

Approved Minutes of
Port Ludlow Trails & Natural Resources Committee
7 May, 2024

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:02 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

Dan Darrow, Neil Vroegop, Doug Huber, John Nuerenberg and John Fillers.

- Opening Remarks** -1. Larry S. reported that spring mowing will start as soon as the weather improves. Jim M. prepared a new spreadsheet for volunteers to log their mowing activities. 2. Larry will not be able to attend the June meeting. 3. John N. is preparing a video presentation to be shown at the June 7 SBCA Pancake Breakfast at the Bay Club, which will benefit the Trails Committee. Specifically, funds will go toward the Trails Committee Cemetery “Find the Grave” initiative. The Committee’s goal is to raise \$5,000 to fund a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey to determine the number of graves and whether there were any children on the cemetery site. The cemetery is on the Around the Bay Trail and is maintained by the Trails Committee.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda of 7 May, 2024 was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of 2 April 2024 meeting were approved.

Sub-Committee Reports

Finance

- Tim R. reported that the Trails Committee spent \$651.46 in April. John F. spent \$99.55 on materials for the trail map QR code labels. He has already installed 88 of the codes on trails. Larry spent \$530.19 for refreshments and trails supplies. Tim spent \$13.60 on stamps and \$8.12 on refreshments.
- The committee received \$200 in donations to the Cemetery fund.

3. Operating funds (verified with bank) of PLVC Trails are \$2,606.55 as of April 30. Reserves (savings account) balance is \$2,693.65. We received .22 in interest.
4. Total Trails funds: \$5,300.20.
5. Cemetery: No current activity. The June 7th SBCA Pancake Breakfast will be dedicated to the Trails Committee Cemetery fund.
6. Anticipated future costs: Scot's broom pull party: \$200; Fish and Wildlife Permit for log bridge: \$125; Refreshments for Fun Days: \$120; Maintenance for Trails Committee equipment: \$300; Electrical support for storage shed: \$1,500.

Natural Resources

1. Mark Makarowski reported that the Scot's broom pull will be Thursday, May 23 with a barbecue to follow for volunteers. He has a group of about 16 volunteers who will meet at 9 a.m. at the Ludlow Village parking lot to get their location assignments. A barbecue will be held from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Beach Club.

Stewards

1. Jane Navone reported 344.75 volunteer hours so far for 2024. Using independentsector.org, national average volunteer hours are now valued at \$31.80. 2. She also confirmed that Paul Devitt will be the new steward of the Interpretive Trail.

Trails Status

- **Around the Bay Trail**
 - o **1-12** - Areas 8-10 need weed whacking.
 - o **12-20** -Small alder trees that blew down have been cleared.
 - o **20-25** -
 - o **25-28** -Will need mowing near retention pond.
- **Bay Club Gazebo**
- **Beach Loop**
- **DNR Connectors**
 - o **Mt. Wilder-**
 - o **Niblicks-**
 - o **Teal Lake Loop**-Temporary connector closure for timber harvesting at least until mid-May.
- **Drew Cut--**
- **Dunsmuir Cut**—Needs weed whacking/mowing.
- **Estuary Trail**—1. May need weed whacking. 2. Previous activity at OWS right of way access road has been completed.
- **Golf 9 Loop**—Will need mowing.
- **Interpretive Native Plant Garden entrance**—Mark reported that he will add rock when the weather improves. The area is still wet.
- **Interpretive Loop** - Trails Committee will continue pursuing plans for incorporating a foot bridge across Ludlow Creek to connect the Ludlow Falls Interpretive Loop with the McCormick Loop and Railroad trails. In February, an alder tree fell across Ludlow Creek that could be modified for a bridge. Larry reported that State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) approval is NOT needed to utilize the existing fallen tree. He shared an email correspondence between Jerry K. and a state Development Code Administrator that stated: "this activity would be considered normal modification of the natural tree and exempt from SEPA per WAC 197-11-800(3)." The next step is to get approval from the state Fish and Wildlife Commission.
- **McCormick Loop** - 1. A maintenance route could be developed in the spring.

- **McCormick R/R Trail**—1. Need to level site and install picnic table at the junction of Loop & Rail Trail. 2. Possible inclusion in PS2P planning. 3. Three benches were installed, and a fourth location has been identified for another seating area near the creek. 4. An additional bridge access location is being studied. Neil V. reported that a pile of Scot's broom that he removed needs to be hauled away.
- **Montgomery Loop**—
- **Niblicks Loop** - 1. Will need mowing. To Do—Extend corduroy near creek crossing. Newer priority because of levee breach creating flood area. Chris W. has a crew to work on this but needs a Trails Committee supervisor.
- **Oak Bay Trail**- 1. The damaged bridge has been repaired. 2. A proposal to extend the Oak Bay Trail to Walker was tabled.
- **Old Cart Path Loop**—Will need mowing. Soozie D. suggested installing a bench or tree stump to the path. Jim. M. will investigate.
- **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**—Additional side barriers have been installed to minimize sluffing off on drainage side.
- **Picnic Point**—Local HOA doing maintenance/development.
- **Rainier**
 - o **Lower** -
 - o **Upper** -
- **Talbot Trail**- LMC Greenbelt clearing some growth around the trail as an experiment in fire control costs.
- **Talbot/Rainier Connection**—
- **Teal Lake Loop**—South and west segments closed for timber harvesting until mid-May.
- **Timberton Loop** -1. Trailhead parking barriers have been rehabilitated. 2. Will need mowing. 3. A new sign has been added.
- **Timberton Homes** -1. Three alders that came down across the trail have been cleared by Neil V. 2. Will need mowing.
- **Timberton ABT Connection**— 1. Access route remains soggy - need to find source. 2. Will need mowing.
- **Ward's Walk**—Might need week whacking.
- **Wells Court**—

Old Business -- 1. Still pursuing options for a new source of electrical power in the Trails storage shed at the golf course. Larry received two quotes from contractors: \$2,590 and \$2,393. Estimated costs for a solar-powered solution are \$800 to \$1,300.

New Business- Setting Goals & Priorities (open discussion)—

1. The Trails Committee agreed to a request to provide Trail Maps for a marketing packet for Port Ludlow vacation house promotions. The committee agreed to provide 15 maps each month at a cost of \$1 per map (to cover labor/printing) to be included in the packet, which will also include copies of The Voice magazine.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was approved.

Next Meeting

0900 4 June, Beach Club.

Karen West

Secretary



McCormick
Rail Trail

John
Fillers

Tim
Rensema

Jim
Mueller

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