

Approved Minutes of
Port Ludlow Trails & Natural Resources Committee
4 June, 2024

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

Other Attendees

Dan Darrow, Doug Huber, John Fillers, Jerry Keck and Denny Schuch.

Opening Remarks -1. The committee met but no action was taken for lack of a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda of 4 June, 2024 was discussed but no action taken. A request from the PLA for a box of Trail maps will be added to the July agenda for consideration.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of 5 May 2024 were discussed but no action taken.

Sub-Committee Reports

Finance

1. Mark M. shared Tim R.'s treasury report: The Trails Committee spent \$21.02 for sign maintenance in May. Tim received an additional bill of \$32.01 for sign maintenance and will pay it in June. Another bill is expected to come in for the recent Scot's broom pull barbecue.
2. The committee received \$200 in donations to the Cemetery fund.
3. Operating funds (verified with bank) of PLVC Trails are \$2,585.53. Reserves (savings account) balance is \$2,693.88. We received .23 in interest.
4. Total Trails funds: \$5,279.41.
5. Cemetery: No current activity. The June 7th SBCA Pancake Breakfast was 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; Trail maintenance and signage receipts from John F.: \$200; Providing electrical support for storage shed: \$1,500.

Natural Resources

1. Mark M. reported that the May 23 Scot's broom pull was a success with 16 volunteers helping to rid the invasive plant throughout Port Ludlow. Another four volunteers helped with a barbecue at the Beach Club following the pull. It was noted that some homeowners are growing the plant in their gardens. (The Washington State Noxious Weed Board describes Scot's broom as Class B invasive noxious weeds that threaten agricultural crops, local ecosystems or fish and wildlife habitats.). The Trails Committee will investigate further. 2. Training material will also be reviewed to get people qualified to spray for Scot's broom. Discussion will follow in July.

Stewards

1. Jane N. was not in attendance so there are no changes to the previously reported 344.75 volunteer hours so far for 2024. Using independentsector.org, national average volunteer hours are now valued at \$31.80.

Trails Status

- **Around the Bay Trail**
 - o **1-12** -Markers 6-10 and alternate route weed whacked. Markers 3-6 need whacking.
 - o **12-20** -Mown and whacked.
 - o **20-25** - Markers 22-23 need whacking. Denny S. plans to do it.
 - o **25-28** - Mown. (Third time by steward).
- **Bay Club Gazebo**
- **Beach Loop**
- **DNR Connectors** - Trails have reopened. Tree harvesting is complete.
 - o **Mt. Wilder-**
 - o **Niblicks-** Whacked and rehabilitated.
 - o **Teal Lake Loop-**Doug. H, steward for the trail, will weed whack.
- **Drew Cut--**
- **Dunsmuir Cut—**Mown.
- **Estuary Trail—**1. Weed whacked. 2. A new *Authorized Vehicles Only* sign was put up.
- **Golf 9 Loop—**Mown and whacked around directional signage.
- **Interpretive Native Plant Garden entrance—**1. Rock will be added as soon as the weather improves. The area is still wet. 2. The Trails Committee will discuss in July plans to install a new kiosk with a large Trails map near the parking lot.
- **Interpretive Loop** - 1. Build the bridge. The Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved the final hurdle to the Trails Committee plan to incorporate a foot bridge across Ludlow Creek to connect the Ludlow Falls Interpretive Loop with the McCormick Loop and Railroad trails. The approval was conditioned on Trails workers staying out of the creek until July 16 when water levels are expected to be safe for fish. Work schedules for the bridge will be discussed at the July Trails meeting. In February, an alder tree fell across Ludlow Creek that could be modified for a bridge. It has been determined that the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) approval is NOT needed to utilize the existing fallen tree. 2. Weed whacked. 3. Soozie D. reported that some of the trail signs have mildew in them. 4. Denny S. reported that some of the steps along the Interpretive Loop are starting to rot.

- **McCormick Loop** - 1. Mown partially. 2. 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. Three benches have been installed and a fourth location has been identified for another seating area near the creek. 3. Need to build additional Phillips bridge access trail for Trails maintenance crews only. Will add this to the July Trails Committee agenda. Tree blown down partially cleared. Remaining trunk blocking access to Philips bridge.
- **Montgomery Loop**—
- **Niblicks Loop** - 1. Mown and weed whacked. To Do—Extend corduroy near creek crossing. Priority.
- **Oak Bay Trail**- 1. A proposal to extend the Oak Bay Trail to Walker will be discussed at the July Trails meeting. 2. Denny S. reported that the Greenbelt Committee sent a letter regarding the proposed trail extension to nearby homeowners and received no complaints.
- **Old Cart Path Loop**—Mown and weed whacked around signage that has been added for lookout bench.
- **Olympic Terrace Loop**—Mown and whacked. 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. Denny S. and Larry investigated the area but it is not flagged.
- **Osprey Trail**—Blocked drainage has been cleared. Need to review steps nearby. Possible additional drainpipe needed.
- **Picnic Point**—Local HOA doing maintenance/development.
- **Rainier**
 - **Lower** -
 - **Upper** -
- **Talbot Trail**- 1. LMC Greenbelt clearing some growth and underbrush as an experiment in fire control costs. DNR representatives observed and complemented the work.
- **Talbot/Rainier Connection**—
- **Teal Lake Loop**—1. Timber harvesting completed. Trail reopened. 2. Partially weed whacked.
- **Timberton Loop** -1. Mown and whacked around directional signage. 2. Beaver Dam Loop rehabilitated—fallen tree cleared.
- **Timberton Homes** -1. Mown and whacked around directional signage.
- **Timberton ABT Connection**— 1. Mown. Need to find soggy source. 2. New signage pointing to McCormick Trail.
- **Ward's Walk**—Needs weed whacking.
- **Wells Court** —John F. installed a sign on top of Wells Court.
- **Old Business** - 1. Power to storage shed at golf course. Possible solar solution. Power draw analyzed-lower cost unit should accommodate needs. 2. Maps for vacation houses promo. 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.
- **New Business - Setting Goals & Priorities (open discussion)** -1. Community Opportunity Fair Aug. 27. The Trails Committee will discuss at the July meeting whether it will have a table there or team up with the Hiking Club.

Adjournment

Committee members agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting

0900 2 July, Bay Club.

Karen West

Secretary





4X4 pressure treated
2x6 pressure treated
Hand rails to follow

Alder tree