

Approved Minutes of
Port Ludlow Trails & Natural Resources Committee
5 March, 2024

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

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

Other Attendees

Denny Schuch, Dan Darrow, Jerry Keck, Bob Gilbert, Jeff Sarantopulos and Doug Huber.

Opening Remarks -1. Larry reported that it is still too wet for spring mowing. 2. Plans for incorporating a bridge across Ludlow Creek are still in the works. 3. Larry plans to attend this week's meeting of the new Puget Sound to Pacific (PS2P) Collaborative, a consortium of three non-profit organizations planning to finish a 200-mile biking and walking trail connecting Bainbridge Island on Puget Sound to the Pacific Coast at La Push. The Trails Committee will continue to monitor the project to determine how Port Ludlow trails will be impacted. 4. A new source of electrical power needs to be installed in the Golf Club storage shed. Might need a certified electrician to put power in. Could consider solar panels. Larry will continue to investigate.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda of 5 March 2024 was approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

(Amended) Minutes of 6 February 2024 meeting were approved.

Sub-Committee Reports

Finance

1. Tim R. was not present but Larry read Tim's prepared treasury report.
2. Operating funds (verified with bank) of PLVC Trails are \$3,106.01. Reserves are \$10,199.08. Total Trail funds: \$13,307.09.
3. Amount remaining for operations (minus Cemetery) is: \$3,021.33. (Amount is different than Feb projection due to accounting procedures. Total funds remain the same).

Transactions In February 2024:

02/09: Transfer to savings: \$1,456 from operations.

02/05: Deposit to operations from PLA and SBCA.

4. Total remaining in the Cemetery account (which is a separate account) is \$84.68. Tim reported that there will be an upcoming article in the VOICE magazine for a "Find the Grave" fundraising drive.
5. Tim reported that funds were transferred from operations to the savings account per direction of the Trails Committee in February.
6. No other actions regarding reserve account.

Natural Resources

1. Mark Makarowski is gearing up for the annual Scots Broom pull. (Will probably be in May). Volunteers welcome. Stay tuned for details.

Stewards

1. Jane Navone reported 121.25 volunteer hours so far for 2024. (Using independentsector.org, national average volunteer hours are now valued at \$31.80).
2. Confirmation of Matt Kolbeck as the steward for the Osprey trail.

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-**
 - o **Teal Lake Loop**-Will need to close the trail at some point in 2024 for timber harvesting.
- **Drew Cut**
- **Dunsmuir Cut**—Needs weed whacking/mowing—not immediate issue.
- **Estuary Trail**—Property owner doing some clearing at the Olympic Water & Sewer access road to trail.
- **Golf 9 Loop**—
- **Interpretive Native Plant Garden entrance**—Mark reported that he will add rock when the weather improves.
- **Interpretive Loop** - Continuing efforts to obtain permits to build a bridge connecting to the McCormick Rail Trail. Last month, an alder tree fell across Ludlow Creek that could be modified for a bridge, pending permits. Received permission to cut an adjacent cedar. Trails Committee agreed to continue the permitting process and voted to allow Jerry K. to spend \$150 on state permit applications.
- **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. Possible inclusion in PS2P planning.
- **Montgomery Loop**—
- **Niblicks Loop** - 1. To Do—Extend corduroy near creek crossing (low priority).

- **Oak Bay Trail-**
- **Old Cart Path Loop**—Golf Course doing some logging at entrance/exit for their own purposes.
- **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. OK to Pioneer route.
- **Osprey Trail**—Work under way to add more steps and provide additional side barriers to minimize sluffing off. Fun Days (volunteer work parties on the trail) are coming again.
- **Picnic Point**—
- **Rainier**
 - **Lower**
 - **Upper** - Jerry K. added a small community access trail near Goliath.
 - **Well's Ridge to ABT**
- **Talbot Trail-**
- **Talbot/Rainier Connection**
- **Teal Lake Loop**—Will need to temporarily close trail in 2024 for timber harvesting. Doug H. reported that he is still working on the south end to remove roots to make it easier to walk on.
- **Timberton Loop** -Temporarily closed for timber harvesting. Anticipated completion in March. Parking barriers need improvement. Might need a temporary substitute steward.
- **Timberton Homes**
- **Timberton ABT Connection**— 1. Access route remains soggy - need to find source.
- **Ward's Walk--**
- **Well's Ridge Court--**

Old Business. 1. Possible purchase of ATV for trail maintenance work. Considering funding it through donations. 2. Soozie D. suggested that the new maps and QR codes need to be distributed soon.

New Business- Setting Goals & Priorities (open discussion).

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was approved.

Next Meeting

0900 2 April, Beach Club.

Karen West

Secretary



Osprey Trail

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