

Approved Minutes of
Port Ludlow Trails & Natural Resources Committee
6 June 2023

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:01 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	Not Present
Maintenance	Open Position	N/A
PLVC Liaison	Jane Holmes	Present
Member at Large	Soozie Darrow	Present
Member at Large	Jim Mueller	Present

Other Attendees

Denny Schuch, John Fillers, Dan Darrow, Doug Huber and Neil Vroegop.

Opening Remarks

- (1) John Fillers gave an update of new trail map development. He explained that the new maps will have a QR code and be foldable with six sections, including a street index, descriptions of trails, legal liability language, PLA ads and a front photo. About 5,000 maps will be produced (2,000 bike maps) and they will be able to fit easily in pockets.
- (2) The committee agreed that the next two meetings (July and August) will be conducted on Zoom. Larry Scott will send out Zoom invitations and inform the two clubhouses of the change.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved as written.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of 2 May 2023 meeting were approved.

Sub-Committee Reports

Finance

- (1) Operating funds of PLVC Trails are \$6697.66. Reserves are \$8737.18, earning \$.37 interest.
- (2) No change to LTAC (Lodging Tax Advisory Council) funding.
- (3) Total LTAC grant of \$4400 now has \$2691.24 remaining. (Note in May amount available was incorrect at 2691.04) Interpretive signs spent: \$1066.56 and Benches: \$642.20.
- (4) The cemetery account is now \$832.59. (Cemetery donations: \$1550; Amount spent: \$717.41).
- (5) Tim R. explained that while we have \$6697 remaining in operating funds, he has more than \$300.00 in outstanding bills to pay in June. He also reported that we

really have operating funds of \$3,173 available for the remainder of the year, because the cemetery funds of \$832.59 and LTAC funds of \$2691.24 cannot be spent on anything else.

(6)Upcoming costs: The Scot's Broom Party \$299.83.

Natural Resources

Mark M. reported that the June 4 Scot's Broom Sweep went well with a great effort of 11 volunteers who helped pull seven loads of weeds that were taken to the dump. Five other volunteers helped with a post-event barbecue. The volunteers noticed that contractors were spraying and cutting the Scot's broom. John F. commented that the most effective way to keep the invasive weed from growing back is to pull it from the roots as opposed to cutting.

Stewards

In Jane's absence, Larry reported 1140.75 volunteer hours for 2023 YTD, 64 of which are LTAC hours which should be reported separately from trail work. Soozie has previously noted that the volunteer hours are valued at \$25+/hour when applying for grants.

Trails Status

- o **Around the Bay Trail**
 - o **1-12** - 3-5 Weed whacked on 5/29-Tim R., 5-7 whacked on 5/26-Mike B.
 - o **12-20** -15-18 Whacked-Tim R.
 - o **20-25** - Whacked-Denny S.
 - o **25-28** - Mown and whacked 5/21-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. 11 steps have been built and are ready for installation. Steps may be used on Oak Bay Trail instead.
 - o **Niblick** -
 - o **Teal Lake Loop** - Logging road prep completed. Connector loop to DNR trail will be affected by 2024 tree harvesting.
- o **Drew Cut** -
- o **Dunsmuir Cut** -
- o **Estuary Trail** - Whacked 5/29-Tim R.
- o **Golf 9 Loop** - Mown 5/12-Larry S.
- o **Interpretive Loop - TO DO:** Loose handrail needs to be restored. Mark M. continues to mow the trail head.
- o **McCormick Loop - TO-DO-1.** Westerly and Easterly directions were temporarily abandoned for May due to logistics and equipment availability. 2. Work could resume this month. 3. It was decided to complete work on Oak Bay Trail (OBT) before resuming work on McCormick.

- 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) Partially mown 5/12-Larry S. Redirected drainage by golf course caused significant mud, stopping progress.
- o **Oak Bay Trail** - Significant progress during May pullback on McCormick Loop - Led by Tim R and Doug H. It was determined to complete OBT before resuming work on McCormick. Could be finished in the next few weeks.
- o **Old Cart Path Loop** - Mown 5/27-Jim M. A bench with a scenic view of the Bay is to be installed 6/7 on this trail.
- o **Olympic Terrace Loop** - Whacked Mt. Wilder to Mt. Constance 6/1-Denny S. **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** -Trailheads whacked 5/26-Denny S.
- o **Picnic Point** - Whacked 5/29-Mike B. and Tim R. Local residents have enhanced the area with beachgrass and plants.
- o **Rainier**
 - o **Lower** - Cressy and Camano connectors whacked 5/26-Denny S.
 - o **Upper** - Whacked 5/28-Jack R.
- o **Talbot Trail** - Whacked 5/25-Tim R.
- o **Talbot / Rainier Connection** -
- o **Teal Lake Loop** - 1. Contractors for Rayonier sprayed and cut Scot's broom. Needs weed whacking/widening. 2. Timber harvesting will begin in 2024 - will need to close the trail for short periods now and in 2024.
- o **Timberton Loop** - Mown 5/12-Larry S.; Whacked 5/30-Dean M. **TO-DO**- 1. Timber harvesting will begin in 2024 near rock 14 and the road to the quarry. will need to close the trail in 2024. 2. Will need to add rock at remote location (Bob Ford cutoff) (Low priority)
- o **Timberton Homes** - Widened to connection with McCormick Loop.
- o **Timberton ABT Connector - (new Connector) TO-DO**- Need to clear detritus-filled ditch to direct drainage along trail and install small culvert.
- 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 3 July on Zoom. (Note-this is a Monday).

Karen West
Secretary