

Approved Minutes of
Port Ludlow Trails & Natural Resources Committee
3 July 2023

Call to Order

Meeting (via zoom) called to order at 9:13 a.m.

Committee Officers / Voting Members	Name	Attendance
Chairperson	Larry Scott	Present
Natural Resources	Mark Makarowski	Not Present
Secretary	Karen West	Present
Treasurer	Tim Rensema	Present
Stewardship	Jane Navone	Present
Maintenance	Open Position	N/A
PLVC Liaison	Jane Holmes	Not Present
Member at Large	Soozie Darrow	Present
Member at Large	Jim Mueller	Present

Other Attendees

Denny Schuch, John Fillers, Doug Huber and Jeff Sarantopoulos.

Opening Remarks

(1) Map development continues with the AD HOC Committee. John Fillers reported that the new map is almost finished and that the prototype is being reviewed by the graphic designer. The updated map will include four new trails: McCormick Loop, McCormick Rail Trail, Timberton Homes Trail and Oak Bay Trail.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda of 3 July 2023 was approved as written.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of 6 June 2023 meeting were approved.

Sub-Committee Reports

Finance

- (1) Tim R. reported that Operating funds of PLVC Trails are \$6392.08. Reserves are \$8737.54, earning \$.36 interest.
- (2) No change to LTAC (Lodging Tax Advisory Council) funding.
- (3) Total LTAC grant of \$4400 now has \$2691.24 remaining. Interpretive signs spent: \$1066.56 and Benches: \$642.20.
- (4) The amount remaining in the cemetery account is \$832.59. (Cemetery donations: \$1550; Amount spent: \$717.41).
- (5) Tim explained that in checking this month, we spent \$303.58 on refreshments. He reported that we are over budget for refreshments \$463.49 both from the Scot's broom pull party and the coffee breaks after recent Fun Days. The operating budget still has enough to cover future refreshment costs as well as supplies and repairs necessary to support both the trails building and mowing.

(6) He also reported that we have obligated 42 percent of our operation budget and we are half way through the year. We still have some materials/supply bills coming in. Our LTAC funds are obligated \$1708.76 so we have obligated 38 percent. He will submit a report on LTAC to PLVC by the 15th of the month.

Natural Resources

Mark. M not in attendance.

Stewards

Jane N. reported 1484 volunteer hours for 2023 YTD, 82 of which are LTAC hours which should be reported separately from trail work. Soozie noted that the volunteer hours are now valued at \$29.95/hour when applying for grants. New Stewards: Jerry Keck will steward new Oak Bay Trail. Mary and Dave Kimmel are the new stewards of the Wells Ridge Connector. Jim M. will take over Talbot Trail. John F. will steward McCormick Loop Trail and McCormick Rail Trail. Need a new steward for Niblicks.

Trails Status

- o **Around the Bay Trail**
 - o **1-12** - 5-7 Weed whacked on 6/11-Tim R.
 - o **12-20** -15-18 Whacked-on 6/6 Denny S. and Tim R.
 - o **20-25** -
 - o **25-28** - Mown and whacked 6/29-Steward Dwight H.
- o **Bay Club Gazebo** -
- o **Beach Loop** -
- o **DNR Connectors**
 - o **Mt. Wilder** - **TO DO**: New route pioneered, flagged and ready to develop.
 - o **Niblick** -
 - o **Teal Lake Loop** - Logging road prep may resume. Connector loop to DNR trail will be affected by 2024 tree harvesting.
- o **Drew Cut** -
- o **Dunsmuir Cut** -
- o **Estuary Trail** -
- o **Golf 9 Loop** - Mown 6/22-Jim M.
- o **Interpretive Loop** - Mown 6/4 Mark M. John F. restored loose handrail.
- o **McCormick Loop** - **TO-DO**-1. Westerly and Easterly directions were temporarily abandoned pending completion of OBT.
- o **McCormick Rail Trail**—**TO DO** - Start date to be determined after completing the Loop segment.
- o **Montgomery Loop** - (Libby Lane) Mown and whacked 6/1-Denny S.
- o **Native Plant Garden** - **Interpretive entrance garden area**--
- o **Niblicks Loop** - **TO-DO**-Extend corduroy near the creek crossing; (lower priority) Mown 6/15 Jim M. John F. removed downed tree.
- o **Oak Bay Trail** - 90 percent completed. Final touches (steps, drainages) need completion before opening. Led by Tim R. and John F. Multiple pieces of step material recovered from repurposing "Old Trail 9" golf course posts. Work parties continuing this month.
- o **Old Cart Path Loop** - John F. and Jim M. installed a bench with a scenic view of the Bay.

- o **Olympic Terrace Loop** - Whacked 6/22-Stewards: Katherine and John Holtgraves.
TO-DO- 1. Need to widen corduroy near junction with Teal Lake Loop. (Low priority) 2. Possible alternate connection to Niblicks or Niblicks/OT II connector. –Awaiting construction final clearance.
- o **Osprey Trail** -
- o **Picnic Point** - Whacked 6/11-Tim R.
- o **Rainier**
 - o **Lower** - Whacked 6/1 Steward Jim Gormley.
 - o **Upper** -
- o **Talbot Trail** -
- o **Talbot / Rainier Connection** -
- o **Teal Lake Loop** - Whacked 6/29 Doug H. 1. Doug reported that ongoing maintenance continues on this trail, including improving access for strollers. 2. Will need to close trail in 2024 for timber harvesting.
- o **Timberton Loop - TO-DO-** 1. Will need to close the trail in 2024 for timber harvesting. 2. Will need to add rock at Bob Ford cutoff (Low priority) 3. Mown -6/28 Jim M.
- o **Timberton Homes** –
- o **Timberton ABT Connection - (new Connector) TO-DO-** Need to clear detritus-filled ditch to direct drainage along trail and install small culvert. Mown-6/28 Jim M.
- o **Ward's Walk** -
- o **Wells Court Connector** --

Old Business

New Business- Setting Goals & Priorities (open discussion) 1. Enough other goals to do with the above trail items.

Adjournment

Soozie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

0900 1 August via Zoom. (Established at June meeting)

Karen West
Secretary