

## DEL MONTE FOREST PROPERTY OWNERS

### HIKING AND EQUESTRIAN TRAILS COMMITTEE (HETC) MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 4:00 p.m.

Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD) Training Room

**Leadership Members present:** *DMFPO Board Members:* Bart Bruno and Kamlesh Parikh  
*Del Monte Forest Conservancy (DMFC) Board Members:*  
Don Eastman and Kimberly Caneer

**Others present:** *DMFPO Board Member:* Bob Roland

**Resource Members present:** *Pebble Beach Company (PBC):* Dawn Mathes  
*PBCSD:* Mike Niccum, General Manager  
*Open Space Advisory Committee Chairman:* Rick Verbanec

**Members present:** Richard Parrish, Averil Nero, Kelly Getreu

**Guests present:** DMFC Director Jody Le Towl, John Schweisinger

- 1. Call to Order** – Chair Bruno called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- 2. Acceptance/Modification of Agenda** – Moved/seconded/carried to approve. There were no requested changes to the agenda.
- 3. Public Comment** – Elizabeth and Walt Mills conveyed via email that they live at 4041 Los Altos Drive, directly across from the fire road marked "27". Over the years, the traffic into that trailhead by mountain or "dirt" bikers has increased significantly with serious detrimental effect on the forest, the trail, and the pullout that the cars and trucks use. Often there are 3 or 4 trucks and cars parked there, and often men are seen urinating on the side of the road. Sometimes it is just a drop off point - parents in vans unloading boys with their bicycles. Dozens of young and older boys and men dirt bike down the hill. They take down the chain that blocks the entry. The path is becoming widened and eroded. If one walks a little into the woods, one sees trash and litter from papers to empty bottles. A very large dirt bike "bowl" structure or motocross course has been created that draws the bike riders. Evidence of fires has recently been seen. The "no biking" sign is placed down the path a ways, and is vandalized and ignored. Ms. Mathes advised the phone number to call PB Security when cyclists are seen is 831-625-8428. PBC will move the "no biking" sign to the road. Bruno/Dadiw will draft a response to the Mills for Kamlesh's signature. Making and placing no biking signs may be a project for the Scouts/Dave Randall.

John Schweisinger of Turf Image Geospatial described the trail management program application offered to organizations. Mike Niccum and Dawn Mathes will meet with Mr. Schweisinger to determine the feasibility of a local program.

- 4. Approval of the Minutes** – It was moved by Member Eastman, seconded by Member Parikh, and unanimously carried to approve as presented the HETC meeting minutes of January 10, 2018.
- 5. PBCSD/Cal Fire** – PBCSD General Manager, Mike Niccum confirmed the date of the PBCSD Open House and Safety Day as June 23, 2018.
- 6. Pebble Beach Company** – Ms. Mathes followed up regarding the issue raised by Anastazia Aziz at the last HETC meeting regarding the lack of trail along Forest Lodge Road between country Club Gate and Sloat Road. PBC will mow the sides of the road instead of installing a new trail.

The next monthly “Trail days” to assist PBC in performing trail work is April 24<sup>th</sup>, meeting at the Equestrian Center at 8:00am. Member Getreu has a list of trail maintenance needs that she will give to Shawn Casey. It was suggested to have volunteers perform lighter trail maintenance on a day other than the monthly trail day.

Member Getreu reported that the trail at RLS is not complete and has a puddle needing to be filled with decomposed granite; Ms. Mathes encouraged a meeting with Ed DiYani of RLS, herself, Member Getreu and Shawn Casey. Member Getreu also reported that the Blue Trail section from Forest Lake Road behind the church to the 17<sup>th</sup> Fairway is overgrown.

- 7. Old Business** – Chair Bruno reported that the permit application is in progress to span Sawmill Gulch with approximately 28’ of inexpensive discarded truck bed (7-1/2’ wide) fastened at either end. The location is off of Mission Road 100’ up the MPCC maintenance yard road between the creek and the yard road on the Mission Road side. It will most likely be summertime before the permit is issued to begin the work. Monterey Peninsula Engineering is providing the truck bed, and MPCC and PBC will fund the project.

Del Monte Forest Conservancy President, Jody Le Towt reported that there is a connector trail used by equestrians that runs from 17 Mile Drive up The Dunes Road past the Casita de Lemos that connects with the Red Trail just inside the gate across the dirt road leading to Indian Village. The road that the connector trail follows now serves as the entrance to the new PBC lots and has been recently paved; and piles of horse manure are being left along it. Director Le Towt described the proposed trail reroute and post and rail fence to be installed to direct horses off the road. Dawn Mathes requested she and Shawn Casey meet with Member Getreu to review the trail reroute plan.

- 8. New Business** – Chair Bruno recognized and thanked DMFC for its work in relocating a significant portion of the Green Trail above Congress Road in the SFB Morse Botanical Reserve. When the Sawmill Gulch Bridge is completed the Green Trail will be very passable. A grand opening of the new segment is planned for April 22, 2018 at 2:00pm.

Member Parish reported that the Spyglass Trail to the right of the v intersection with the Red Trail is eroding and needs water bars in five places.

Director Caner reported that the Green Trail from Bird Rock to Point Joe along 17 Mile Drive on the inland side was obliterated when MPCC renovated its shore course, and a split rail fence installed by MPCC precludes access to the trail. The horses have taken to riding the pedestrian path along the ocean side of 17 Mile Drive. Ms. Mathes will find out the width of the PBC road right away to determine if the fence is within it. Chair Bruno will contact MPCC about the issue.

**Announcements** – Chair Bruno offered additional HETC trail grid maps and issue reporting sheets to anyone in need. This is the last meeting to be chaired by Director Bruno; he will remain as a committee member. Next meeting is July 11, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the PBCSD training room.

- 9. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Dadiw*