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

5:00 P.M. Thursday, July 22, 2021 Town of Vail, Council Chambers AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

## **Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Changes to Agenda;
- 3. Approval of Minutes;
  - a. June 24, 2021
- 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. Golf Course Conditions-Holes 5 & 14-Mr. Mike Ortiz
  - c. Bill Wright Tennis Center Update- Ms. Caitlin Collins
- 6. Unfinished Business;
  - a. None
- 7. Officers, Committees, Staff, and Professional Consultants;
  - a. June 2021 Financials- Mr. Eric Weaver
  - b. Executive Director Report- Mr. Mike Ortiz
  - c. Board Member Input
- 8. Adjournment

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# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

# Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District June 24, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on June 24, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Gore Range Room at the Vail Golf & Nordic Clubhouse, Eagle County, Colorado, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

## 1. MEMBERS PRESENT

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

## 2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

# 3. STAFF PRESENT

3.1. Mike Ortiz, April Heredia, Alice Plain, Jacob Tilmann

# 4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. Rick Weaver

# 5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver

## 6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:03 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 May 27, 2021, regular meeting.

# 9. PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA

9.1. None

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# 10. PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2020 AUDIT

- 10.1. The 2020 audit was done by McMahan and Associates. Mr. Dan Cudahy shared with the board that the audit received an unqualified finding and that no audit adjustments would be needed. He shared that he felt as though the district had a good segregation of jobs and that over all the District was in a great position compared to its peers.
- 10.2. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the audit draft as presented.

# 11. GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE REPORT

11.1. Mr. Jacob Tilmann gave a brief introduction of himself to the board and then proceeded to give an overview of the current state of the course. Mr. Tilmann shared in depth procedures that are currently being done and has confidence that the course will come out in great shape. Mr. Tilmann also gave a brief overview of what future procedures will be followed for next year's greens that will be re-done. Mr. Tilmann was very thorough with all of his descriptions and assured the board that he and his staff are working diligently to get the course back on track.

# 12. GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS

- Ms. Alice Plain gave a brief overview of the current golf operations. Sharing that both adult and kid clinics are busy. She thanked Jacob Tilmann for all of the hard work he and his team have done.
- Ms. Plain shared she currently has four interns. She also shared all the work her staff has been doing working with the youth in our valley. She was excited about youth participation as they are the future of our sport.
- Ms. Plain suggested to the board that we stay at the current rate due to the current condition of the course. After some discussion, the board agreed to keep the rates the same for the time being.

# 13. WELCOME TO THE VAILGOLF CLUB

- 13.1 A video was shared with the board that was created by our marketing team in conjunction with Nate Mead and Trey Johnson from our golf course staff. It is an informative video of what to expect upon arrival to the Vail Golf Course.
- 13.2 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KqWZ6ZIRbTs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KqWZ6ZIRbTs</a>

## 14.MAY 2021 FINANCIALS

Mr. Weaver shared with the board that things are going well for the VRD. We had budgeted conservatively based on COVID still being around. Mr. Weaver shared that revenues are up and expenses are holding.

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14.2 Mr. Weaver shared that capital is showing favorable due to projects being behind schedule. Having Scott O'Connell backing up Food & Beverage right now has him behind in projects.

# 15. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT-TOWN OF VAIL -VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT-RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Mike Ortiz shared that they discussed the mask mandate protocols and they have since changed as we are in full swing of summer. He also shared that they discussed the desire to have an indoor facility at Ford Park for Tennis and Pickleball. He also shared the possibility of replacing the current building with a new facility to have adequate space for administration offices as well as storage for the district.

# 16. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- Director Plante commended the staff for all of their work so far this summer.
- Director Hansen shared how he was impressed with all of our programming being full. He also shared how we would like to see the Town of Vail continue their talks about the civic center plan.
- Director Newbury-Rediker gave kudos for a great white-water event she attended and stated is was great as a CSE member to see donations used in such a great way. She also inquired about the student athlete scholarship award. Mr. Mike Ortiz said applications are currently getting reviewed and hope to have winners announced soon.
- Director Saalfeld thanked Mr. Mike Ortiz for all his hard work and all the hard work his staff has been giving. He acknowledged Mr. Ortiz's passion for the District and he greatly appreciates everything he does.

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

17.1 Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Vail Recreation District Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted, April Heredia Secretary to the Meeting VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

	12/31/20					06/30/21				
		Enter-	General	Ent. Fund			Enter-	General	Ent. Fund	
	General	prise	Fixed Assets	Fixed Assets		General	prise	Fixed Assets	Fixed Assets	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>&amp; LTD</u>	<u>&amp; LTD</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>&amp; LTD</u>	<u>&amp; LTD</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS	0.405.005				0.405.005	0.445.044				0.445.044
CASH- UNRESTRICTED INVESTMENTS- RESTRICTED	6,105,605				6,105,605 0	9,115,944				9,115,944
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	221.938				221,938	60.112				60,112
PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE	4.663.735				4,663,735	731.794				731.794
PREPAIDS, DEPOSITS & INVENTORY	196,210				196,210	216,600				216,600
DUE (TO) FROM OTHER FUND	190,210				190,210	,				,
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BUILDINGS			14,112,183	0	14,112,183			14,112,183	0	14,112,183
EQUIPMENT			2,928,402	0	2,928,402			2,928,402	0	2,928,402
ACCUM DEPR			(10,156,998)	0	(10,156,998)			(10,156,998)	0	(10,156,998)
TOTAL ASSETS	11,187,487		- 6,883,587	0	18,071,074	10,124,451		- 6,883,587	0	17,008,038
TOTAL ASSETS	11,107,407		- 0,003,307	<u> </u>	10,071,074	10,124,451		- 6,663,367		17,000,030
LIABILITIES AND FUND FOURTY										
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	133,563				133,563	239,894				239,894
DEFERRED PROPERTY TAXES	4,663,735				4,663,735	731,794				731,794
DEFERRED REVENUE	158,278				158,278	266,507				266,507
ACCRUED COMPENSATED ABSENCES			133,202	0	133,202			133,202	0	133,202
ACCRUED INTEREST PAYABLE			.00,202	0	0			.00,202	0	0
DOBSON BONDS PAYABLE				0	0				0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4.955.575		- 133.202	0	5.088.777	1.238.195		- 133.202	0	1,371,397
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,333,313		- 133,202		3,000,777	1,230,133		- 133,202		1,571,557
NET ASSETS										
INV IN FIXED ASSETS, NET OF DEBT			6,750,385	0	6,750,385			6,750,385	0	6,750,385
RESTRICTED	494.274		-	ŭ	494,274	461.497		-	ŭ	461,497
COMMITTED & ASSIGNED FOR CAPITAL	3,640,000		_		3,640,000	6,010,000		_		6,010,000
UNASSIGNED	2,097,638		-		2,097,638	2,414,759		-		2,414,759
TOTAL NET ASSETS	6,231,912		- 6,750,385	0	12,982,297	8,886,256		- 6,750,385	0	15,636,641
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TOTAL LIAB & NET ASSETS	11,187,487		- 6,883,587	0	18,071,074	10,124,451		- 6,883,587	0	17,008,038
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#### VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE ACTUAL, BUDGET AND FORECAST FOR THE PERIODS INDICATED

Modified Accrual Basis Percentage 6 Month 6 Month Percentage 2020 2021 Variance Variance Ended Ended Variance Variance Prelim 2021 Adopted 06/30/21 06/30/21 **Favorable** Favorable **Favorable Favorable** Actual **Forecast** Budget (Unfavor) (Unfavor) Actual **Budget** (Unfavor) (Unfavor) COMBINED REVENUES PROPERTY AND OTHER TAXES. NET OF FEES 5.030.159 4.743.685 4.743.685 0% 3.916.054 3.811.714 104.340 3% OTHER NON-DEPARTMENTALIZED REVENUES 139.159 59.000 43.000 16.000 37% 45.885 23.410 22.475 96% **SPORTS** 240.653 347.421 243.670 103.751 43% 258.193 150.219 107.973 72% **GYMNASTICS** 179.525 271.220 244.720 11% 130.567 139.978 -7% 26.500 (9.412)COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING 10% 109.742 49% 311.928 411.279 373,500 37.779 333.623 223,881 NATURE CENTER 0% 0% NORDIC CENTER, NET OF COGS 608,704 682,600 475,935 206,665 43% 407,060 215,342 191.718 89% GOLF COURSE, NET OF COGS 1,601,586 1,511,950 1,463,650 48,300 3% 598,239 464,262 133,977 29% 2% 24% **TENNIS** 67,008 59,000 58,000 1,000 23,450 18,865 4,584 **PICKLEBALL** 118.006 114.629 97.335 17.294 18% 51.815 31.459 20.356 65% DOBSON 536.306 485.187 512.419 (27.232)-5% 283.978 285.971 (1.993)-1% GOLF F&B / BANQUET ROOM, NET OF COGS 603.779 299.148 102% 155.989 82% 287.343 304.631 85.501 70.488 **TOTAL REVENUES** 9.120.377 9.289.750 8.555.062 734.689 9% 6.204.852 5.450.603 754.249 14% **OPERATING EXPENSES ADMINISTRATION** (830, 250)(877,872)(876, 351)(1,521)0% (491,758)(520,732)28,973 6% PUBLIC RELATIONS/MARKETING (292,782)(395,619)(407,619)12,000 3% (153,867)(193,675)39,808 21% -1% 8,424 6% PARK MAINTENANCE (283,730)(293,932)(291,399)(2,532)(121,623)(130,048)1% 2,450 3% **FACILITIES MAINTENANCE** (139,078)(140,484)(142,001)1,518 (69,975)(72,426)SPORTS (428,842) (509,511) (471,699)(37,811)-8% (203,999)(199,617)(4,382)-2% 1% 14% **GYMNASTICS** (335,847)(352,284)(355, 365)3,081 (148, 182)(171,457)23.276 **COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING** (573,880)-2% (225,213)20.867 8% (470,564)(587,386)(13,506)(246,079)0% 0% NATURE CENTER (412)(412)NORDIC CENTER (367, 395)(452,797)(416,987)(35,811)-9% (264,345)(243, 162)(21,183)-9% **GOLF OPERATIONS** (731,692)(823,997)(831,857)7,859 1% (224,882)(265,895)41,012 15% -3% **GOLF MAINTENANCE** (892,232)(1,018,635)(986, 369)(32,265)(460,967)(439,502)(21,464)-5% **TENNIS** (112,922)7,288 6% (53,529)9,260 15% (111,854)(105,634)(62,789)-5% **PICKLEBALL** (79,589)(101,794)(96,772)(41,223)(33,558)(7,666)-23% (5,022)-2% DOBSON (732,743)(338,876)-2% (709, 173)(746,848)(14, 105)(344,375)(5,499)GOLF F&B / BANQUET ROOM (633,918)-19% -3% (849,278)(712, 105)(137, 172)(330,053)(319,635)(10,418)**TOTAL EXPENSES** (7.256.069)(7.008.070)(247.999)-4% (3.134.404)(3.237.450)103.047 3% (6.306.946)**CHANGE IN FUND BAL BEFORE DS & CAP** 2,813,431 2,033,682 1,546,992 486,689 3,070,449 2,213,153 857,296 DEBT SERVICE (271.956)0% 0% DONATIONS, LOANS, & SALE OF ASSETS 0% 0% 11,000 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (905, 978)(1,365,358)(1,407,513)42,156 3% (416,104)(727,148)311,044 43% LESS UNFUNDED CAPITAL PROJECTS CONTINGENCY 0% (300,000)(300,000)(195,651)195,651 100% (1,166,934) 42,156 2% 506,695 55% **TOTAL NET CAPITAL EXPENSES** (1,665,358)(1,707,513)(416,104)(922,799)**CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE** 1,646,496 368,324 (160,521)528,845 2,654,344 1,290,354 1,363,990

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#### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES:

SPORTS REVENUES- Facility rental, whitewater, bike & running races, and camp registrations all seeing high demand and early registrations.

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING REV- \$18,000 in unbudgeted grants helping to offset impacts due to COVID

NORDIC REVENUES- Truly an amazing 2020/2021 season with incredible increases in participation

GOLF REVENUES- High demand for early season pass sales.

**BEGINNING FUND BALANCES** 

**ENDING FUND BALANCES** 

GOLF F&B/BANQUET REVENUES- The Banquet Room is expected to be dramatically higher in revenues and expenses than budget, but it will be a large net positive overall.

GYMNASTICS EXPENSES- Savings in wages and benefits until new full-time employee started.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING EXPENSES- Many savings are timing related and will balance out in the coming months.

NORDIC EXPENSES- Overages in equipment maintenance and credit card fees from higher revenues.

CAPITAL- Mostly timing on projects still planned to be completed later in the year.

CONTINGENCY- Increased from \$200K to \$300Kfor additional unknowns due to COVID19, but not needed as both revenues and expenses were favorable to forecast.

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FUND BALANCE- Savings at end of 2020 rolled forward to 2021.

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# VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORTS July 22, 2021

#### MARKETING

- Summer has been busier than ever, and we are kept well occupied promoting our wide variety of programs, camps, races, events and facility offerings!
- We have been planning for the 8th Annual Businesses, Bogeys & Bragging Rights Charity Golf Tournament on September 23. With more than a dozen teams already signed up, we are looking forward to a great event!
- We continue to support the VRD summer racing season with two email releases per event (press release and racer details), ads, social media posts, photos, maps, website updates and more. Nell creates a custom t-shirt design for each of the trail running races.
- Our summer marketing assistant Bobby Cornwell has been taking a ton of great photos at our camps and events including mountain bike races, trail running races, youth tennis camps, adult tennis, day camps, pickleball camps, track & field camp, Vail Golf Club, figure skating at Dobson Arena and more!
- Bobby has also been making a lot of cool videos including a Vail Golf Club video series: Golf Tips with Nate and Trey. He has also made videos for trail running, mountain biking, gymnastics and more.
- We have been putting up a lot of social media content this summer with posts, videos and stories that showcase everything happening at the VRD.
- Nell made Pac-Man-themed "Game Over" shirts for league championships (sand volleyball, indoor volleyball, soccer, and softball). She always has fun with the league champion tshirts!
- On June 9, Alice Plain and Nell gave a presentation at the Community & Trail Host Summer Kick-Off meeting, giving the attendees a rundown on everything that the Vail Golf Club and the Vail Rec District offers in the summer.
- Nell did a Vail Daily Live interview with Tricia Swenson on June 30 to promote the Vail Hill Climb and Hammer in the Hay races.
- We have been helping with messaging related to parking issues at the Golden Peak Pickleball Center and temporary greens at the Vail Golf Club.
- With a new chef at the Grill on the Gore, Nell has been working on getting our menus updated with a tasty new menu items and a fun cocktail list.
- Jessie is back from maternity leave and looks forward to getting caught up and jumping back in.

## GOLF

- We continue to charge our early season rate of \$74 with cart for 18 holes or \$52 with cart for nine holes. The driving range and the golf shop have had strong steady sales in the first couple weeks of July. We have busy tee sheets right now and continue to book through the month of July.
- We are hosting the Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado golf tournament on July 20 with 120 juniors participating.

- Nathan hosted the Prima Vail program this past week with 23 participants. The golf
  instruction was well received, and everyone seemed to have a great time at the driving
  range.
- All our lesson programs for adults and juniors are full. We have had three to four ladies on our wait list for the Thursday classes. We are offering First Tee two-day and three-day camps. PGA Junior League is going well. The new OP36 program is also a huge success. Trey Johnson continues to do a phenomenal job organizing, coaching the coaches, and teaching these programs. This past week we hosted five events and on the upcoming schedule, we have four events on the calendar plus the 120-person junior event.
- Our guests and residents are enjoying their time at the Vail Golf Club and we are proud to offer exceptional customer service to all.
- We have filled our seven concierge volunteer positions now. We will be looking to hire new staff heading into the middle of August. We are working with other departments within the Vail Rec District who will be slowing down in August to have these employees join us at the golf course for the fall season.
- Our weekly leagues are at full capacity. We have filled all our allotted tee times for Senior Club, Men's League and Ladies League. We are looking to change the men's league next week to have 10-minute intervals within their two-hour time block to allow more players to play each week.

# **GOLF MAINTENANCE**

# New Greens: 1, 6, 7 and 11

- 1, 6, 7 and 11 greens are healthy, have good roots and turf vigor.
- We will continue to fertilize, add organic material, and make foliar applications to get valuable nutrients into the soil to better benefit the turfgrass.

## New Greens: 5 and 14

- 5 and 14 will be closed until they are fully healthy and ready for play again.
- Cultural, mechanical and chemical practices are being made for a speedy recovery.
- We have applied additional organic material, fertilizer and have seeded them.
- We will mow them at a slightly higher height of cut to avoid additional stress to the plant.
- They will be covered at night to help hold soil temperatures at optimal growing conditions.
- They will be uncovered during the day; this will allow them to receive natural sunlight, which is the plant's most natural source of energy.

## **Temporary Greens**

- The temporary greens on 5 and 14 will be worked down to a height of cut of .250, or one-quarter inch. They are currently at .315, or close to five-sixteenths.
- The temporary greens will be mowed and rolled daily and top-dressed as needed to allow for a smooth and playable putting surface.

## **Soil Tests and Soil Amendments**

- Soil tests were taken of all six new greens, the results were as expected.
- With the new base being 90 percent sand, it is naturally lacking essential nutrients the plant needs to develop correctly.
- We are adding these missing nutrients and have also sent more soil and leaf tissue samples in for an update on our progress.
- These results should hopefully be back within a week or two.

# Greens Aerification: 2, 4, 9, 10 and 18

These greens are in phase three of our golf greens renovation process.

- They struggled through the winter and all lost turf that had to be seeded grown in this spring.
- We will be aerifying them twice before our main fall aerification.
- The dates for this process will be July 31 and August 25. Although this process may seem disruptive to golf, it is vital we give these neglected greens the care they need.
- Proper cultural, mechanical, and chemical practices will be taken to ensure a speedy recovery from the aerification holes.
- This process will add critical drainage needed in the base of these greens and will also improve the overall health of the turfgrass.

## **Course Conditions**

- The course is in overall good condition.
- Tees and fairways are playing great. We are planning to solid tine tees at the end of July to help relieve compaction.
- Irrigation adjustments are being made daily to avoid any extreme wet or dry conditions on the course.
- We continue to pick rocks out of the bunkers daily and are researching ideas for a quicker method of rock removal.

## **SPORTS**

- We finished the Eagle River Water and Sanitation District Vail Whitewater Series with a
  record number of participants in the five-race series. A big thanks to all the participants,
  staff, spectators and partners that made the season such a success. We present our recap
  to the Commission on Special Events next month and are also sending out sponsor recaps
  to all of our partners. We are already working on securing a raft partner for the 2022 series.
- We have been enjoying our new chip timing system and so far, so good. As we continue to improve and gain confidence, we will introduce live scoring.
- We worked with our partners at the Vail Valley Foundation and the Town of Minturn to produce six events at this year's Mountain Games. Events included: two 5K trail runs, an e bike race, kids and adult MTB races and the Spring Runoff trail run.
- Worked with the Town of Minturn, Eagle Valley Land Trust and Eagle River Watershed Council to introduce a new downriver whitewater race in Minturn.
- We finished up a three week stretch from June 17 to July 4 with very happy tournament producers and visitors to our fields. King of the Mountain, Vail Lacrosse Tournament, and Vail Lacrosse Shootout went off without a hitch. Big shoutout to Justin and the parks crew who were run ragged during this time.
- VRD-produced Fred Ammer Invitational takes place July 23-25 with 18 teams in two divisions.
- Summer adult leagues have been running well, with good participation:
  - 14 coed soccer teams
  - o 24 softball teams
  - o 14 cornhole teams
  - o and 25 adult sand volleyball teams
- All of our summer youth sports camps have had great numbers. Huge thanks to our lodging partners Vail Realty, Vail International, Lodge at Lionshead, Highline Vail, The Wren, and The Antlers for their help in housing coaches. We still need some housing for basketball camp, July 25-29, and flag football camp, August 1-6.
- Registration for fall youth soccer is now open and we are working on our other fall offerings.

- Dynafit Trail Running Series and Bloch and Chapleau Town Mountain Bike Series have had great participation with happy athletes.
- Upcoming Races:
  - Mountain Biking: July 21, Berry Creek Bash
  - o Trail Running: July 31, Berry Picker
  - Mountain Biking: August 18, Camp Hale
  - o Trail Running: August 21, New Arrowhead Half Marathon and 5K
  - o Mountain Biking: Sept. 1, Beaver Creek
  - o Trail Running: September 11, MeadowGold, Minturn
- We are working again with the Vail Kids Adventure Games to produce their 2021 event from August 11-15. The preliminary bib pickups, skills clinics and award ceremonies will take place in Vail, with the racing this year taking place in Maloit Park.
- We will be working with Battle Mountain High School's cross country team to produce their home meet on August 28.
- We are working with marketing, golf and VCBA to plan the BB&B golf tournament benefiting the Tom Slaughter, Jr. Memorial Youth Fund. This year's event is September 23 and the theme is "Vintage Vail."
- We are working with High Fives Foundation to plan their Colorado Charity Golf tournament at Vail Golf Club on Aug. 25. The tournament is already sold out!

## **PICKLEBALL**

- The VRD outdoor pickleball season continues to be very busy at Golden Peak, where
  pickleball is offered on six dedicated pickleball courts that are open and staffed seven days
  a week.
- Court reservations can be made on the hour for play from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day. Players can call 970-390-2952, email pickleball @vailrec.com or use the holdmycourt reservation website to reserve courts. There were over 3,800 individual player reservations in June at Golden Peak.
- The pickleball staff at Golden Peak is available every day at the courts to help players set up games, and to run clinics and lessons.
- Skills and drills and round robin sessions have been completely booked on all six courts on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Summer VRD pickleball passes are currently on sale and can be purchased online at the VRD website. So far, we have sold 100 new 2020/21 annual passes for the season that began October 1, 2020 and ends September 30, 2021, and 85 summer passes for the 2021 outdoor season that runs from June 1 to September 30.
- Registration is underway for junior pickleball clinics which are being held Monday through Thursday from 1-3 p.m. until August 13.
- Ben Johns, who is the number one ranked player in the world in men's singles, doubles and mixed doubles, conducted five clinic sessions at Golden Peak from June 17-19. Ben brought Irina Tereschenko and Martina Kochli, who are top female pros, to help coach the three-hour clinic sessions. Every session was full and we received outstanding feedback on the clinics from the participants.

## **DOBSON**

- We made it through our first concert post pandemic, hosting 615 people on June 18. Everything was great.
- The VMHC hosted their annual camp which went well. They had three groups of about 25 each day, using six hours of ice each day.
- Adult league continues through the summer. The social side of it is back and folks are starting to feel back to normal a bit. We are really light on certified officials but have been able to get things covered with Andy and Jared working a lot of games.
- High Altitude Hockey Academy returned for its second summer camp. They had close to 70 kids participate in their camp. They used seven hours of ice each day.
- Weekend Warriors returned. They have run an adult camp at Dobson for the past 14 years or so. They were sold out with 40 adult campers. They traditionally host camp the weekend after Father's Day.
- The Vail Invitational Figure Skating Championships returned this week. Participation numbers are higher than normal. I don't have specifics as it is still ongoing.
- Bob Johnson returns for its 42nd year. They have been sold out since January 1. We have 115 total participants joining us this year as we move back to our traditional camp schedule.

## **PARKS**

• King of the Mountain ran June 18 to June 20, immediately followed by a lacrosse four-day tournament and a two-day break before the Vail Lacrosse Shootout started. During the shootout we received consistent rain which totaled 1.75" over the 10-day period. The fields held up well and are in recovery mode. Goal cresses have been seeded and are growing in, and fertilizer has been applied to all fields.

## **GYMNASTICS**

- The Vail Gymnastics Classic will take place on September 18 and 19 at Dobson Ice Arena. We are planning this event as normal and will be using two sets of equipment that can accommodate larger numbers. This competition will host levels 2-5 and Xcel Bronze and Silver. We have just over 200 gymnasts preregistered in the event.
- All five recreational week-long camps are full at 40 participants. All week-long camps have waitlists, some as high as 60 children.
- We welcomed a new Head Coach, Thomas Katsiadas. Thomas will be adding programs such as ninja/parkour, adult gymnastics and fitness classes for all. We are excited to have Thomas on board and look forward to implementing new programming through 2021.
- A six-week parkour class series began on July 7. The class is currently full and is offered Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The class trains indoors and takes their skills outdoors to local parks.

## **COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING**

- Sara has stepped into a managing role in Pre Kamp Vail and Camp Eco Fun. She continues to be a huge asset with our database and administrative tasks.
- Camp Vail, Pre Kamp Vail and Camp Eco Fun are running smoothly and at full capacity.
- Chad is working on scheduling some private mountain bike camps during the week of August 2. We should be able to run our last camp the week of July 26 then call it a summer for this camp.

- Imagination Station re-opened June 7, and we are now staffed to be open Monday through Friday with reservations available from 9-11, 11:30-1:30 or 2-4. We changed the price to \$25 for a group of six.
- We will open KidZone after school program as soon as Red Sandstone opens on August 16.

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

## F&B

- All F&B outlets at the Vail Golf & Nordic Clubhouse are open with full menus available.
- New management staff this summer include the general manager, executive chef, restaurant manager, banquet manager, and banquet chef. This will also be the first summer of operations for our group sales manager.
- The entirely new management team is progressing well and becoming more familiar with our philosophy and systems.
- Line-level staffing is a significant issue this year. We have posted in every available outlet
  and continue to work with our HR department to fill positions. Cooks have been especially
  difficult to find. We make weekly, and sometimes daily, adjustments to ensure we can
  continue to operate with existing staff.
- Supply issues with product, and price escalation due to short supply, are having an impact on our ability to consistently deliver high-quality product at a consistent price. This is an industry-wide issue.
- Business has been brisk at all outlets, and banquets have been very busy.
- Starting the weekend of July 24, we will host two and three events every weekend until the third week of October. This is going to be a significant challenge to our existing staff as we continue to run three cook positions short to effectively run our operations.
- With an entirely new management team, and being short staffed in both the FOH and BOH, we had to cease operations at Ford Park. We cleaned and prepared the concessions venue for use by third-party operators. Although this creates a benefit to some of our local clubs, it comes at an expense to the VRD to provide this opportunity to others.
- Dobson hosted its first event successfully this summer and is also providing services to our local programming. We will look to hire a new concessions and event manager shortly.
- Vending is also running, however supply issues, specifically for 20 oz. plastic bottle product, is a challenge. This is an industry-wide issue.

## **Capital Projects**

VRD capital projects were put on hold as VRD resources were allocated to the F&B
department to ensure that we could open and operate to expected standards. Now that
there is a new management team in place at the Grill on the Gore, we will begin to transition
back into capital projects, as time permits.

## **Building Maintenance**

- Spring punch lists were completed, and venues were prepared for summer operations.
- We continue to work through some system issues including the clubhouse sewer system, HVAC systems, refrigeration, rink chiller systems, electrical systems and I.T. systems.
- We continue to rely on local skilled trades for assistance, however, due to staffing shortages
  in the trades industry, we have had to work on several of these issues in house. This has
  also impacted our ability to keep capital projects moving forward.