

VAIL MOUNTAINEER HOCKEY CLUB



BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEETING – MINUTES

Date: Wednesday October 8, 2025

Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: **ZOOM**

- **Present:** Dave Bishop, Kristi Scheidegger, Tom Corrigan, Justin Bradshaw, Kyle Denton, Slade Cogswell, John Roman, Tony Herrera, Alison Wadey. Public in Attendance: Jared Biniecki - VRD, Katie Santambrogio – Social Impact Advisors, April Trevino – VMHC Accounting
- **Call Meeting to Order: 11:00 am**
- **Quorum:** Yes
- **Approval of __9-24-25__ Minutes:** Justin makes a motion, Tony seconds. All in favor.
- **Public Input (Members and general public are invited to discuss items not on the agenda):** Jared Biniecki joined us and gave us an update on the Dobson renovations.
- **Director Update:**
 - Last team announcements are going out today. PW B will have two teams.
 - Uniforms have been distributed. Communication has gone out to coaches and managers.
 - Thanks to Kristi and Dave for all their efforts and long hours getting this season rolling.
 - We have started storing things at Eagle Rink, but still more to get out of Dave's garage.
 - We are currently at 220 players from Squirt to Bantam this season.
- **Fundraising Committee:**
 - Continuing to pursue new doners for AAW.
 - Kyle makes a motion to remove the incentive for tuition re-imburements for new sponsorship dollars, Gia seconds, all in favor.
 - Many new fun events for AAW including field day type events with Avs Alum, golf and Bowling at Bol.
- **New Rink Update:** Katie and Ali are working on getting Town of Avon hockey residents to write letters to TOA in favor of them donating to Rodeo Rink. Katie will provide the board with an accounting of her in kind and pro bono services for the Rodeo Rink.
 - The rink boards don't for all the way around rink for dasher board sponsors. So we will hang signs for those sponsors instead. \$10K+ sponsors will have a championship-style banner for recognition. Digital sponsor board TV's will be installed for further exposure.
 - SIA is still working on collecting pledge commitments and final donations to get to our fundraising goal.\$110K left to raise, including \$90K of contingencies.
 - SIA will work with Kristi to schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony in November.
 - With the Rodeo Rink opening November 4, we have added more teams to our remaining VST weekends.
 - The board has officially formalized a committee to oversee operations and the future of the RR moving forward. Board members on that committee are: Tom Corrigan, Tony Herrera, Slade Cogswell and Kyle Denton. Dave Bishop will also be a part of the committee.

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- Jared B. brought up the RR schedule and possible opening date scenarios. Shooting for first week of November.
- A new Sign Up Genius will go out requesting teams to sign up together to help. Ali will work with Sarah on messaging so it is clear and easy to sign up. Team work days will be encouraged.
- **Financial Committee Update:**
 - Cash reserves are down due to Rodeo Rink construction. But registration and tournament fees are exceeding budget. Expenses have been higher than in years past.
 - Scholarship donation requests have been received. Justin is working on reviewing. The Board had set a budget for scholarships to not exceed \$10,000.
 - The final Rodeo Rink expenses are not covered by donations. The \$300,000 grant from TOV will cover the costs but must be paid back to TOV per the agreement. Future expenses for the Club will be repayment of \$300,000 to TOV and \$200,000 for operations and set up.
- **VMHC Year-at-a-Glance:** We need more locker room monitors for the season as they can't be coaches. The job includes getting a background check and Safesport module. We need both men and women as the monitor has to be the same sex as the team in the locker room.
- **New Business:**
 - Scholarship Process: application needs to be more in depth. Needs to include more information and eligibility requirements. It was also suggested that there should be a committee to review and not just one person (board treasurer). Kristi said she would research how other clubs handle scholarships for some best practices we would want to implement.
 - Kristi announced this will be her last season as our Club Director. She will stay through her contract obligations of April 2026. Thank you Kristi!!! We will miss having you in our daily operations.
 - We need to develop a "hand off" strategy once Katie and SIA services end in October.
 - We need to formalize a Fundraising Committee so we can be more effective and efficient in these leaner years coming up.
 - The board needs to create more infrastructure within the clubs for committees and managers.
- **Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, November 12th. 11:00 am – 1:00 pm via Zoom.
- **Adjourn:** 1:05 pm. Alison motion to adjourn, Justin 2nd. All in favor.