been very busy, with great weather as well. She talked about the new GPS systems on the carts, and also that retail sales in the pro shop have been almost double of the sales seen last year at this time. Carts, push carts and clubs are available to rent, and the golf course is now welcoming visitors and Eagle County residents, per the relaxed public health orders. The Grill on the Gore restaurant is scheduled to open on June 12. Events at the clubhouse are limited in capacity by public health orders, and some guests have chosen to reschedule their weddings and larger events back to a later date. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mrs. Plain and her staff for their hard work.

#### 13. REVIEW OF RECREATION PROGRAM PROTOCOLS

13.1. Mr. Ortiz walked the Board through some of the different COVID-19-related changes to VRD programming. He thanked the staff for all their work coming up with creative and innovative ways to operate programs under the current public health restrictions while keeping staff, resident and guest safety as the priority focus. Many of the different department heads have been working with their counterparts at other rec agencies in the valley, and with Eagle County Public Health to get approval on their plans. Mr. Ortiz highlighted new protocols for golf, day camps, softball, races, and more. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Ortiz and staff for all their

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hard work on these protocols and procedures.

#### 14. RATIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

- 14.1. Mr. Ortiz asked the board to ratify and extend the Vail Park and Recreation District Declaration of a Local Disaster Emergency until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- 14.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to ratify and extend the Vail Park and Recreation District Declaration of a Local Disaster Emergency, to terminate on the date of the next regular Board meeting, June 25, unless continued by the Board.

#### 15. UPDATE GOLF MAINTENANCE

- 15.1. Mr. Scott Todd gave the Board an overview on the status of the Vail Golf Course maintenance and all the work the superintendent's team has done to get the course ready throughout the winter and spring. This included a lot of work on the fairways and greens, and the resodding of a number of greens in the spring to help them be ready for play more quickly and be more manageable regarding Poa Annua. He talked about the difference between the two types of grass on the course – Poa Annua and Creeping Bentgrass – and the various tools and processes the maintenance team uses to prepare the course each year. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Todd and his team for all their hard work.

#### 16. APRIL 2020 FINANCIALS

- 16.1. Mr. Weaver walked the Board through the District's financials as presented in the Board packet.
- 16.2. Mr. Weaver spoke about the various unknowns related to the economy due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and how budget forecasting has been very difficult. He said some of the forecasts have changed just in the past few days with the possibility of opening Dobson Arena in July for the Bob Johnson Hockey School. The biggest financial unknown remains events at the clubhouse and when those might resume in earnest. He also talked about deferring some capital projects to future years.
- 16.3. Overall, Mr. Weaver was optimistic about the budget shortfalls and thanked the staff for finding creative ways to resume some revenue-generating programming, while also trying to cut costs at every opportunity.

#### 17. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 17.1. Mr. Ortiz gave highlights from the Directors' Reports as presented in the Board packet.
- 17.2. Mr. Ortiz also talked about the Vail Scholar Athlete Award winners and will present the awards to the winners at the June board meeting.

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17.3. After some discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Ortiz for all his hard work.

#### 18. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 18.1. Director Rediker thanked staff for selecting Mr. Owen Ruotolo as the Vail Scholar Athlete award winner.
- 18.2. Director Hansen looked back on the time from his past VRD board experience in the 90s until now and all that VRD has accomplished for the town of Vail and the community, plus he outlined some ideas he has for the future of VRD.
- 18.3. Director Plante commended the staff for all their hard work, especially those staff who are helping Mr. Todd at the golf course, the staff at community programming for their work on camps, and the sports department for their PLAYdemic challenge idea. He thanked Mr. Ortiz for the long hours and said everyone is going a good job.
- 18.4. Director Kjesbo thanked Mr. Ortiz for the great team he's put together and how awesome the staff has been, especially in light of all the COVID-19 challenges. He thanked everyone for their hard work and team effort.
- 18.5. Director Saalfeld thanked Director Hansen for his lookback on VRD history and hopes we can continue to take steps to improve VRD into the future.

#### 19. ADJOURNMENT

- 19.1. 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

## Dobson Arena Update

Dear Dobson Arena guests,

Thank you for your interest in getting Dobson Ice Arena reopened as we all want to get back to skating. The Vail Recreation District has been developing operational protocols with Eagle County Public Health over the last ten weeks to ensure that we can safely and responsibly open Dobson Arena to the sports and activities we love. This process is very dynamic with constant change as we learn more about Covid-19.

In addition to instituting operational protocols to keep users safe the VRD Board of Directors has a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of Vail. The VRD, like all businesses in the valley are anticipating major losses in revenue in addition to increased costs for operating with new Covid-19 protocols. It is incumbent upon the board to choose the right time to open Dobson so that its large subsidy of the programs there doesn't spiral out of control. Without the ability to host concerts and special events which add significant revenues to the district our financial forecasting of the large operating costs is of paramount importance.

As a board member of the Rocky Mountain Rink Association I've had the opportunity to share information and learn from the experience of others. I have become quite familiar with how other rinks in the state are operating. Our group includes managers from: South Suburban, Apex, Sertich, Foothills, the Ice Ranch, CU Boulder, Missoula (Montana), Promenade, Pueblo, Breckenridge, Aspen and World Arena in Colorado Springs. I've learned that each rink and the entities operating them have their own special needs and no two rinks are operating exactly the same. However, the safety of guests and the financial responsibility of the programs offered is common to all.

With all this information and the willingness for camps and clinics to purchase ice and operate within our safety protocols we will open the arena on July 13. All use of the ice arena will be by reservation only and all activities must be compliant with the then current guidelines from Eagle County Public Health and Dobson Arena protocols. Should you have a desire to rent ice time or questions about our reopening the arena please call the arena at 970-479-2271.

Thank you,

Jared Biniecki

**Dobson by the Numbers**

Target Business 35 Hours needs to be rented per week to be financially viable

Monday through Friday

7 hours of ice for rent per day, the work day is extended to at least 12 hours to allow 30 minutes between sessions which allows us to properly stage participants before and after ice sessions to allow proper flow following the current social distancing protocols.

**Ice Rental Rate = \$208/hour**

**Revenue--**

7 hours /day	\$	1,456.00
5 days/week	\$	7,280.00
Per month	\$	29,120.00

**Expenses--**

	<b>per day</b>	<b>per week</b>	<b>per month</b>
Staff	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Operating/Utilities	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Expense totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>

Per week Commitment (current)

	Min	max
VMHC	6	10
Power on Ice	6	8
Skating Club of Vail		4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>

VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT  
 COMBINED BALANCE SHEET  
 December 31, 2019 and May 31, 2020

	12/31/19					05/31/20				
	General Fund	Enterprise Fund	General Fixed Assets & LTD	Ent. Fund Fixed Assets & LTD	Total	General Fund	Enterprise Fund	General Fixed Assets & LTD	Ent. Fund Fixed Assets & LTD	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>										
CASH- UNRESTRICTED	4,073,870	11,900			4,085,770	5,475,879	2,300			5,478,179
INVESTMENTS- RESTRICTED		304,803			304,803		-			0
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	153,157	22,883			176,040	317,008	341			317,350
PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE	4,656,289	288,334			4,944,623	1,611,155	85,218			1,696,373
PREPAIDS, DEPOSITS & INVENTORY	166,330	305,927			472,257	86,929	161,014			247,943
DUE (TO) FROM OTHER FUND	53,011	(53,011)			0	674,673	(674,673)			0
LOAN DUE (TO) FROM OTHER FUND	9,412	(9,412)			0	9,412	(9,412)			0
BUILDINGS			552,671	13,340,515	13,893,186			552,671	13,340,515	13,893,186
EQUIPMENT			940,511	1,587,309	2,527,820			940,511	1,587,309	2,527,820
ACCUM DEPR			(840,534)	(8,520,526)	(9,361,060)			(840,534)	(8,520,526)	(9,361,060)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>9,112,069</b>	<b>871,424</b>	<b>652,648</b>	<b>6,407,298</b>	<b>17,043,439</b>	<b>8,175,057</b>	<b>(435,212)</b>	<b>652,648</b>	<b>6,407,298</b>	<b>14,799,790</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>										
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	190,016	161,584			351,599	69,666	92,264			161,931
DEFERRED PROPERTY TAXES	4,656,289	288,334			4,944,623	1,611,155	85,218			1,696,373
DEFERRED REVENUE	16,767	85,089			101,856	1,747	95,051			96,798
ACCRUED COMPENSATED ABSENCES			72,242	43,131	115,373			72,242	43,131	115,373
ACCRUED INTEREST PAYABLE				4,637	4,637				4,637	4,637
DOBSON BONDS PAYABLE				265,000	265,000				0	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>4,863,071</b>	<b>535,006</b>	<b>72,242</b>	<b>312,768</b>	<b>5,783,088</b>	<b>1,682,568</b>	<b>272,533</b>	<b>72,242</b>	<b>47,768</b>	<b>2,075,112</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>										
INV IN FIXED ASSETS, NET OF DEBT			580,406	6,094,530	6,674,936			580,406	6,359,530	6,939,936
RESTRICTED	472,527	271,956			744,483	386,650	-			386,650
COMMITTED & ASSIGNED FOR CAPITAL	2,340,000	-			2,340,000	3,900,000	-			3,900,000
UNASSIGNED	1,436,470	64,462			1,500,932	2,205,838	(707,746)			1,498,092
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>4,248,997</b>	<b>336,418</b>	<b>580,406</b>	<b>6,094,530</b>	<b>11,260,351</b>	<b>6,492,488</b>	<b>(707,746)</b>	<b>580,406</b>	<b>6,359,530</b>	<b>12,724,678</b>
<b>TOTAL LIAB &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>9,112,069</b>	<b>871,424</b>	<b>652,648</b>	<b>6,407,298</b>	<b>17,043,439</b>	<b>8,175,057</b>	<b>(435,212)</b>	<b>652,648</b>	<b>6,407,298</b>	<b>14,799,790</b>

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**VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**ACTUAL, BUDGET AND FORECAST FOR THE PERIODS INDICATED**

Printed: 06/19/20  
 Modified Accrual Basis

	2019 Prelim Actual	2020 Forecast	2020 Adopted Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavor)	5 Months Ended 05/31/20 Actual	5 Months Ended 05/31/20 Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavor)
<b>COMBINED REVENUES</b>							
PROPERTY AND OTHER TAXES, NET OF FEES	4,527,346	4,724,665	4,724,665	-	3,226,876	3,512,100	(285,224)
OTHER NON-DEPARTMENTALIZED REVENUES	175,510	98,418	114,000	(15,582)	38,227	41,925	(3,698)
SPORTS	412,112	217,807	423,890	(206,083)	82,606	197,248	(114,642)
GYMNASTICS	244,162	198,078	282,620	(84,542)	61,594	92,463	(30,869)
COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING	403,861	286,100	431,200	(145,100)	160,912	237,607	(76,695)
NATURE CENTER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORDIC CENTER	468,403	419,283	472,050	(52,767)	245,058	242,388	2,669
GOLF COURSE	1,381,314	1,389,100	1,377,600	11,500	215,957	157,249	58,708
TENNIS	41,685	35,347	41,854	(6,508)	6,157	1,039	5,117
PICKLEBALL	126,827	67,920	98,720	(30,800)	34,469	28,372	6,096
DOBSON	882,654	499,570	911,435	(411,865)	329,889	470,796	(140,907)
GOLF F&B / BANQUET ROOM, NET OF COGS	712,240	386,911	777,961	(391,050)	66,655	70,342	(3,687)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>9,376,112</b>	<b>8,323,199</b>	<b>9,655,994</b>	<b>(1,332,795)</b>	<b>4,468,400</b>	<b>5,051,531</b>	<b>(583,131)</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>							
ADMINISTRATION	(739,169)	(848,237)	(907,102)	58,865	(427,145)	(478,631)	51,485
PUBLIC RELATIONS/MARKETING	(374,457)	(389,471)	(398,588)	9,117	(110,033)	(147,385)	37,352
PARK MAINTENANCE	(226,558)	(282,866)	(295,677)	12,811	(115,266)	(105,682)	(9,584)
FACILITIES MAINTENANCE	(141,521)	(140,590)	(141,899)	1,309	(58,712)	(61,711)	2,999
SPORTS	(521,874)	(479,340)	(559,204)	79,865	(145,512)	(174,017)	28,505
GYMNASTICS	(331,728)	(341,129)	(359,010)	17,881	(123,688)	(135,462)	11,775
COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING	(532,390)	(513,998)	(605,956)	91,959	(149,561)	(187,325)	37,765
NATURE CENTER	(480)	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORDIC CENTER	(394,633)	(371,159)	(374,618)	3,459	(185,791)	(198,807)	13,016
GOLF OPERATIONS	(681,015)	(755,561)	(765,094)	9,533	(138,492)	(148,217)	9,725
GOLF MAINTENANCE	(881,242)	(905,296)	(951,986)	46,690	(251,888)	(261,508)	9,620
TENNIS	(102,399)	(116,225)	(112,133)	(4,092)	(45,031)	(38,889)	(6,142)
PICKLEBALL	(142,623)	(84,307)	(114,684)	30,378	(18,137)	(23,272)	5,135
DOBSON	(959,547)	(810,673)	(985,351)	174,678	(335,159)	(429,342)	94,183
GOLF F&B / BANQUET ROOM	(782,681)	(671,105)	(820,825)	149,720	(216,885)	(241,218)	24,333
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>(6,812,317)</b>	<b>(6,709,957)</b>	<b>(7,392,128)</b>	<b>682,171</b>	<b>(2,321,300)</b>	<b>(2,631,466)</b>	<b>310,167</b>
<b>CHANGE IN FUND BAL BEFORE DS &amp; CAP</b>	<b>2,563,795</b>	<b>1,613,242</b>	<b>2,263,867</b>	<b>(650,624)</b>	<b>2,147,100</b>	<b>2,420,064</b>	<b>(272,964)</b>
DEBT SERVICE	(270,975)	(272,456)	(272,456)	-	(271,956)	(271,956)	(0)
DONATIONS, LOANS, & SALE OF ASSETS	122,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	(1,941,173)	(855,243)	(1,695,755)	840,512	(675,817)	(1,098,130)	422,314
LESS UNFUNDED CAPITAL PROJECTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONTINGENCY	-	(500,000)	(200,000)	(300,000)	-	(30,000)	30,000
<b>TOTAL NET CAPITAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>(2,090,148)</b>	<b>(1,627,699)</b>	<b>(2,168,211)</b>	<b>540,512</b>	<b>(947,773)</b>	<b>(1,400,086)</b>	<b>452,314</b>
<b>CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>473,648</b>	<b>(14,456)</b>	<b>95,656</b>	<b>(110,112)</b>	<b>1,199,327</b>	<b>1,019,978</b>	<b>179,349</b>
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>4,111,768</b>	<b>4,585,415</b>	<b>4,296,338</b>	<b>289,077</b>	<b>4,585,415</b>	<b>4,296,338</b>	<b>289,077</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>4,585,415</b>	<b>4,570,959</b>	<b>4,391,994</b>	<b>178,965</b>	<b>5,784,742</b>	<b>5,316,315</b>	<b>468,427</b>

**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES:**

PROPERTY TAX REVENUES- County allowing only half payments by taxpayers in April has collections delayed, should rebound in July.  
 OTHER REVENUES- Unbudgeted stipend paid by health insurance company and higher interest earnings on funds.  
 SPORTS REVENUES- Facility rental and some summer programs hit hard by COVID19.  
 COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING REV- After school stopped in the Spring and Summer Camps at reduced capacity  
 GOLF REVENUES- Record pass sales will likely be partially offset with decreased daily fees. Pro shop will be down due to reduced inventory and guest play.  
 DOBSON REVENUES- Lots of unknown on when the facility will be able to reopen to contact sports and events.  
 GOLF F&B/ BANQUET REVENUES- Golf F&B doing well, but events expected to be down 75% compared to budget.  
 ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES- Savings in delayed hiring HR position, no election, insurance, and other costs where possible.  
 PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPENSES- Savings while facilities closed and delays in marketing due to phased reopening timeline unknown.  
 COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING EXPENSES- Savings from temporary closures and reductions in programming.  
 DOBSON EXPENSES- Savings in utilities, cost of goods, and other areas where possible while the facility is closed.  
 GOLF BANQUET/ F&B EXPENSES- Savings in labor, cost of goods, and other areas with Gore Range Room revenues expected to be down significantly.  
 CAPITAL- Most projects that can be deferred pushed to next year. More than half of the remaining forecast for capital was the new fleet of golf carts with GPS units.  
 CONTINGENCY- Increased from \$200K to \$500K for additional unknowns due to COVID19.  
 FUND BALANCE- Savings at end of 2019 rolled forward to 2020.

## **VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**June 25, 2020**

### **COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING**

- We began staff training on Tuesday, May 26. We opened Camp Vail on June 1 (one week EARLY!) with groups of 10 children. On June 8, we were able to move to groups of 24 – increasing our capacity to 48. We are currently trying to hire additional staff (aides) to allow us to increase our capacity to 60 – two groups of 30. We do not foresee being able to go beyond 60. Our inclement weather plan does not allow for more children inside Red Sandstone Elementary School while still allowing for social distancing.
- Pre Kamp Vail opened at Red Sandstone Elementary School on June 8. This has been running at about half capacity and will get to full capacity on June 22. Many thanks to Red Sandstone Elementary School, ECSD and ECSD Preschool programs for welcoming us into Red Sandstone Preschool room on short notice. Our state licensing agent, Sandy Jennings, needs to be commended for the heavy lifting she did on our behalf! We submitted for a waiver and got approval for that waiver in less than a week.
- We are on track for a June 29 opening of Camp Eco Fun out of Golden Peak Children's Center. Thanks to Vail Resorts for allowing us to open this camp at Golden Peak.
- Mountain Bike Camps will also open June 29. We have great staff and have increased our capacity during week one to 18. We will meet Monday and Thursday in Vail. Our Vail location is to be determined. It will either be Ski Club Vail or Imagination Station in Lionshead. We will ride on Vail mountain, but we will not upload the gondola. The group will meet and ride at Maloit Park on Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **MARKETING**

- Jessie and Nell are moved into the Dobson Arena marketing office and have been unpacking and organizing. We still have some boxes of old archives that need to be unpacked and we are going to work on digitizing them this summer with the help of our summer assistant.
- Marketing has hired a part-time summer assistant, Bobby Cornwell, who will be a great asset to the VRD for the season. Bobby is a talented photographer and we're excited to have him on board to help with all our marketing efforts.
- With the transition to blue and black phase, we've been busier than ever with near daily communications going out and numerous requests for signage and website updates coming in from all departments. We've also ramped up marketing efforts locally and regionally for all programs, facilities and races. Our main advertising efforts have been focused around emails, social media, PR, paid Vail Daily and local radio.
- Nell has been working hard on new t-shirt designs for trail running races and posters for trail running and mountain bike series. She also designed the Grill on the Gore menu, paying extra attention to make it easy to print in house for single use, to comply with COVID-19 safety. She also created some fun award certificates for the gymnastics team.

### **GOLF MAINTENANCE**

- Sodded greens 3, 4, 13, 15-17 are coming along very well. We have the height of cut down to .145" on them in less than one month, and I am confident we will be able to lower them down to .125" in the very near future. The non-sodded greens are mowed at a slightly higher

height to minimize the discrepancy in putting green speeds. This gap will slowly close as the season progresses and the sodded greens receive multiple groomings, brushings and verticuttings to removal the lateral growth of the bentgrass.

- New bluegrass sod that was put down on damaged tees on holes 4 and 7, approaches on 2, 3, 4, 13, 16, and 17 has rooted and been mowed down to a height of cut matching these areas on the rest of the golf course.
- The golf course was fertilized wall-wall on Tue, July 16. Tees, fairways, roughs and the driving range were all fertilized in three hours by our contracted applicator. We have been using this service for several years now and the minimal cost to complete this in a short time is a great value to the alternative of using our labor to complete the same job over three to four days.
- Grand Traverse has transitioned from landscape bed clean-up and mulching to planting of annuals at the golf course and tennis center, as well as placement of flowerpots at the tennis center and Ford Park concession area.
- Flowerpots from Shelly's Mountain Flowers arrived this week and have been placed at the golf course clubhouse, range tee and starter building, all in the most focal and high traffic areas.
- Our current staff consists of eight seasonal, mostly return staff, and the Dobson staff of four, as well as multiple part-time staff members. Jared and Andy have already gone back to their Dobson operation, and in the next few weeks their remaining Dobson staff will be transitioning from our operation back to their home base. A huge thanks is due to Jared and his staff for assisting our operation from late March into June, they all did a great job and I wish we had them for an entire season! We are currently advertising for and seeking new staff members to fill their vacated positions.
- Capital projects were completed before opening of the course: turf was cut from the sides of the cart paths on 9 and 14, topsoil added, and the turf laid back down to soften the grades next to the path edges from being over-laid last October. These areas have been open to cart traffic for the last few weeks now. The wooden path on hole 1 was refurbished by in-house staff, the Dobson staff specifically. Every board on the path was pulled up, turned over, and re-screwed into the footers. It took two weeks to do it all, at a minimal cost, so I really want to thank the Dobson guys for that specific project success.
- The foot bridge on hole 11 was renovated by opening day, and the bridges on holes 1 and 2 have been complete for a couple weeks now.
- I participated in the first of several meetings on June 10 with multiple stakeholders in the Gore and Eagle River valleys regarding the protection of these waterways by identifying potential point-sources of contamination and strategies to minimize future threats. Representatives in the meeting and future meetings include: Town of Vail, Vail Resorts, ERWSD, CDOT, U.S. Forest Service, Eagle County, Eagle River Watershed Council and Lotic Hydrological. As the season progresses and plans and actions become clear, I will brief on the exact impacts on the operations of the golf course and the Vail Recreation District in general.
- COVID-19 protocols continue to be emphasized with staff, with social distancing, face coverings, and frequent hand washing and disinfecting of our common areas daily leading the most important procedures.

## **SPORTS**

- **Race Series**
  - **Bloch and Chappleau Vail Whitewater Series**

- We hosted three races June 2, 9 and 16. All races were sold out and well received. Lots of great comments from paddlers and business owners. We learned a lot about doing events in this COVID-19 era and made some adjustments each week, including a spectator corral in order to control numbers and adhere to all protocols. Thank you to Pazzo's for hosting the racers who wanted to socialize after each race.
  - **Dynafit Vail Trail Running Series**
    - We had to make several changes to the trail running series schedule. The series is now starting off June 20 with the Town of Minturn Summer Solstice at Meadow Mountain. This race is done in partnership with the Vail Valley Charitable Fund. Registration numbers are tracking very well.
    - We are still waiting to see what Vail Resorts summer operating plan looks like, as on-mountain courses may still need to be adjusted.
    - The rest of the schedule:
      - July 4 – Vail Hill Climb
      - July 18 – 10K and 5K at 10,000 Feet
      - Aug. 1 – Berry Picker
      - Aug. 29 – Half Marathon
      - Sept. 12 – Beaver Creek Evergold
      - Sept. 26 – Boneyard Boogie
  - **East West Hospitality Mountain Biking Series**
    - All series dates have been confirmed. Hopefully all races will fall in the Black Diamond Phase and will be hosted on two evenings with youth and beginner categories competing on Tuesdays and all other categories competing on Wednesdays.
    - We will not be doing series or team awards this season. After several talks with team managers, everyone felt that if we kept those competitions active racers would be pressured and compelled to race even if they weren't feeling well.
    - Like whitewater, there will be restaurants hosting racers, however there will be no awards or race-related activities at those locations. The social aspect is a big part of why people participate.
    - We will be cutting prize money to the pro mountain bikers and using those savings to purchase gift cards with a match from local partners for both prizes and to help with their economic recovery.
    - Schedule:
      - June 23-24 - Minturn Mini (Kids only)
      - June 30-July 1 - Eagle Classic
      - July 7-8 - Berry Creek Bash
      - July 22 – Lost Lake Loop (Adults only)
      - Aug. 11-12 – Camp Hale Hup
      - Aug. 18-19 – Beaver Creek Blast
      - Sept. 1-2 - Davos Dash

- **VRD Virtual PLAYdemic Program**
  - The virtual PLAYdemic program to help get the valley moving finished up on June 19. Participants registered on our website and then posted any exercise activity (run, bike, hike, golf, strength training, tennis, pickleball, kickboxing, etc.) to a special Strava or Facebook group. The program engaged over 100 people on both Strava and Facebook. Big shout out to First Bank, Elevated Dental, The Steadman Clinic, Eagle Valley Behavioral Health and Central Rockies mortgage who have all supported this program with cash to be able to buy more gift cards from local businesses. In all we were able to put about \$1500 back into the local economy.
  
- **Adult Leagues**
  - Softball began on June 1 with leagues on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and will be played with modified rules on the east and west fields. 20 teams are participating.
  - Registration is open for both a two-person sand volleyball and cornhole leagues to start the third week in June.
  - We got good news from the Eagle County Public Health team and can begin playing soccer with an in-house league of county residents. We will be starting adult 8v8 co-ed soccer on Mon, July 6. Teams are very excited to get back out there, currently there are five teams registered but lots of interest. With the late start we will probably run into the fall and just have the one league.
  - We are awaiting the final Eagle County sports guidance to evaluate what else we can offer through late summer and fall.
  
- **Sports Summer Camps**
  - We are offering a full slate of sports summer camps. All camps will be no more than three and a half hours and have limited enrollment to stay within protocols.
  - Our first two camps - Rocky Mountain Baseball Camp and Britney Brown (Branson) Volleyball Camps - are full with waiting lists and all the other camps numbers are tracking well.
  - We will need some more help from the lodging community to house coaches in a safe manner this summer. So far a big thank you to Antlers at Vail, Evergreen Lodge, Vail Realty and Vail International for agreeing to host coaches.
  
- **Tournaments and Field Rentals**
  - We have been in touch with all our producers of summer events and have conveyed Eagle County's message that we are not ready to hold athletic events with teams from all over traveling to Vail this summer. While disappointed, all producers appreciated the constant communication and are already submitting their dates for 2021.
  
- **Partnerships**
  - Staff is working hard at reaching out to all our partners via phone and having honest conversations on where we both stand in this current environment. We will do all that we can to include and support our long-standing partners as we move forward. So far, these conversations have been very well received. Most partners have agreed to support in some way.

- We are working with Kids Adventure Games on a possible retooling of the event for 2020 into a family challenge.
- We are working with Vail Valley Foundation on a possible run and bike event, with focus on the amphitheater.
- We are exploring a new “wayfinding” event with a potential partner to fill the gap left by the larger festivals and tournaments in town.

## **PARKS**

- After a busy start to the season, the fields are in great shape. We are in maintenance mode and continue to work to get irrigation dialed in.

## **PICKLEBALL**

- The Golden Peak Pickleball Center reopened May 2, under Eagle County Green Circle Phase guidelines. We continue to follow Eagle County guidelines now that we are in Blue Square Phase. Play is now allowed for VRD pickleball passholders as well as non-passholders by reservation only for play at Golden Peak. Courts can be reserved daily in one-hour increments between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Players are required to bring their own pickleballs to the courts and must use and handle only their pickleballs during play. Players are required to wear facemasks at the courts while not playing and to follow the six-foot social distancing guidelines. Players with any symptoms of illness are not allowed to play.
- The reservation system has worked well and there has been an average of 77 players per day or 1308 players total from June 1 to June 18 at Golden Peak. We expect that the number of players will continue to increase as we head into the peak summer months.
- Summer VRD pickleball passes are currently on sale and can be purchased online at the VRD website. So far we have sold 59 new 2020 annual passes for the season that began Oct. 1, 2019 and ends Sept. 30, 2020. We have sold 72 summer passes for the 2020 outdoor season that runs from June 1 to Sept. 30, already more than triple the number of summer passes sold last year.
- We had 17 juniors registered for our first weekly, four-day junior pickleball clinic. They all had a blast and several of them are repeating the clinic next week.
- The Eagle County Department of Health does not want tournaments to be held that bring in players from outside of the county, so we have canceled the Vail Pickleball Open in August. We had 200 players from 20 different states and three countries registered for the 2020 event.

## **DOBSON**

- Jared has worked with user groups and camps to schedule ice through the summer starting July 13.
- Staff will install the ice on July 6.
- Jared has continued to meet with the Rocky Mountain Rink Association, sharing information and experiences in regards to COVID-19 protocols in rinks around the state.
- Jared has continued to participate in the US Ice Rink Association Zoom calls with rinks across the country sharing their experiences and ideas.

## **GYMNASTICS**

- Mon, June 15 kicked off the first of our competitive week-long summer camps and is full at 30 registered gymnasts.
- All recreational week-long summer camps are full (30 participants) or waitlisted through August.
- The remaining two competitive camps are full or nearly full (30 participants) in July and August. We may look to increase numbers to 35 after a successful first week maintaining social distance and safety, but only for competitive camps.
- The competitive team is seeing increased participation with the addition of new local and visiting gymnasts.

## **BUILDING MAINTENANCE / CAPITAL PROJECTS / F&B**

### **F&B**

- Grill on the Gore had a successful “soft” opening on June 12. COVID-19 protocols are in place.
- We are working with local and county officials to determine when we can resume hosting events in the Gore Range Room and plan on how to operate with COVID-19 protocols.
- Dobson is still closed and no plans for F&B operations.
- F&B management are all adjusting to their new roles and working to provide great food and service for guest.

### **Capital Projects**

- The marketing office remodel is now working to complete punch list items.
- The athletic field safety net project is also working on punch list items specific to landscape.
- Lower section of netting on the south side of the driving range and on hole 5 purchased and arrived on June 18. We are working with golf ops and golf maintenance to schedule install with minimal impact to golfers.
- Masonry work at the clubhouse is complete.

### **Building Maintenance**

- VRD continues to be proactive to ensure that venues have most recent COVID-19 protocols in place for employees and guests.
- We are working on plans to install water bottle fill stations at all drinking fountains.
- We continue to update all signage as we move through the phases of re-opening.

## **GOLF**

- Business at the golf course is extremely busy for this time of year. Our pass sales are strong as well as green fee and cart fee revenues. We have sold 62 gold passes this year compared to 18 last year. Through June 17, we have had 4,617 rounds since opening on May 15. In 2019, we had 2,157 rounds through June 17.
- Alice had a Zoom meeting with the Eagle County Golf Council on Wednesday. We had four of the golf professionals who met with the health department the first time. Bill Hughes from CCR, Jim Miller from Sonnenalp, Ben Welsh from Frost Creek and myself. We discussed the Black Diamond Phase in Eagle County and what that would look like for the golf course. Most of the public courses and a couple of the private courses are planning to continue with conservative protocols in the Black Diamond Phase.

- Our Vail Golf Club staff have been doing well with all the new COVID-19 operation protocols and also bringing a positive attitude each day. We continue to receive positive comments about our staff.
- We will need to bring on additional staff to keep up with our volume of play. This is the busiest opening we have had at the VGC in the past 13 years. Our residents and guests are appreciative of what we are doing and that we are open for play. The new greens are coming in well and the feedback is positive.
- Posting handicaps will be available through the GHIN App. We will not have the computer set up in the golf shop. Please be sure to download the new app. The USGA has unveiled the World Handicap System. Previously to this year, there were six different handicap systems in the world. Now, there is one. For more information on this, please check out this link: <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/handicapping/world-handicap-system/WHS-resources.html>.
- With the changes in the handicap system to the World Handicap System comes quite a few updates. For example, calculating a course handicap is different, as well as when you are able to post scores. Our PGA professional staff is knowledgeable and ready to answer questions.

## **NORDIC**

- Dan has started to work on staff scheduling for next season as COVID-19 precautions will be observed and change our staffing model.
- Dan recently read an article on COVID-19 protocol for Nordic centers published by CCSAA (Cross Country Ski Association of America). Dan will contribute some ideas and procedures to the organization that Vail Nordic Center will put in place next winter.
- Dan is researching ordering custom VNC logoed buffs for retail this fall.
- Dan has modified (reduced) most retail orders for fall of 2020. He still has to meet with Swix and Bjorn Daehlie sales reps to go through orders and modify.
- Dan has restructured pricing for the 2020-21 season and will present to Mike and Eric before it is presented to the VRD Board.
- Dan has been working on the signage for the ski, snowshoe and bike trails.