
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of the Board of Directors

Vail Park and Recreation District dba Vail Recreation District March 27, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vail Recreation District, Town of Vail, Eagle County, Colorado, was held on March 27, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., at the Town of Vail, Council Chambers Eagle County, Colorado, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT
 - 1.1. Scott Proper, Ken Wilson, Rick Sackbauer
2. MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED
 - 2.1. Michelle Hall, Joe Hanlon
3. STAFF PRESENT
 - 3.1. Mike Ortiz, John Monson, Lori Gordon, Scott O'Connell, Steve Sarro
4. TOV MEMBERS PRESENT
 - 4.1. None
5. OTHERS PRESENT
 - 5.1. Kay Ferry
6. CONSULTANTS PRESENT
 - 6.1. Eric Weaver, Robertson & Marchetti P.C.
7. CALL TO ORDER
 - 7.1. Scott Proper called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
8. APPROVAL OF 2/28/08 MEETING MINUTES
 - 8.1. Director Sackbauer made a motion to approve the February 28, 2008 meeting minutes. Director Wilson seconded. Approved unanimously.

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9. PUBLIC INPUT OF ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

9.1. None

10. SNOWCAT LEASE PURCHASE OPTIONS- MR. STEVE SARRO

- 10.1. Mr. Steve Sarro stated the snowcat that we are using now is 12 years old and has been lacking in production over the past few years. He reviewed a summary of costs spent over the last couple of years to maintain the current machine as well as estimated costs to make needed repairs. The Nordic staff has been demo-ing different units to enable them to see the differences between the current machine and new technologies available. All of the different machines that we are looking at are around the same dollar amount depending on accessories. Mr. Sarro is also looking into leasing options as well as costs of purchasing a new machine. Mr. Sarro stated that the turn over for the SnowCat should be every 5 years, 6 at the most so that we do not get into the same situation we are in now with a very outdated piece of machinery. We would like to keep a more consistent track and raise the level of service that we are providing.
- 10.2. Director Sackbauer questioned if we were to be able to purchase a 2 year old machine rather than a brand new one. Mr. Ortiz responded that it would be more like 4 years old which is nearly the age that it is being recommended that we upgrade to a new machine so this would not be beneficial to the District.
- 10.3. Mr. Mike Ortiz stated that we are waiting for Mr. Shane Souder and Ms. Mia Stockdale to decide if they are going to be putting in a proposal to run the Nordic Center on there own. They should be getting back to us by May. The Nordic track will remain open until April 6, 2008.
- 10.4. Director Proper stated that he would like to look more at the lease or loan options, in times of economic downturn it is better to have cash on hand and a lease payment due rather than no cash on hand and ownership of the Snowcat.

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11. FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT- MR. ERIC WEAVER

- 11.1. Mr. Eric Weaver stated that the auditors have completed their fieldwork and the report is expected to be presented to the Board at the May Board meeting. He reviewed the February 29, 2008 financial report stating that the District is on track financial so far in the year with no alarming variances to report. He believes that the majority of the variances shown are due to timing but needs to discuss them further with staff.

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INPUT

- 12.1. Mr. Ortiz reported: Dobson-another Mexican dance will be held, Saturday night there will be an exchange student public skate, Sunday there will be skate-a-thon for MS.
- 12.2. Youth Services- The final schools out camp will be held Friday, Easter egg hunt was a huge success, over 150 kids and no tears.
- 12.3. Gymnastics- State meet will be held June 13-15, 2008, we are working with Vail Valley Partnership for lodging, and we will get a portion of the profits.
- 12.4. Sports- 8x8 co-ed soccer, Friday afternoon kickball, sand volleyball, Youth soccer over 300 kids and 16 teams, Micro coaching clinic, we have a strong summer camp line-up, new camp including- Girls Soccer Academy, coached by former local students. Top of the Rockies Softball will be back this year, over 50 teams. 6 Bike races, 6 running races with a new one that will be held on June 21, 2008: Twilight Run at Beaver Creek to benefit the Vail Valley Charity.
- 12.5. Golf Course- Greens 3 & 7 are cleared and looks healthy. There is 30 inches of snow, when it melts down to 20 inches then Mr. Sarro will uncover the rest of the greens. Ms. Alice Plain is working on the H2B visa's. The Golf Swing analysis is all set up at the Dobson arena on the 2nd Floor, SE side of the building. For lessons please contact Ms. Jeanne Sutherland at 970-479-2260 or her cell phone 970-331-5071. The cost is \$45 for ½ hour and Mr. Ortiz encourages you to go and try it out.

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- 12.6. Marketing- Mr. John Monson has completed the brochures on all activities and it is 16 pages. The Year in review will not be printed; we are going green this year and putting it on our web site (www.vailrec.com). We are advertising the Golf Course on NPR and in Rocky Mountain Golf. Summer camps as well as in the Aurora Sentinel. We are now in the 365 magazine hosted by the Vail Valley Partnership. We have printed out a map that shows all of the VRD's facilities and www.everyscape.com is a virtual tour of our facilities.
- 12.7. Mr. Ortiz stated the Application for the Mail-In Ballot is now on the Web page. Once the voter turns that into us, we will then verify voter eligibility and then send out the Ballot. Anyone who resides and/or owns property within the District and is registered to vote in the state of Colorado is eligible to vote.
- 12.8. Mr. Ortiz stated that on April 10 and April 11, 2008 we will be having Spring back to Vail concerts at Dobson.
- 12.9. Building Maintenance- Mr. Ortiz stated that Mr. O'Connell has worked a deal with the Ambulance District in Edwards to train our staff on the use of the new AED machines that will be located the Tennis Center, Dobson, and the Golf Course. Mr. O'Connell has done a great job putting this together.
- 12.10. Mr. Ortiz stated that Mr. O'Connell is looking into our natural Gas provider, to possibly save us up to 15% on our gas bills.
- 12.11. Mr. Ortiz wanted to thank Mr. Bill Hanlon for his input on the re-designing the Golf Course.
- 12.12. Mr. Ortiz also wanted to thank Mr. Bruce Schuster for the Hockey Tickets that he donated; we sold them for \$1,000 and will donate the proceeds towards youth hockey.
- 12.13. Mr. Ortiz stated Ms. Jamie Gunion (formerly Wilson) will be replacing Mr. John Monson, and she will be starting on April 7, 2008. Mr. Monson's last day will be the 18th of April. Mr. Ortiz stated that he is excited to have Ms. Gunion back to the VRD. Mr. Ortiz also thanked Mr. Monson, Ms. Alice Plain, and Mr. Jared Biniecki for helping out with all of the interviews.

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13. BOARD MEMBER INPUT

- 13.1. Director Sackbauer suggested that we get a mailing list with the 800 kids that are up here on a regular basis on Saturday and Sunday (2nd home owners), maybe they would be interested in the summer programs. Mr. Monson responded that next week there he will be blasting emails out, and this market will be covered with those emails.
- 13.2. Director Sackbauer questioned where we are with the irrigation system, and have we started that study? Mr. Ortiz responded that we have not started and that he will talk with Mr. Stan Zemmler with the TOV and find out if we are going to split that with the Town or if we need to take control over it.
- 13.3. Director Proper questioned about the H2B visas. Mr. Ortiz responded that we have 7 confirmed for Golf Maintenance and Ms. Plain is working on 8 for course and pro shop operations.
- 13.4. Director Wilson stated the he would be gone for most of April. He wanted to thank Mr. John Monson on a great job that he has done for the VRD. Mr. Monson has raised the bar and the marketing is considerably different today. Thank you Mr. Monson, good luck and we will miss you.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 14.1. Director Sackbauer made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose(s) of: §24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., “Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators.” Director Wilson seconded. Approved unanimously.

15. ADJOURNMENT

- 15.1. After returning from Executive Session, Director Sackbauer motioned to adjourn at 6:10 PM. Director Wilson seconded. Approved unanimously.

Michelle Hall, Secretary

Lori Gordon, Assistant Finance Director