

Approved Minutes of  
 Port Ludlow Trails & Natural Resources Committee  
 1 October 2024  
*Let's keep improving our trails.*

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9 a.m.

<b>Committee Officers / Voting Members</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>	Larry Scott	Present
<b>Natural Resources</b>	Mark Makarowski	Present
<b>Secretary</b>	Karen West	Present
<b>Treasurer</b>	Tim Rensema	Present
<b>Stewardship</b>	Jane Navone	Present
<b>Maintenance</b>	Larry Scott	Present
<b>PLVC Liaison</b>	Jason Wright	Not Present
<b>Member at Large</b>	Soozie Darrow	Present
<b>Member at Large</b>	Jim Mueller	Present

<b>Other Attendees</b>
Dan Darrow, Neil Vroegop, John Fillers, Doug Huber, Jerry Keck, Rick Conrey, Laureen Wagoner, Tom Lindow and Gerry Allen.

**Opening Remarks** –1. Larry reported that 13 new signups for the Trails Committee have been added to the email list. 2. Larry revised planning for opening the Interpretive-McCormick trail extension. Work on modifying the bridge will continue this month with completion of both the bridge and the new trail extension expected before Thanksgiving.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes**

Both the August and September minutes were approved.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

*Finance*

1. Tim R. reported that Sound Bank has changed their access process making it difficult to access the account online. He received a printout of the August statement at the bank, but the September statement had not yet been closed out. 1. The only two actions the Committee had in August were \$8.99 to Tim R. for refreshments and receipt of \$50 from Karen West as a donation.
2. Operating funds (checking account balance verified with bank) of PLVC Trails are \$2,851.67. Reserves (savings account) balance is \$2,694.56. (without interest from September).
3. Total Trails funds: \$5,546.63.
4. Total remaining in the Cemetery Account: \$784.68. Tim reported that he is considering submitting another grant proposal for a ground penetrating radar survey to locate graves in the old cemetery along Oak Bay Road. The survey would cost approximately \$4,500.

5. Anticipated future costs: Refreshments for Fun Days (volunteer trail work parties): \$120; Maintenance for Trails Committee equipment: \$300; Providing electrical support for storage shed: \$1,500 (on hold); Bridge construction costs: \$2,000. (Larry indicated the bridge cost should be about \$1,000).
6. In response to Neil Vroegop's inquiry about the Trails Committee sources of income, Tim explained that the committee receives \$4,000 a year (\$1,000 each from the South Bay Community Association, Ludlow Maintenance Commission, Port Ludlow Associates and Port Ludlow Village Council).

### *Natural Resources*

1. Mark M. thanked Larry and Neil V. for helping add rock and bark to the Interpretive Native Plant Garden area.
2. Mark explained to newcomers that Trails hosts a Scot's broom pull every year to help eradicate the invasive plant from Port Ludlow.
3. Training material is available from WSU extension for people to get qualified to spray for Scot's broom. This is an on-line training course, and anyone interested should contact the Trails Committee. Tom Lindow expressed interest in becoming certified.

### *Stewards*

1. Jane N. reported that Trails has logged 1,044.75 volunteer hours so far for 2024. Using independentsector.org, national average volunteer hours are now valued at \$31.80.
2. Tom Lindow volunteered to be the new steward for the Springboard trail at the Mt. Wilder cul-de-sac.

### **Trails Status**

- **Around the Bay Trail**
  - 1-12 –
  - 12-20 –
  - 20-25 –
  - 25-28 –
- **Bay Club Gazebo**
- **Beach Loop**—Weathered signs need refreshing. John Fillers will take care of this.
- **DNR Connectors** –
  - **Olympic Terrace II Loop**—Clearing at junction of DNR where logging had cleared the area is done.
  - **Niblicks Loop-**
  - **Teal Lake Loop-**
- **Drew Cut--**
- **Dunsmuir Cut—.**
- **Estuary Trail—**
- **Golf 9 Loop—**
- **Interpretive Native Plant Garden entrance** – 1. Mark M. thanked volunteers for helping add rock and bark to the garden area.
- **Interpretive Loop** – 1. Work on the bridge at the Ludlow Falls Interpretive Loop that will connect to the McCormick Rail Trail will continue throughout this month. 2. To protect fish in the creek, the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife project permit stipulates that work in the water must be conducted between July 16 and Oct. 31. In February, a 60-foot-long alder tree fell across Ludlow Creek that is being modified for a bridge.
- **McCormick Loop** – 1. A maintenance route needs to be finished. Other additional leveling is needed.
- **McCormick R/R Trail**—1. Volunteer “Fun Days” crew installed a picnic table at the junction of Loop & Rail Trail. 2. A fourth bench location has been installed near the creek. 3. The area was mown and weed whacked for the Volkswalk. 4. Preliminary work is continuing on an additional Phillips trail, including a bridge that needs repair. A hemlock tree trunk is blocking access to the Phillips bridge, but Larry reported there is no need to clear it until the bridge is repaired.

- **Montgomery Loop**—
- **Niblicks Loop** – 1. The corduroy near creek crossing has been completed. Soil was added and a tree was cleared.
- **Oak Bay Trail**- 1. Still proceeding through the LMC process. The Trails Committee would like to extend the Oak Bay Trail from Swansonville Road to Walker but is awaiting final approval. Some nearby homeowners have raised concerns that still need to be reviewed.
- **Old Cart Path Loop** –Soozie D. took care of most of the growth that was projecting through bridges on the lower half. Mown by Jim M.
- **Olympic Terrace Loop**—1. Need to widen corduroy near junction with Teal Lake Loop. (Low priority).
- **Osprey Trail**—Blocked drainage has been cleared. Need to review steps nearby. Possible additional drainpipe needed.
- **Picnic Point**—
- **Rainier**
  - **Lower** –
  - **Upper** –
- **Springboard Trail** – First leg is done. Need to connect leg two (Springboard to OT II-DNR Trail). The trail passes by several stumps with evidence of springboard use from original logging. 1. John F. asked whether the Springboard Trail needs to be added to the Trails map. It will eventually be added but not until the connector is finished.
- **Talbot Trail**- 1. LMC Greenbelt clearing some growth and underbrush as an experiment in fire control costs.
- **Talbot/Rainier Connection**—Cleared a blown-down tree.
- **Teal Lake Loop**—1. Side growth partially weed whacked. Continuing operation. Doug H. will do this.
- **Timberton Loop** – 1. Cleared a blown-down tree. 2. John F. suggested another bench be placed at the Timberton clear cut area. Jim M. said he might be able to refurbish an older bench for that area.
- **Timberton Homes** –The Trails Committee respectfully declined a request from the Timberton Homeowners Association to build wooden “No Overnight Parking” signs to better match Trails existing directional signs. Trails members agreed that their workload is already too high and that the metal signs similar to the PLA signs at the Interpretive parking would be sufficient. Larry will send the Committee’s response to the HOA.
- **Timberton ABT Connection**— 1. Need to find soggy source. Neil V. volunteered to take care of that.
- **Ward’s Walk**—Weed whacked/cleared by the Nuerenbergs.
- **Wells Court** —It’s in good shape.
- **Old Business** – 1. Options for power to storage shed at golf course are still being considered. A power pack costing about \$500 is a possibility as opposed to the more costly solar power.
- **New Business – Setting Goals & Priorities (open discussion)** –Tim R.reported that Trails might need to consider submitting a grant for less than \$3,000 to the Lodging Tax Advisory Council (LTAC) to help pay for additional Trail maps and other Trails projects.

### **Adjournment**

Committee members agreed to adjourn the meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

0900 5 November, Bay Club.

**Karen West**

**Secretary**



