

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

5:00 P.M.
Thursday, March 9 2017
Town of Vail, Council Chambers
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Changes to Agenda;
3. Approval of Minutes;
 - a. February 23, 2017
4. Public Input (for matters not otherwise on Agenda/3 minute time limit/no disrupting, pursuant to § 18-9-108, C.R.S.);
5. Unfinished Business;
 - a. Update on Gallagher Amendment-Mr. Eric Weaver
 - b. Presentation of Vail Recreation District Scholar-Letter Winner Scholarship-Mr. Mike Ortiz
6. New Business and Special Orders;
 - a. Discussion of Issues at Vail Nordic Center-Mr. Mike Ortiz
7. Officers, Committees, Staff, and Professional Consultants;
 - a. Executive Director Input
 - b. Board Member Input
8. 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 23, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on February 23, 2017 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, Kevin Foley, Roland Kjesbo, Kim Newbury Rediker

2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, Jessie Klehfoth, Scott O'Connell

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 5:04 p.m.

7. CHANGES TO AGENDA

7.1. None

8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

8.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2017 meeting as amended.

9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

9.1. None.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to move into Executive Session for the purpose(s):

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1. §24-6-402(4) (b), C.R.S., "Conferences with an attorney for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions." - Nordic Center Operations
- 10.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to move out of Executive Session.
11. REPORT ON TOWN OF VAIL/VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT JOINT SESSION-VRD HISTORY AND FINANCIAL BACKGROUND
 - 11.1. Mr. Ortiz reported that the VRD Board and Town Council had a joint session on Feb. 21. Mr. Ortiz shared the presentation that was given, which talked through the history of the VRD and how it was formed as a special District. The VRD started as the Vail Metropolitan Recreation District in 1966 to develop the golf course and tennis courts. In 1976 the Town formed a recreation department, and in 1989 they transferred all program management to the VMRD. In 1991 the VRMD changed its name to VRD and 1993 saw VRD enter into a lease of the town-owned facilities. In 1994 there was an election to transfer 2.76 mills from the Town to VRD for operations expenses. Mr. Ortiz spoke about the various recreational facilities that VRD leases from the Town.
 - 11.2. Mr. Weaver explained how under the current leases that were entered in 2008, the Town is responsible for the building exteriors, mechanical, tennis fencing and retaining walls and half of the irrigation systems, tee box retaining walls and bridges, which come to an estimated \$4 million dollars of upcoming capital projects over the next 10 years. Under the current lease, VRD is responsible for the building interiors, golf holes and driving range, starter house and the other half of the irrigation systems, tee box retaining walls and bridges, plus an annual lease payment of \$137,000. Upcoming capital projects over the next 10 years that VRD is responsible for come to an estimated \$8 million.
 - 11.3. Mr. Weaver then reminded the Board that VRD entered into these new leases at the peak of the property tax boom, right before the real estate market crashed. He explained how the VRD has since been putting off capital projects year after year because of funding shortfalls. Because of the Gallagher Amendment that was explained at the last Board meeting, VRD expects a \$350,000 loss to what was projected for 2018. This means that VRD expects to only have \$1.5 million over the next ten years for the \$8 million needed for town-owned VRD facility responsibilities. Mr. Weaver talked through a combination of possible solutions, which could include a reduction in programs offered, an increase in user fees, the Town taking on additional responsibility or asking voters for a mill levy increase. He explained that there is a very strong possibility VRD would need to ask for a mill levy increase at the November 2017 election.
 - 11.4. Director Suarez stated that he has had a number of constituents approach him stating that the Town should take on more financial responsibilities.

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- 11.5. Director Saalfeld thanked Mr. Weaver and Mr. Ortiz for the presentations both tonight and on Tuesday. He thought the presentation was well received by the Town and it was helpful to explain the situations past and present.
- 11.6. Director Foley also thought the discussion was well-received by the Town Council and they were very receptive to using TIF funds for improvements to Dobson Ice Arena. He felt that with the current council, now is the time to keep working with them on these issues.
- 11.7. Director Kjesbo stated that he learned at the Tuesday meeting that the original mill levy was only intended to be used for operations, and that back then the golf course was funding the subsidies for other programming. Because of the decline in the golf industry and the competition in this valley, this is no longer sustainable.
 - 11.7.1. Mr. Ortiz explained that in the 1990s VRD was doing 30,000 rounds of golf annually, whereas 2016 saw just over 19,000 rounds. Golf has now become a subsidized program as well.

12. JANUARY 2017 FINANCIALS

- 12.1. Mr. Weaver spoke about financials for the start of the year, and how January is not a big revenue or expense month for VRD, except for making our annual insurance payment at the beginning of the year. There have been some increases in workers' compensation fees that were unexpected, and are now being accounted for. Mr. Weaver stated that overall revenue is on track and so are operating expenses. On a preliminary basis, VRD started this year almost \$300,000 ahead of what was projected. Mr. Weaver explained that this will help with some of the unfunded capital, but is a small amount of the overall total of what is needed.
 - 12.1.1. Director Saalfeld thanked Mr. Weaver for his guidance and hard work.
 - 12.1.2. Mr. Weaver stated that the annual audit will be starting in March.

13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that the golf course has booked a number of large groups already for the golf course for 2017. He is excited to host a U.S. Women's Mid-Am Qualifier, and is working with Ms. Plain on a new golf camp with the coach from the University of Louisville for an elite coed camp to prepare kids for college-level golf.
- 13.2. Mr. Ortiz explained that there is a lot happening in the sports department, including sports leagues and getting ready to start the High Country Hoops youth basketball program. The sports team produced the Vail Mountain Uphill Race and Hike last weekend, which was very successful. Part of the proceeds from this event go to the U.S. Mountain Running Team. He explained the event was the first part of the new Vail Grail series, with a winter bike race up next on March 4 at 4 p.m., followed by Krueger Family Shamrock Shuffle on March 18.

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- 13.3. Mr. Ortiz stated that Dobson has a very busy schedule for the next two months with several dances, a Burton US Open event, the Project Funway school district fundraiser, an FBLA conference and a roller derby event.
 - 13.4. Mr. Ortiz talked about how the marketing department is really busy, and received constant mentions in the Vail Daily, including Mr. Chad Young's Nordic program on the front cover, an article on AcroYoga and the Winter Uphill, calendar events, town talks, paid advertising, weekly interview with KZYR, and he's excited about the social media marketing being done through Facebook to targeted audiences.
 - 13.5. Mr. Ortiz said the clubhouse has a lengthy list of punch list items remaining and will be closed from April 1-May 15 for construction. The VRD and Town will have an owner's representative to coordinate the efforts there. The Vail Nordic Center will close on April 1 for the construction, and the golf maintenance staff will plow the driving range at that time to begin building the artificial tee and a new social area. He expects this should be able to be done quickly, weather dependent.
 - 13.6. Mr. Ortiz stated that Mr. Scott O'Connell, Mr. Dave Root, Mrs. Emmy Cardoza and Chef David Sanchez have been working hard on clubhouse events. They also recently expanded the F&B service at Dobson Ice Arena during Yeti games.
 - 13.7. Mr. Ortiz said that staff is working hard on capital items, and complimented them on putting their lists together. He thanked Mrs. April Heredia and Mr. Weaver for their hard work.
 - 13.8. Director Foley stated that he will mention to Council the punch list to make them aware as well.
14. BOARD MEMBER INPUT
- 14.1. Director Foley thanked all the staff for their work at the Winter Uphill and thanked Mr. John Bailey, Vail Resorts and US Foods for the great breakfast. He stated the idea of using TIF money for Dobson capital projects was well received with the Town Council, and stated we should bring this to recreational subcommittee to look to making Dobson a Vail-worthy facility for the next 40-50 years. He also stated that one of the council members feels the Nature Center is underserved with the VRD agreement with Walking Mountains.
 - 14.2. Director Suarez stated he was sorry to not make the joint session with the Town, but was impressed with the presentation.
 - 14.3. Mr. Ortiz reminded the Board and viewers that the VRD operating mill levy has never been increased since its inception.
 - 14.4. Director Rediker thanked the staff for putting together the directors' reports for each meeting, she said this is so helpful to know what is going on. She also asked if there are events on the books at the clubhouse for 2018, to which Mrs. Klehfoth responded that yes there are, and Mrs. Cardoza is in the process of

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updating the online availability calendar.

14.5. Director Kjesbo stated that he thought the presentation to Council was very well done, well received and informative.

14.5.1. Director Foley added that the food from the clubhouse F&B staff was very delicious as well.

14.6. Director Saalfeld sent his thoughts out to one of the Vail Gymnastics families whose matriarch was injured and hopes for a speedy recovery. He also remembered Joyce Wilson, a frequent user of VRD sports programs who recently passed away, and whose husband was a longtime VRD board member instrumental in a lot of the work done by VRD over the years. He informed the public that her memorial will be on Sat, March 11 at 2 p.m. at the Vail Interfaith Chapel.

15. ADJOURNMENT

15.1. 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

Colorado's Constitutional conundrum: Gallagher vs. TABOR amendments, and what it means for us

March 6, 2017

EAGLE COUNTY — Call it the Colorado Conundrum.

Colorado homeowners in the next couple of years will see a property tax break, while our state government is forced to make budget cuts. That's because we stand at the crossroads of a couple of constitutional amendments — Gallagher and the Taxpayers Bill of Rights, or TABOR.

Tim Hoover is the communications director for the Colorado Fiscal Institute, a nonprofit and nonpartisan fiscal policy and analysis organization. They don't have a dog in this fight, but if they did they'd root against TABOR.

"This is a profoundly serious problem. TABOR is not a watchdog. It's a rabid dog," Hoover said. "TABOR is literally threatening public safety."

When the Gallagher Amendment intersects with TABOR, that causes problems, Hoover explained.

IT'S NOT COMPLICATED

That conflict is not as complicated as you might think, and it goes like this:

Colorado voters approved the Gallagher Amendment in 1982.

The Gallagher Amendment changed the way homes were appraised for property tax purposes. It also mandated that the amount of property taxes collected on homes had to always be lower than the amount of property taxes collected on non-residential property.

Gallagher stipulates that residential property taxes would be capped at 45 percent of the state's total property tax revenue. Nonresidential property taxes comprise the other 55 percent.

Non-residential property is taxed at 29 percent of its value. Residential property is currently taxed at 7.96 percent, but the residential rate can fluctuate to maintain that 45/55 split.

You are not taxed on your property's total market value. You're taxed on the assessed value.

For residential property taxed at 7.96 percent, it works like this:

Let's say your home is worth \$350,000. Multiply \$350,000 by 7.96 percent, and your assessed value is \$27,860. That's the amount on which your residential property is taxed.

Multiply that by a taxing entity's mill levy — a bureaucratic term for property tax rate — and that's what you'll pay that taxing entity. Add up all of the mill levies for all of the taxing entities in your neighborhood, and that's your property tax bill.

THE MATH MATTERS

You can either do your own math, or Eagle County Assessor Mark Chapin — Colorado's Assessor of the Year — and his crew will do it for you.

Gallagher defines non-residential property as commercial, farms, oil and gas property, vacant land and a handful of other categories.

Property taxes are collected locally, at the county level. Eagle County Treasurer Teak Simonton distributes that tax money to the local, county and state entities that are supposed to receive it.

Colorado's schools are funded through those local property tax dollars, as well as other kinds of taxes collected at the state level. If local taxes come up short, then the state is on the hook to make up the difference.

Other entities don't have that safety net. Last May, voters living in the Gypsum Department and Eagle River Fire Protection District, as well as the Eagle County ambulance district approved tax increases.

Anyway, back to school funding, to which county voters also gave a boost in 2016.

In the early 1980s, local property taxes paid 54 percent of the state education budget; the state paid 46 percent.

By 2015, the state was providing 66 percent of the state's education budget, while local property taxes paid 34 percent.

This happened because the Gallagher Amendment mandated that the residential property tax rate shrank from 21 percent in 1982, to 7.96 percent in 2003, where it remains.

The tax rate declined because home values continue to increase, while the Gallagher Amendment mandates that 45/55 split with non-residential property.

CONSTITUTIONAL COLLISION

Here's where the Gallagher Amendment collides with the TABOR Amendment — which Colorado voters approved in 1992.

TABOR demands that all tax increases be approved by a vote of the people. Local governments sometimes skirt that requirement by calling an increase a fee, instead of a tax.

Property tax rates can be reduced without voters' permission to maintain the 45/55 Gallagher split, but TABOR prohibits tax rates from being increased without a vote.

In 2017, residential property values are increasing again.

To maintain the required 45/55 taxation split, property tax rates will likely have to be ratcheted down again, probably to somewhere around 6.56 percent, according to projections by the Colorado Fiscal Institute.

Businesses, meanwhile, are still being assessed at 29 percent — four times the rate that homes are.

The pinch feels different in different parts of the state. If you're in places such as Pitkin or Eagle counties, or the Front Range where home values continue to increase, then the fiscal impact on schools might not be as dramatic as in Conejos County, one of the nation's poorest areas. But that split is affecting local revenues throughout the

state.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Mark Fenstermacher, Head Master, Vail Mountain School
Mr. Rob Parrish, Principal, Battle Mountain High School

FROM: Kim Newbury Rediker
Board Member, Vail Recreation District

DATE: March 1, 2017

RE: Vail Scholar Athlete Recognition Award

The Vail Recreation District has created an annual Vail Scholar Athlete Recognition Award to be given to a qualified recipient, **one male and one female** from either Battle Mountain High School or the Vail Mountain School. Listed below are the basic components for this award:

- I. Purpose
- II. Organization
- III. Criteria
- IV. Process
- V. Award

I. PURPOSE: The purpose of the award is to recognize and reinforce outstanding achievement by youth of the Upper Eagle Valley, for their individual academic and interscholastic achievements. The Vail Recreation District Board of Directors created this award to acknowledge and reward students from our community schools.

II. ORGANIZATION: The Vail Recreation District will provide applications to all interested scholar athletes. Those applications will then be reviewed by a panel of Vail Recreation District staff and board members. After considering the responses and verifying the facts of those applications the panel will then interview those students the panel considers prospective recipients.

III. CRITERIA: It is extremely important that candidates have fulfilled all the criteria to the highest degree. The Board feels this is a special award and the criteria will be strongly adhered to in the review process. It is important the candidate have enough life experience to have distinction in several areas, not just one or two. All panel members must be in agreement that the candidate fulfills all criteria. Therefore, the more information submitted, especially supplemental information such as newspaper clippings, copies of awards, statements from other individuals, and so on, the better.

- a. The applicant must be a senior student of either Battle Mountain or Vail Mountain High Schools.
- b. In addition to academic excellence, the applicant shall have accomplished something special through athletics, cheerleading or some other activity where a varsity letter can be earned.
- c. The applicant must exemplify ideals that set standards for other students in all facets of their lives.

IV. PROCESS: Candidate applications will be received based on the criteria supplied by the Vail Recreation District Board of Directors. Candidate applications must be received by the panel no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1st, 2017. The panel will then review the candidate applications and may arrange candidate interviews. Applications may be mailed, hand-delivered or arrangements can be made for a representative to pick up the application from your respective school. Mail or drop off applications to:

Mike Ortiz
Vail Recreation District
700 S. Frontage Road East
Vail, CO 81657

Or, contact Mike Ortiz for pick up at (970) 376-6083

V. AWARD: Awards will consist of engraved plaques bearing the recipients names to be placed on permanent display in the Vail Golf & Nordic Center Clubhouse, as well as a \$1,000 scholarship to the college or university of their choice. The Award will be presented to the recipients by a member of the Vail Recreation District's Scholar Athlete Award selection panel at the recipient's annual school awards ceremonies each spring. Additionally, the award designees will be introduced to the community and recognized by the Vail Recreation District Board of Directors at an evening Vail Recreation District Board meeting tentatively scheduled for May 17th 2016.

VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS

March 9, 2017

GOLF

- Scott Todd and Alice Plain attended the G4 Golf Summit in Denver last week. This is a golf conference bringing together several golf organizations, golf professionals, golf superintendents, and other leaders in the industry to discuss the current state of golf, the future of golf, and new program ideas. The Summit was well attended and a worthwhile conference.
- We are starting to receive several summer job applications. Alice has interviews set up starting this week. We will be interviewing for both paid and volunteer positions. We have part-time and full-time positions available. Please send interested candidates to Alice.
- We are working on a new print version of the ski boot logo to look more like our embroidery logo. Our marketing department has come up with some fantastic designs and has also designed a color version.
- We are continuing to book several small groups for the summer. On June 23, we have three separate wedding groups of twenty golfers playing golf in the morning. The Tom Slaughter Memorial BBB Tournament is scheduled for September 14. We will begin planning for this event next week. We will combine efforts with the Vail Chamber and Alison Wadey to produce this event.
- Through Mike Ortiz's good friend Mark Crabtree, Head Men's Coach of the University of Louisville golf team, we are conducting a three-day college prep golf camp in June. Mark will be at the Vail Golf Club, teaching potential high school golfers who aspire to play at the college level. The dates for this camp are June 22-24. We are excited to work with Mark on this unique golf camp!
- Returning professional staff for the 2017 season are as follows: Nathan Mead, Head Professional, George Hart, PGA Professional, Trey Johnson, PGA Professional (interned at the Vail GC for two summers) Ethan Neumann and our five PGM interns including Cole Underwood (returning for second internship from Campbell Univ.)
- For the second year in a row, the Vail Golf Club was selected by Avid Golf Magazine as the "Best Pace of Play" for a public/resort golf course. "These are known as the "Caggy Awards."

GOLF MAINTENANCE

- Started clearing greens on March 1, the snow is deep compared to the last few years. As of March 3, greens 2, 4, and 6 have been cleared, and we are clearing 5 today. The snow is 3-4' deep on these greens, but they look good, and we apply another fungicide to them now to protect them from snowmold for the next two months.
- Twenty-one inches of snow were measured in February at our weather station by 3 green, with our settled snowpack at 32" on our measuring gauge.

- The Upper Colorado River basin snowpack is now at 119% of average, and 137% of average for snow-water equivalent (a lot of wet snowfalls this winter).
- Nordic grooming operations are going smoothly. Even though February was drier (less than half of January snow total of 58") and warmer than January, overall track conditions remain excellent.
- Thank you for approving the hosting of the Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendent's Association event in late August. We are working with TOV to see if the Commission on Special Events might approve funding of the event, as an estimated 30-40 attendees will likely stay in Vail for the weekend following the Friday tournament.
- We are planning spring capital projects on the golf course.

SPORTS REPORT

- Winter adult volleyball and basketball leagues continue as we move toward crowning a champion.
- High Country Hoops started this past week with good participation in both the Tuesday first and second grade session, and Thursdays third through fifth grade session with nearly 30 kids each day.
- Open gyms continue with good attendance.
- The Vail Mountain Winter Uphill was well attended with roughly 150 participants finishing the course. A big thanks goes out to Vail Resorts for all their support in this race from a wonderful breakfast at Eagle's Nest, ski patrol with the course, cat crew giving us a ride at 5:45 a.m., and the gondola crew getting staff, volunteers and gear up the mountain. Thanks to the VRD employees from other departments who braved the early morning to help - Mike Ortiz, Jim Sanders, Jessie Klehfoth, Hannah King, and Alice Plain.
- Planning and marketing for the next couple of events in the Vail Grail Winter Race Series continues:
 - EagleVail Derail Winter Bike Race | March 4 | 4 p.m. | EagleVail Pavilion
 - First winter bike race produced by the VRD
 - After-party will be held at the Vail Brewing Company in EagleVail
 - Working with The Kind to add a demo component to the event
 - 6th Annual Krueger Family Shamrock Shuffle Snowshoe Race | March 18 | 4 p.m. | Vail Nordic Center
 - Krueger Family confirmed as title sponsor again
 - After-party will be held in the banquet room at Vail Golf & Nordic Clubhouse
 - Participants can register for individual events or all three. If they choose to race in all three, they will qualify for the "Vail Grail," a perpetual trophy that will live in the Nordic Center.
 - Please feel free to join us as a participant or a volunteer at any of these races!

- Facility use and parking agreements for all producers holding events in Ford Park have gone out this past week.
- We have preliminary approval for all our summer events from the US Forest Service. We will have our permit material into them by March 15.
- Met with the Town of Minturn and appreciate their financial support and willingness to work with us on the New “MeadowGold” Trail Run, and a kids’ only mountain bike series event.
- Joel attended a planning meeting for the remodel at Red Sandstone, anyone interested is encourage to attend Vail Town Council meeting on March 21 as they are giving a presentation as they move through Town processes.
- Kids Adventure Games registration is open at www.kidsadventuregames.com.

MARKETING

- Summer planning is in full swing with media buys and graphic collateral creation, including numerous summer camp guide placements and trail running series advertising.
- Jessie and Nell are finalizing the VRD summer guide, which will be an all-inclusive guide of everything VRD for summer (both adults and kids). This will be mailed out and distributed next week.
- The VRD year in review is also in final stages and will be ready for distribution at the Town of Vail Community Meeting on March 14.
- A new trail running postcard has been mailed to past participants, and marketing is creating magnets with the trail running dates on the for passing out at running stores, in athlete bags and at the Bolder Boulder and other races.
- Press releases and emails were created for AcroYoga workshops, the EagleVail Derail bike race, Pink Vail, plus gymnastics and hockey updates.
- The VRD was featured in the Vail Daily recently including the Vail Uphill preview and results, and an EagleVail Derail, a front-page photo of the youth Nordic program that Chad helps with. We also had the Vail Grail, AcroYoga and Uphill releases run, plus calendar events, town talks and paid advertising for the race series. Jessie continues to do weekly interviews live on KZYR radio during the morning show promoting all things VRD, and we’ve been using Facebook advertising to reach targeted audiences successfully for many of our programs and events.
- Jessie continues to build up the VRD image library, and was at the EagleVail Derail to capture photos and video of each of the racers. She has also received some fantastic new photos of the clubhouse from Stovall Studio.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

Community Programming

- Imagination Station has been busy the entire year (five to eight families) with some bad-weather days of 10-15 families. We had one day in February with 100 visitors!
- We continue Gentle Yoga, TRX and Aikido.

- We hosted Cocktails & Canvas: Chocolate Making on Thursday, Feb. 9 in partnership with the Town of Vail Library. We also had Cocktails & Canvas: Wildlife Silhouettes on Wood on Tuesday, Feb. 28. This was with Alpine Arts in cooperation with the CSE. This event had 37 participants. We also had record alcohol sales that night.
- The Tue, Feb. 21 Celebrate Love AcroYoga workshop was well attended with seven couples.
- We hosted three birthday parties in the last two weeks of February.
- We have the third event in the AcroYoga Series on March 7: Celebrate Friendship.
- We are trying a Zumba class on March 14.
- We have a Cocktails & Canvas on Thursday, March 16 where Caleb Eaton will lead people in making a “canvas” with recycled pallet wood then paint a Colorado flag on it.

KidZone

- We had five days of School’s Out Camp the week of Feb. 13. All days were full with the exception of Friday, Feb. 17, which was nearly full.
- We are providing enrichment to the PwrHrs program in partnership with Youth Power 365/Youth Foundation. The Burton US Open has us displaced from our storage and parking; we are getting our Nordic children on the track from the east end of the athletic field.

Other

- We are reaching out to previous summer staff and will begin hiring for other positions soon.
- The Red Sandstone gymnasium may have some work done this summer. We are communicating closely with the principal to see what interruptions there may be to Camp Vail in 2017. We are expecting to be completely displaced in 2018.

Marketing/Photos

- Our programs were being advertised in conjunction with Alpine Arts Center.
- We are advertising AcroYoga, Zumba and Cocktails & Canvas.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE / CAPITAL PROJECTS / F&B

Vail Golf & Nordic Clubhouse Construction

- There is still a lengthy punch list of items that need to be completed, however work has slowed considerably.
- There is a lengthy and challenging list of items that need to be completed in the construction window provided to the contractor this spring. The VRD is allowing for an April 1 through May 15 timetable for completion.
- TOV has agreed to bring on additional owners’ rep utilizing NV5. This person will be in the office in the clubhouse during warranty work this spring. Their priority will be to ensure that the items are repaired properly and we hit our spring opening date of May 15.

Driving Range Renovation

- VRD staff will be evaluating this as a spring project. Snowpack and cost of winter conditions work may lead us to postpone this project until spring to minimize impact on golf and avoid escalating costs.

Dobson

- R&K will be replacing pump seal on boiler #1 due to blown gasket, additional boiler programming will be completed concurrently to ensure boilers are cascading per operating plan.
- Preparing to host Burton after-party, a big event for VRD F&B.
- F&B food satellite at Vail Yeti games has been a success, with incremental revenue, decreased food and beverage lines and improved food quality and service.

F&B

- Banquet menus are complete and are printed / posted.
- Compliance, damage and kitchen rental policies and deposits document complete, being reviewed prior to circulation.
- Contract complete with Burton, hosting after party event March 4.
- First wedding in the Gore Range Room scheduled for March 10.
- Restaurant operations running smoothly, positive feedback on soup bar on a regular basis.
- Prepping summer menus for Ford Park and starter building.

PICKLEBALL

- We continue to offer split drop-in sessions with good attendance at RSES. Two sessions on each of the three days weekly have drawn 15-20 players per session with over 150 different players participating so far this year.
- Vail Club 50 clinics and round robin play on Sunday afternoons is still growing and will be continued into the outdoor summer season at Golden Peak on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Mike Ortiz, working with athletic director Lisa Isom, successfully secured VMS for special pickleball events, including clinics and shootouts. We will tape the courts for each event and remove the floor tape at the end of each event at Lisa's request.
- This month we are offering five clinic sessions with visiting pro Laura Fenton Kovanda, four clinics that will be offered on four indoor courts at VMS and one clinic which will be offered on the three indoor courts at RSES. The clinics will be March 17-21. Kovanda is an accomplished athlete, coach and college professor who has won national championships in four different sports – basketball, tennis, racquetball and softball. She was a 5x world titleist in racquetball and a 2X gold medalist and women's pro finalist at the 2016 US Open Pickleball Tournament.

- Jerry is making plans for the outdoor summer pickleball schedule at the Golden Peak Pickleball Center at Vail including:
 - Game Creek Club clinic and round robin play – Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:30-10:30 a.m. - \$5 passholders, \$10 non-passholders
 - Vail Club 50 clinic & round robin play – Tue, Thu: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - \$5 passholders, \$10 non-passholders
 - Daily morning open drop-in sessions – 8:30-11:30 a.m. - free for passholders, \$5 non-passholders
 - Daily evening open drop-in play – 3-5 p.m. - free for passholders, \$5 non-passholders
- Jerry is working on the following 2017 special events and tournaments at the new Golden Peak Pickleball Center:
 - Golden Peak Pickleball Center Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - June 3, 10:30 a.m.
 - Pickleball exhibition at Golden Peak Pickleball Center – Laura Fenton Kovanda and Scott Moore, Saturday, June 3 – 11:00 a.m.
 - Laura Fenton Kovanda/Scott Moore clinics at Golden Peak Pickleball Center - Friday, June 2 – 3:30-6:30 p.m., Saturday June 3 – 12:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday June 4 – 12:30-3:30 p.m.
 - Vail Western Slope Regional Tournament at the Golden Peak Pickleball Center at Vail - August 4-6
 - Vail Pro Am Charity Pickleball Tournament to benefit Vail Veterans Program at the Golden Peak Pickleball Center - September 15-17
 - Vail Bootcamp with “The Pickleball Guru” Prem Carnot at the Golden Peak Pickleball Center at Vail, Sept. 29-Oct. 1