# Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

# Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District January 14, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on January 14, 2016 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 St ate of Colorado.

#### 1. MEMBERS PRESENT

1.1. Tom Saalfeld, Kim Newbury, Kevin Foley, Bill Suarez, Jeff Wiles

#### 2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED

2.1. None

#### 3. STAFF PRESENT

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

# 4. OTHERS PRESENT

4.1. Shane Sluder, Rick Sackbauer

#### 5. CONSULTANTS PRESENT

5.1. Eric Weaver, Marchetti & Weaver, LLC

#### 6. CALL TO ORDER

6.1. Director Saalfeld called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

#### 7 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

7.1. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting.

# 8. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- 8.1. Mr. Sackbauer wanted to thank the board and staff for adding winter pickleball open gym on Thursdays and Saturdays at Red Sandstone Elementary. He commended Mr. Jerry Stevens for his knowledge and operations expertise, and thanked Mr. O'Connell for addressing the lighting issue in the gym.
  - 8.1.1. Director Newbury questioned how many people have been attending the open gyms on average.

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- 8.1.2. Mr. Sackbauer stated there have been between 18-20 people, with all three courts full, with beginners to advanced players. He noted that Mr. Stevens has been great at orienting new players.
- 8.2. Mr. Sluder of the Vail Nordic Center requested to be included in any upcoming fat bike meetings.
  - 8.2.1. Director Foley questioned if fat biking at the Nordic Center would work.
  - 8.2.2. Mr. Sluder said that he doesn't believe it would with how the Nordic Center is set up currently.
  - 8.2.3. Director Suarez questioned if he would be willing to make a presentation to the board, and Mr. Sluder agreed.
- 8.3. Mr. O'Connell wanted to thank the board for their kindness and generosity over the holidays and everything they do to take care of the VRD staff.

#### 9. LEGAL MATTERS

- 9.1. 2016 Meeting Dates and Meeting Notice Posting Locations
  - 9.1.1. Mr. Weaver explained as required by state statute the board is required to set the regular meeting dates and meeting posting locations at the first meeting of the year. Meeting dates will be held at 5 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month, with the exception of the last meetings in November and December due to the holidays.
  - 9.1.2. Mr. Ortiz explained that the meeting notices are required to be posted at three locations, which include the Town of Vail Municipal Building, Vail Golf Club and Vail Recreation District Administrative Office. Additional courtesy postings include Dobson Ice Arena and online at vailrec.com.
  - 9.1.3. Director Wiles recused himself from the vote due to his limited tenure remaining.
  - 9.1.4. By motion duly made and seconded it was RESOLVED to approve the set VRD Board meeting dates for second and fourth Thursday of each month and to approve the meeting posting locations at the Town of Vail Municipal Building, Vail Golf Club and the Vail Recreation District Administrative Offices.

# 10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MARCHETTI & WEAVER, LLC ENGAGEMENT

- 10.1. Mr. Weaver stated that there has been a change in accounting rules, and CPA's can now "prepare" financial statements, where the page of disclosures is removed and replaced with a footnote that there is no assurance provided on the financials. Mr. Weaver said that most boards are moving to this standard to save paper.
- 10.2. Director Suarez questioned if there was any downside besides saving paper, Mr. Weaver replied no.
- 10.3. Director Foley commended Marchetti and Weaver on past performance and making the reports easy to read.

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10.4. By motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the engagement letter with Marchetti & Weaver dated January 11, 2016.

#### 11. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF WEDDING ISLAND PRICING 2016

- 11.1. Mr. O'Connell explained this is the second season with the Vail Golf Course wedding island back under the VRD realm of responsibility with seven successful weddings last year, during both off peak and on peak seasons.
- 11.2. Mr. O'Connell reviewed the proposed wedding island pricing with the board and after answering multiple questions from the Board and giving a brief overview of the operations of the island by the golf staff, by motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the wedding island pricing as presented.

#### 12. 2015 PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER FINANCIALS

12.1. Mr. Weaver stated there was not much change since the last report. He is still forecasting that the VRD will finish about \$200,000 ahead for the year and may even increase once December closes. He highlighted the Volvo event at Dobson as putting the Ice Arena in the black for the first time in years. December will be most important to see where we stand, which will be presented at the next Board meeting.

#### 13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 13.1. Mr. Ortiz stated that Scott Todd recently gave a presentation to the PEC on water quality management that was well received. There was also some direction given to keep monitoring things on the golf course and they'd like Mr. Todd to be more involved in a group with the town.
- 13.2. Alice Plain has been selected to take part in the PGA lead program, which includes 14 golf pros from the around the country. This is a big honor for Ms. Plain.
- 13.3. Golf club staff will be working with Red Sandstone Elementary students to teach golf in schools for the fourth grade.
- 13.4. Three pickleball courts are up at Red Sandstone now, with open gym on Thursday night and Saturday mornings. All winter leagues are now in full swing. Participation is similar to last year.
- 13.5. Dobson had 30 U-8 program players skate at the Avalanche game on December 27. This was the second largest program in the state.
- 13.6. The annual SCV holiday show went well.
- 13.7. There was good participation in the holiday KidZone School's Out Camp.
- 13.8. Mr. Young has been working hard with the Youth Foundation to take kids out to the Nordic Center as part of the PwrHrs program at Red Sandstone Elementary.
- 13.9. There were 75 kids at Santa's Workshop and a recent cocktails and canvas was well attended with 18 participants.

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13.10. The cart barn framing at the golf course is going well, and conceptual plans are in progress for the old 18 green and the new driving range tee which will include a section of artificial surface.

#### 14. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 14.1. Director Newbury wanted to discuss adding a college scholarship for one female and one male, an athlete and a scholar, in the amount of \$500 each. Mr. Ortiz recommended discussing standards for qualifications at a future meeting.
- 14.2. Director Wiles expressed his excitement of having a baseball tournament return to Vail this summer.
- 14.3. Director Foley hopes we can find a spot for the Kreuger Family Shamrock Shuffle. He also attended the skating show and said it was phenomenal, kudos to all involved. He reminded the board of the January 28 open house at Red Sandstone Elementary School and invited the public to attend.
- 14.4. Director Suarez also attended the skating show and was very impressed, he questioned how the VRD could help the skating club even more beyond donating the ice time for the show. He also had a question about the 18<sup>th</sup> green proposal and if we were going to be given some options, this was confirmed. He liked the idea of giving a college scholarship, and apologized for his comment about tennis courts not being locked at the last meeting, he confirmed that they are being locked. He also questioned Mr. Weaver if we could get a cost breakdown on the election costs of doing a mail-in ballot versus a polling place election.
- 14.5. Director Saalfeld also went to the skating show and thanked the Skating Club of Vail. He also would like more marketing of pickleball and community activities to guests from out of town. Director Foley mentioned that they have been listed daily in the Vail Daily calendar.

# 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