

Approved Minutes of
Port Ludlow Trails & Natural Resources Committee
2 April, 2024

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Committee Officers / Voting Members	Name	Attendance
Chairperson	Larry Scott	Present
Natural Resources	Mark Makarowski	Present
Secretary	Karen West	Present
Treasurer	Tim Rensema	Present
Stewardship	Jane Navone	Present
Maintenance	Larry Scott	Present
PLVC Liaison	Jason Wright	Present
Member at Large	Soozie Darrow	Present
Member at Large	Jim Mueller	Present

Other Attendees

Denny Schuch, Dan Darrow, Jerry Keck, Neil Vroegop, Doug Huber, John Nuerenberg and Michael Stuber.

Opening Remarks -1. Larry S. reported that spring mowing will be coming soon. 2. Larry attended last month's meeting of the Puget Sound to Pacific (PS2P) Collaborative, a consortium of three non-profit organizations planning to finish a 200-mile biking and walking trail connecting Bainbridge Island on Puget Sound to the Pacific Coast at La Push. The Trails Committee will continue to monitor the project to determine how Port Ludlow trails will be impacted. Committee members also plan to attend the April 10 PS2P meeting at 10 a.m. at Finn River in Chimacum to gather further information.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda of 2 April, 2024 was approved with the addition of two items: 1. John N. would like to discuss the June SBCA Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Trails Committee Cemetery "Find the Grave" fundraising drive. 2. Soozie suggested naming the newly purchased Utility Terrain Vehicle to be used for trail maintenance.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Minutes of 5 March 2024 meeting were approved as amended: The March financial report stated incorrectly that on 02/05, funds from PLA and SBCA were deposited to *savings*. The minutes were corrected to reflect that the funds were deposited to *operations*.

Sub-Committee Reports

Finance

1. Tim R. reported two payments in March: 1. \$48.00 for moss control for Wells Court Trail from the operations account and \$7,500 (previously approved by the board) for the purchase of a Utility Terrain Vehicle to be used for trail maintenance from the reserves account. There also was a \$7 service charge with the bank for writing a certified check. This was paid from the reserve account.
2. Operating funds (verified with bank) of PLVC Trails are \$3,058.01. Reserves are 2,693.43.
3. Total Trails funds: \$5,751.44.
4. Total remaining in the Cemetery account (which is a separate account) is \$84.68. Tim wrote an article in the April VOICE magazine announcing a “Find the Grave” fundraising drive.
5. Tim plans to submit committee guidelines at next month’s meeting regarding timing of receipts and procedures for reimbursements.

Natural Resources

1. Mark Makarowski is gearing up for the annual Scots Broom pull in May and is organizing a barbecue for all volunteers. Stay tuned for details.

Stewards

1. Jane Navone reported 241.75 volunteer hours so far for 2024. (Using independentsector.org, national average volunteer hours are now valued at \$31.80).
2. Confirmation of Matt Kolbeck as the steward for the Osprey trail.

Trails Status

- **Around the Bay Trail**
 - o **1-12** -
 - o **12-20** - John. N reported a few alder trees down near No. 18 that need to be cut.
 - o **20-25** -
 - o **25-28** -
- **Bay Club Gazebo**
- **Beach Loop**
- **DNR Connectors**
 - o **Mt. Wilder-**
 - o **Niblicks-**
 - o **Teal Lake Loop-**Temporary connector closure for timber harvesting reported on north and east side of lake but is actually on south and west old logging roads. Should be open by mid May.
- **Drew Cut**
- **Dunsmuir Cut**—Needs weed whacking/mowing—not immediate issue.
- **Estuary Trail**—
- **Golf 9 Loop**—
- **Interpretive Native Plant Garden entrance**—Mark reported that he will add rock when the weather improves. Area is still wet.
- **Interpretive Loop** - Trails Committee will continue pursuing plans for incorporating a bridge across Ludlow Creek. Still looking into whether a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) permit is needed to build a bridge connecting to the McCormick Rail Trail. In February, an alder tree fell across Ludlow Creek that could be modified for a bridge, pending permits. Received permission to cut an adjacent cedar from Diana Smeland.

- **McCormick Loop** - 1. The hiking route is completed. A maintenance route could be developed in the spring.
- **McCormick R/R Trail**—1. Hiking route is completed. 2. Need to level site and install picnic table at the junction of Loop & Rail Trail. 3. Possible inclusion in PS2P planning.
- **Montgomery Loop**—
- **Niblicks Loop** - 1. To Do—Extend corduroy near creek crossing. (New priority because of levee breach creating flood area). Golf Course maintenance crews also checking on the property.
- **Oak Bay Trail**- 1. Needs some rock for drainage. 2. Jerry K. proposed extending the Oak Bay Trail to Walker. The Trails Committee agreed to have Jerry pursue the approval process and timing.
- **Old Cart Path Loop**—Michael Stuber reported that there are unsightly alder branches on the side of the trail and expressed concern about fire danger. Trails Committee members will investigate. In addition, Michael will meet with the steward for that trail.
- **Olympic Terrace Loop**—To Do—1. Need to widen corduroy near junction with Teal Lake Loop. (Low priority). 2. Possible alternate connection to Niblicks/OT II connector. OK to Pioneer route.
- **Osprey Trail**—Fun Days (volunteer work parties on the trail) are under way providing additional side barriers to minimize sluffing off.
- **Picnic Point**—
- **Rainier**
 - **Lower** - Good shape.
 - **Upper** - Good shape.
- **Talbot Trail**- Good shape.
- **Talbot/Rainier Connection**—Good shape.
- **Teal Lake Loop**—South and west segments closed for timber harvesting until mid May.
- **Timberton Loop** -1. Timber harvesting done. 2. Directional tape placed to close access to harvesting additional roads.
- **Timberton Homes**
- **Timberton ABT Connection**— 1. Access route remains soggy - need to find source.
- **Ward's Walk**—Good shape.
- **Wells Court**—Good shape.

Old Business - 1. Purchase of UTV for trail maintenance work done. 2. Still pursuing options for a new source of electrical power in the Trails storage shed at the golf club. Jason W. will investigate installing solar panels. Larry will meet with electrical contractors to get more bids. Previous bids were excessive.

New Business- Setting Goals & Priorities (open discussion)

1. Proposal to extend the Oak Bay Trail to Walker discussed.
2. John N. reported that the June 7 South Bay Community Association (SBCA) pancake breakfast will benefit the Trails Committee's "Find A Grave" initiative. The goal is to raise the estimated \$6,500 needed for a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey to determine the number of graves on the cemetery site. The cemetery is on the Around the Bay Trail and is maintained by members of the Trails Committee.

3. The suggestion of naming the newly purchased Utility Terrain Vehicle was tabled until a future meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was approved.

Next Meeting

0900 7 May, Bay Club.

Karen West

Secretary



