

VAIL MOUNTAINEER HOCKEY CLUB

Board of Directors – Monthly Meeting

July 14, 2026 | 6:00 PM | Mountain Recreation Field House, Edwards, CO



Meeting Information

Board Members Present

Slade Cogswell, Kyle Denton, Paul Gorbald, Tony Herrera, John Roman, Justin Bradshaw, Ali Wadey (absent: Katie Santambrogio and Sarah Wisor)

- Quorum of the Board present

Staff Present

Dave Bishop (Director of Hockey), Jen Riddle (Operations Manager)

Administrative Opening

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of 06.09.2026 Meeting Minutes

Result: 06.09.2026 Meeting Minutes Approved

Continuing Items

Rodeo Rink Sale

- Still trying to find a good buyer - optimism for quick resolution has diminished
- Town of Vail offer: \$150k cash + waive \$120k takedown costs (equivalent to \$270k total)
- Proposed alternative: \$200k cash settlement to expedite closure vs waiting 6-12 months for full \$300k owed
- Break-even path still likely through piecemeal asset sales
- Jeff Horstman evaluating ring components for potential \$100k+ offer

Dobson Rink Construction Progress

- Concrete poured and curing, lifts starting Monday for lighting installation
- New refrigeration system properly sized (unlike 2000 system)
- **Ice building scheduled to start October 19th**
- Target opening: November 1st with practice time before tournament
- Community grand opening planned for Thanksgiving weekend

Ice Scheduling Challenges

- Ongoing scheduling challenges re: ice allocation by Mountain Rec
- Offered similar number of hours but unfavorable time slots (6:15 AM, 9:30+ PM)
- Bantams would be finishing at 10:00 PM on school nights
- Need board member involvement with county commissioners

Registration & Tournament Update

- Club registration opened, traditionally slow until August rate increases
- Tournament strong: 43+ teams registered, high school division sold out in one day
- Target ~76 teams total for Vail Sportsmanship Tournament

Annual Meeting Planning (August 28)

- Equipment swap and skate sharpening confirmed
- All services will be provided free of charge
- Considering hockey skill stations for kids during meeting
- Midget families to volunteer as part of requirements

Financial Committee Update

Financial Year-End Report

- Program income: \$47k above prior year due to increased rates and registration
- Tournament revenue: Down \$66k (expected due to single sheet availability)
- Net income: \$27k positive for fiscal year
- Cash position: \$298k (adequate for next fiscal year)

Strategic Goals Update

- Board members to lead strategic goal committees
- Katie leading fundraising plan and third sheet planning
- Need Friday board packet distribution for Tuesday meetings

New Business

Action Items

- Board members to respond to strategic goal committee preferences
- Schedule pre-season parent Zoom call for early September
- Prepare memo for county board regarding ice scheduling
- Order skate sharpening wheels for annual meeting

Administrative Closing

Next Meeting Date

August 11, 2026 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Mountain Recreation Field House, Edwards, CO

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made and meeting adjourned