VAIL MOUNTAINEER HOCKEY CLUB

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: October 13, 2026 | Time: 6:00-8:00 pm | Location: Edwards Field House Community Room

Meeting Information

Board Members	Justin Bradshaw, Kyle Denton, Paul Gorbold, Tony Herrera, John Roman, Katie Santambrogio, Ali Wadey, Sarah Wisor (absent: Slade Cogswell)
Non-Board Attendees	Dave Bishop, Jen Riddle, April Trevino

Administrative Items

- Call Meeting to Order: 6:04 pm
- Quorum Confirmation: Quorum Confirmed
- September 8, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes were previously approved and posted to VMHC website

Public Input

- April Trevino
  - Budget numbers are slightly misleading due to the timing of expenses (e.g., coaching payments and uniform purchases haven't been made yet but expected to be made later in the year)
  - Anticipating $30,000 swing from budget at end of season due to lower registration fees compared to budgeted (approximately 30 players below registration estimate – players leaving the program due to relocation, smaller number of squirts coming out of rec district mites programs, etc.); will end the year with about ~$350,000 in cash
  - Will be important to meet fundraising goals in connection with Mountaineer Cup weekend
  - Board to consider proposed investment policy drafted by April including types of investment vehicles, required ratings, and risk adversity

Director Update – Dave Bishop, Director of Hockey

- Evaluations and team placements complete
  - Note: 10U A (12-13 players per team) and 10U B (12 players per team); 2 players decided not to play after evaluations who were placed on 10U B teams
- Vail Sportsmanship Tournament
  - 76 teams, no spaces open
  - Many lodging opportunities, overwhelming majority of teams have secured satisfactory lodging
  - Need families to volunteer for timeclock, GameSheet, and other duties during VST for a successful tournament
- Rodeo Rink – looking to sell boards, glass, scoreboard to Steamboat; may have remote buyer for chiller mats; tent structure still TBD

Operations Update

- Update from Jen Riddle, VMHC Operations Manager
  - Working on VST, Mountaineer Cup, uniform distribution, finalizing team manager commitments

Financial Committee/Financial Aid Update

- 9 families/12 players received scholarships/financial aid; went slightly over budgeted funds for scholarships
- Focus on fundraising efforts because expenses are essentially fixed; comfortable with cash position but considering alternative investment vehicles to increase rate of return (targeting 5-6% rate of return)

Fundraising Committee Update

- Currently $42,000 committed in sponsorship (overall goal is $60,000 for sponsorship funds); requests for sponsorship to Town of Eagle, Town of Avon, Holy Cross Energy, Play Like Lily fund, Casey Concrete, Gallegos, etc.
- Fundraising Committee is actively meeting with contributors and soliciting auction items
- Raffle is open; in addition to cash prizes, will have prizes for team fundraising competitions; there will be a randomized drawing (no physical tickets)
- Will do chuck-a-puck sales at the event, not additional raffle sales
- Need volunteers to help hang banners and ensure sponsors are getting appropriate recognition per tier; can provide parent volunteer hours for this kind of fundraising participation
- Town of Vail is discounting ice for Vail Sportsmanship Tournament – thank you!
- Jen Riddle to post reminders on team Crossbar pages to buy raffle tickets, Mountaineer Cup tickets, etc.; also will send email to team managers reminding them to promote fundraising opportunities
- Consider including link to buy tickets to Vail Mountaineer Cup in confirmation communication to those who purchase raffle tickets online
- Ali Wadey: consider having a reception/hospitality suite for Town of Vail Town Council members at fundraiser

Continuing Items

#	Agenda Item	Lead
1	**Strategic Goals Update** • Kyle to huddle up with Dave and Jen to discuss their feedback on strategic goals and collaboration between Board working groups and Dave/Jen on these items	Kyle
2	**Rodeo Rink Sale** • Continued work to sell assets expediently to meet financial obligations	Slade & Dave
3	**Dobson Reopening Update** • On track and looking good!	Board
4	**Evaluations and Team Placements** • Feedback on evaluations and team placement process: Dave has discussions with families about team placements when they have questions/concerns, will explain the process and rationale; plan to start evaluations earlier and spread out sessions a little more next year with two sheets of ice to use for evaluation process • Outstanding needs re: team managers and coaches, including any action items required for participation in upcoming fall tournaments: reminders to coaches and team managers concerning background check, SafeSport, USA Hockey registration	Dave & Jen
5	**Communications Update** • Kyler Pletcher is new SafeSport contact; will have meetings with each age group • Age group directors initiating preliminary introductions and parent education	Board

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	• Communications working group to consider standardization of templates/outlines for beginning-of-season coach, team manager, and age group director written communications	
6	**Vail Sportsmanship Tournament** • Promoting volunteer shift sign-ups and fundraising opportunities as previously discussed • Excited to return to Dobson and finalizing associated ceremonial events and Board/Director participation in the same	Jen, Dave, Katie

New Business

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1	**Miscellaneous New Business** • Requesting club email addresses for VMHC Age Group Directors to receive and preserve sensitive communications in Age Group Director roles • Consider protocol for Age Group Director communications and interface with Disciplinary Committee and Director/Operations Manager • Dave/Jen to develop flow chart related to escalation and handling of complaints/disciplinary matters	Board

Executive Session

- Executive Session not needed, all business covered in public meeting

Administrative Close

- Next Meeting Date Confirmation: November 10, 2026 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Edwards Field House
- Adjournment: 8:30 pm (motion to adjourn made, seconded, all Board members in favor)