

VAIL MOUNTAINEER HOCKEY CLUB



BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEETING – AGENDA

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: In person, Edwards Fieldhouse

Present: John-Michael Liles, Tom Corrigan, Kristi Scheidegger, Dave Bishop, Eric Eves, Koz Landa, Sarah Parrish, Gia Fruscione

- ☐ **Call Meeting to Order:** 6:05 pm by Tom C.
- ☐ **Quorum:** Yes
- ☐ **Approval of __8-2-2024__ Minutes:** Motion to approve- Sarah P, 2nd: Koz L. - Approved
- ☐ **Public Input (Members and general public are invited to discuss items not on the agenda)**
 - Tom Boyd
 - Provided input on a potential third rink in Eagle County at the Eagle Fairgrounds.
 - In support of maintaining and improving (with the addition of blocks) the outdoor rinks in Edwards. Feels that splitting the cost with Mountain Rec for the blocks will significantly cut down on the taxed volunteers' time to maintain the rinks that are well utilized by the community. Also suggested getting signage that shows the participation of VMHC in the management of the outdoor rinks.
- ☐ **Director Update - Kristi Scheidegger**
 - Met our budget for the high school
 - Only three teams signed up for the High School Sportsmanship Tournament. Need at least two more to make it work. Other age groups are full / close to full.
 - Raffle at the picnic for registration discount
 - Did not provide a 50% registration discount to Wild West Days
 - Met (and likely exceeded) the \$89k raised last year. Waiting on all final expenses to provide final number
 - Kristi needs to step away from assisting with Avs Weekend moving forward. She's being pulled in too much & away from club duties. Need to find a more sustainable volunteer-driven model moving forward
 - We will need to keep Avs Weekend the same dates next year even without the ice for the game. Thinking of alternative fundraising opportunities to engage the community / raise money (i.e. bowling, larger golf tourney, etc.)
 - Tryouts starting on Tuesday and info emails for tryouts going out this week.
- ☐ **Hockey Operations Update - Dave Bishop**
 - Working on the schedules for all teams. Need some additional work on the girls schedule and PeeWee A (Denver League - Platinum B)
 - Struggling for ice time, especially on the weekends now that high school games are starting at 2 pm and ice is blocked until the Yeti in the evenings (Dobson) and public skate / blocks for birthday parties on weekends in Eagle @ Mountain Rec

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- CAHA - providing limited support for rec hockey (where we fall) - concentrating on AA & AAA
- May explore Glenwood as an option for ice next year once they open (around Nov 1).

□ **New Rink Update:**

- Kicking off capital campaign in conjunction with Friends of Dobson (Laurie Mullen) and Skate Club Vail.
- Selecting a consulting partner to help us run the campaign to begin immediately
- Working with partners at Mountain Rec, Eagle County and Vail Rec District to finalize a plan for a rink at the Eagle Fairgrounds since there is a clear path to a rink at that location. Hopeful with the right support we can execute this to be operational for most, if not all, of Dobson's down time (seasonal use only - no summer operations).
- Our club community will need to fundraise to support the funding gap between the significant funds being proposed by Eagle County and a contribution from Mountain Rec. Still unsure what the gap is, but hopeful we will know in the next month or so as design details are completed.
- Our goal is two operational seasonal rinks while Dobson is under renovation to maintain our ice use needs, and a third surface once Dobson is back online to support our current need for additional ice.
- We will create a fundraising committee to manage the process with other key stakeholders + the selected consultant.
- We received two bids for the consulting engagement for our capital campaign and voted on the options. The board moved to vote to contract with Social Impact Advisors (SIA) as our consultant for the campaign: Motioned by Koz L., Seconded by Sarah P. Vote: 6 (Yes) - 1 (No). Approved to move forward with SIA.

□ **Fundraising Committee Update:**

- Door Prizes for Annual BBQ - maintain on ½ registration giveaway for 2025-26 season. Motion to approve: Sarah P. Second: Eric E. All in favor
- Fundraising Vote (see above under rink update)

□ **Financial Committee Update:**

- Scholarships - So far \$19k+ requested and applications are open through Oct 1st, 2024. (provided \$16k in aid last year)
- Money both requested for and given for scholarships has steadily increased over the years and we need to consider how we are going to manage these moving forward to be as supportive of our community while still being fiscally responsible to the club.
- Motion to cap the amount provided for scholarships this year to \$17k and maintain that for three years to allow for appropriate budgeting. Motion by JML. Second: Sarah P. All in favor.

□ **VMHC Year-at-a-Glance:**

- nothing noted

□ **New Business:**

- Foam Blocks for Edwards Outdoor Rink - Upfront cost being shared with Mountain Rec (\$3k each. Useful for years and huge time savings for volunteers setting up and maintaining the rink in the winter. Motion made to fund the blocks with Mountain Rec for \$3k by Koz L. Second: Gia. Vote: 8 (yes) - 1 (no). Motion passes.
- Club Culture - locker room expectations *add to the agenda for the next meeting: discuss rules, club meetings + enforcement plans

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□ **Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, October 3 at 6 pm at Edwards Fieldhouse

□ **Adjourn:** 8:15 pm