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Form **990-EZ****Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income TaxUnder section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except private foundations)

OMB No 1545-1150

2014Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**Open to Public
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A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning Aug 1, 2014, and ending Jul 31, 2015

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
Vermont Alpine Racing Association, Inc.
 Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO Box 774
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Cavendish VT 05142

D Employer identification number
23-7315284

E Telephone number
(802) 226-8188

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ www.vara.org

H Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (7) ◀(Insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ **199,403.**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒

REVENUE	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	5,135.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	33,103.
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	136,030.
	4 Investment income	4	
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	25,135.	
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	13,295.	
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	11,840.	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	186,108.	
EXPENSES	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	18,000.
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	45,098.
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	77,657.
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) See Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 Other Expenses	16	46,951.
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	187,706.
ASSETS	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-1,598.
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	42,092.
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	40,494.

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II. ☒

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	15,114.	22 22,520.
23 Land and buildings	0.	23 0.
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O) See L-24 Stmt	27,651.	24 19,221.
25 Total assets	42,765.	25 41,741.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) See L-26 Stmt	673.	26 1,247.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	42,092.	27 40,494.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III. ☐**Expenses**

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Educational

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 the organization's primary purpose is to improve the skills and increase the enjoyment of alpine ski racing with an emphasis on children (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	28 a	185,073.
29 Trophies & awards - VARA provides trophies and awards to participants of VARA sponsored events. The trophies and awards encourage goal achievement of participants of events which number approx 1,500 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	29 a	2,633.
30 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	30 a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O). (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	31 a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	187,706.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV. ☐

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Tom Aicher Nom chair	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Tao Smith president	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Lynn Sullivan Treasurer	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Stever Bartlett director	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Marilyn Cochran Brown director	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Peter Cornish Dev Comm chair	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Marty Bak director	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Dave Iverson director	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Peter Mackey director	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Ron Quensel director	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Tom Parks director	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Steve Wry director	2.00	0.	0.	0.
Brian Sherras Vice Pres	2.00	0.	0.	0.
See List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, & Key Employees Stmt				

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	X
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see Instructions)	34	X
35 a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35 a	X
b If 'Yes,' to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O	35 b	
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III	35 c	X
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	X
37 a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37 a 0.	37 a	
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37 b	X
38 a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38 a	X
b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38 b	38 b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39 a 0.	39 a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39 b 0.	39 b	
40 a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶		
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I	40 b	
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958.		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If 'Yes,' complete Form 8886-T	40 e	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶		

42 a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Julie Woodworth Telephone no. ▶ (802) 226-8188
Located at ▶ PO Box 774 Woodstock VT ZIP + 4 ▶ 05091

b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? **42 b** X
If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: ▶

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? **42 c** X
If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: ▶

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 — Check here ☐
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year **43**

	Yes	No
44 a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44 a	X
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44 b	X
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44 c	X
d If 'Yes' to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O	44 d	
45 a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45 a	X
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see Instructions)	45 b	X

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
47		

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E

48		
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49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

49a		
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b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		
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50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000. ▶

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000. ▶

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A

☐ Yes ☐ No
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Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer <u>Lynne Sullivan</u>	Date <u>12/14/15</u>			
	Type or print name and title <u>Lynne Sullivan, Treasurer</u>				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name <u>Lawrence E. Reed, CPA</u>	Preparer's signature <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>12/10/15</u>	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN <u>P01272907</u>
	Firm's name ▶ <u>LAWRENCE E REED CPA PC</u>				
	Firm's address ▶ <u>PO BOX 760</u>				
	<u>CHESTER</u>	VT <u>05143-0760</u>	Phone no		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions. ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

► **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

► Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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2014

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Name of the organization

Vermont Alpine Racing Association, Inc.

Employer Identification number

23-7315284

Part I

Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a ☐ Mail solicitations
- b ☐ Internet and email solicitations
- c ☐ Phone solicitations
- d ☐ In-person solicitations
- e ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants
- f ☐ Solicitation of government grants
- g ☐ Special fundraising events

- 2 a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- b** If 'Yes,' list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in column (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
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8						
9						
10						
Total ▶						

- 3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1 VARA Gala (event type)	(b) Event #2 Golf Tournament (event type)	(c) Other events NONE (total number)	(d) Total events (add column (a) through column (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross receipts	10,950.	13,352.		24,302.
	2 Less: Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2).	10,950.	13,352.		24,302.
DIRECT EXPENSES	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	7,987.	5,308.		13,295.
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				13,295.
	11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				11,007.

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add column (a) through column (c))
REVENUE	1 Gross revenue				
	2 Cash prizes				
DIRECT EXPENSES	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	Yes _____ % No _____ %	Yes _____ % No _____ %	Yes _____ % No _____ %	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities:

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'No,' explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain: _____

11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a The organization's facility	13a	%
b An outside facility.	13b	%

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

15a Does the organization have a contact with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____

c If 'Yes,' enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

☐ Director/officer☐ Employee☐ Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information (see instructions).

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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