

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

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9:02 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	Not 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

**Other Attendees**

Denny Schuch, Dan Darrow, Jerry Keck, John Fillers and John Nuerenberg.

**Opening Remarks** -Discussed New Year weather effects and major projects for the upcoming months.

**Approval of Agenda**

Agenda of 2 January 2024 was approved.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of 5 December 2023 meeting were approved.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

**Finance**

- (1)Tim R. reported that operating funds (verified with bank) of PLVC Trails are \$1541.09. Reserves are \$8741.18, earning \$.74 interest. Total trail funds: \$10282.27. (Does not include interest for December).
- (2)Amount remaining for operations (minus LTAC and Cemetery) is: \$1473.11.
- (3)All funds from LTAC grant of \$4400 have now been spent. Total remaining in the Cemetery account is \$67.98. Tim has not yet heard back on the cemetery grant.
- (4)Tim reported he has two checks outstanding (check # 1777 to John Fillers for \$671.72 (supplies and refreshments; and check #1774 to Mark Makarowski for \$278.88 (gravel). Also, John has submitted another bill that has not yet been paid for \$28.07. With these three invoices, the remainder in our operations checking account is \$462.42. Tim advised the committee to not spend any more money until it receives 2024 donations.
- (5)Tim submitted invoices/requests to PLA, PLVC, SBCA and LMC on Jan. 1 for funding in 2024. He recommended, and the committee agreed, to carryover to 2024 the entire Operations amount until we receive funding from PLA, PLVC,

SBCA and LMC. That would be approximately \$1537.61 assuming there are no costs for December.

### **Natural Resources**

- (1) Mark Makarowski was not present but previously submitted a report of the December Project Birdhouse to clean and maintain the approximately 65 birdhouses on the golf course and the adjacent Old Cart Path Loop trail. Larry read the report that thanked the five volunteers who helped with the birdhouse cleaning: Tim R., John F., Jim M., Jerry K. and Karen W.
- (2) The crew installed four new birdhouses and determined that two more need to be replaced on the Loop trail and four on the golf course – could not locate those houses. Two other birdhouses on the loop trail need repairs.
- (3) Thirteen of the 32 houses found on the Loop trail had nests and six of the 16 houses found on the golf course had nests.
- (4) Six new birdhouses are needed, and Mark indicated he had enough wood to build three, which he will install.

### **Stewards**

Jane N. reported 2366 volunteer hours for 2023 YTD. (Using independentsector.org, national average volunteer hours are now valued at \$31.80).

### **Trails Status**

- **Around the Bay Trail**
  - o **1-12** -
  - o **12-20** -
  - o **20-25** -
  - o **25-28** -
- **Bay Club Gazebo**
- **Beach Loop**
- **DNR Connectors**
  - o **Mt. Wilder-**
  - o **Niblicks-**Needs weed whacking/mowing.
  - o **Teal Lake Loop-**Will need to close trail in 2024 for timber harvesting.
- **Drew Cut**
- **Dunsmuir Cut**—Needs weed whacking/mowing.
- **Estuary Trail**
- **Golf 9 Loop**
- **Interpretive Native Plant Garden entrance--**
- **Interpretive Loop** - The lengthy process for obtaining permits to build a bridge connecting to the McCormick Rail Trail is continuing. Tim R. reported that meetings with the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife determined that more research is needed to determine where the bridge will be located and what the final cost would be. State flood plain requirements and other permit details need to be investigated further.
- **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. Picnic table has been delivered.
- **Montgomery Loop**—
- **Niblicks Loop**

- o 1. -To-Do—Extend corduroy near creek crossing. (Low priority)
- **Oak Bay Trail-** Needs remedial drainage.
- **Old Cart Path Loop—**
- **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. Awaiting final construction clearance.
- **Osprey Trail—**John F. cleared a tree that blew down.
- **Picnic Point—**Dan D. reported that the anchored benches survived the King Tide.
- **Rainier**
  - o **Lower**
  - o **Upper**
  - o **Wells Ridge to ABT**
- **Talbot Trail-**
- **Talbot/Rainier Connection**
- **Teal Lake Loop—**Continuing grading and remedial repairs. Will need to temporarily close trail in 2024 for timber harvesting.
- **Timberton Loop -**Will need to temporarily close trail in various locations in 2024 for timber harvesting.
- **Timberton Homes**
- **Timberton ABT Connection—** 1. Lower access route remains soggy - need to find source.
- **Ward's Walk--**
- **Well Court--**

**Old Business.** 1. John F. reported that he has laminated QR codes of the new trails map and will put them up at kiosks and trail heads. 2. Possible purchase of ATV for trail maintenance work.

**New Business- Setting Goals & Priorities (open discussion)** 1. John N. suggested renaming the Oak Bay Trail after Trails Chair Larry Scott, but the committee determined it will stay with the tradition of not naming trails after people.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was approved.

### **Next Meeting**

0900 6 February, Beach Club.

**Karen West**

**Secretary**



Interp/McCormick Bridge

12-27-2023

Photo by Larry Scott