

## DEL MONTE FOREST PROPERTY OWNERS

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

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

Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD) Training Room

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

**Others present:** *DMFPO Board Member:* Ned Van Roekel

**Resource Members present:** *Pebble Beach Company (PBC):* Dawn Mathes  
*PBCSD:* Mike Niccum, General Manager  
*DMFC:* Director Jody Le Towt

**Members present:** Richard Parrish, Kelly Getreu, Gina Gianfala, Cheryl Jordan

**Special Invited Guest:** Jody Clark

- 1. Call to Order** – Chair Roland called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
- 2. Acceptance/Modification of Agenda** – Moved/seconded/carried to approve. There were no requested changes to the agenda.
- 3. Public Comment** – None
- 4. Approval of the Minutes** – It was moved by Member Eastman, seconded by Member Caneer, and unanimously carried to approve as presented the HETC meeting minutes of April 11, 2018.
- 5. PBCSD/Cal Fire** – PBCSD General Manager, Mike Niccum reported the goats are almost done with fire fuel reduction clearance for the season. The environmental review to update District Fire Defense Plans is nearly complete for vegetative management of the Forest and access for fire engines that sometimes involves forest trails. Fire defense is conducted at an annual cost of approximately \$200,000, coordinated closely with Pebble Beach Company and the Del Monte Forest Conservancy. The PBCSD Open House and Safety Day on June 23, 2018 was a highly successful event. The small fire at Congress Road and SFB Morse Drive two days ago was controlled in ½ hour by the fire crews already working in the area. A fire on the day of the Open House was controlled quickly also.
- 6. Pebble Beach Company** – Ms. Mathes received a report from a resident concerned with drivers flicking cigarettes and ashes out of vehicle windows. Gate guards have been given talking points for motorists seen smoking, and signage may be placed at the gates.

The base of Fire Road 27 off of Los Altos Road that was formerly a picnic area is now an unauthorized mountain bike arena. The structures will be cleared by PBC and boulders will be placed at the side of the road across the area entrance, and the chain fence and “no bicycles” signage will be moved up the hillside closer to the edge of the road. If bicycles are seen on trails or fire roads, call security and they will issue a warning. If seen again, a report will be made to the sheriff’s office.

PBC has completed drainage improvements near the Casita de Lemos. The split rail fence is planned to be placed along the dunes up to the new drainage and then across the road, aimed at keeping the horses off the drainage area. PBC will purchase the fencing and Director Le Towt will coordinate fire crew installation.

The next monthly “Trail days” to assist PBC in performing trail work is July 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. See attached Trail Committee Notes for details of trail maintenance efforts.

Director Le Towt reported that the abandoned section of the Green Trail that was rerouted by DMFC in April above Congress Road in the SFB Morse Botanical Reserve has recently been closed off with shrubs and other debris.

The Green Trail from Bird Rock to Point Joe along 17 Mile Drive on the inland side was converted to conservation easement when MPCC renovated its shore course, and a split rail fence installed by MPCC precludes access to the former trail. Member Parrish was concerned how equestrians will get around Point Joe bus parking. Options for traversing the inland side of 17 Mile Drive inside the split rail fence to negotiate the Point Joe parking lot were discussed and a meeting will be scheduled with MPCC to review the issue.

7. **Old Business** – Chair Bruno reported that the permit application is in progress and final plans have been submitted to the County by MPCC for spanning 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. Monterey Peninsula Engineering is providing the truck bed, and MPCC and PBC will fund the project.
8. **New Business** – Chair Roland has downloaded the Maplets app to his smart phone for GPS navigation of the Forest and encouraged others to do the same. That way, the committee can pinpoint adverse trail conditions that are geo-located by those using the app. A letter of thanks was received from a resident who reported adverse trail conditions that were promptly addressed by the HETC. Chair Roland established awarding a “Friend of the Trails” recognition certificate to those in the community who provide helpful trail condition reports to the committee. Director Caner suggested publishing awardees in the Cypress Coast Living magazine.
9. **Announcements** – Kelly Getreu offered additional HETC trail grid maps and issue reporting sheets to anyone in need.
10. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Dadiw*

*(Thank you, Yuriana and Gina, for your assistance with recording and taking notes of the meeting.)*

## PB TRAIL COMMITTEE NOTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING 9 JULY 2018

Kelly and I have been on the trails 5 times since the last meeting.

1. We surveyed the Green trail along MPCC Dunes course with Gina for horse use and devised a detailed alternate plan that was considered but not approved.
2. We surveyed the existing Green Pedestrian Trail on the ocean side from Bird Rock to the South Moss Beach connection with 4 Corners and Dawn and Shawn were with us. As a result, they agreed to widened and adjust that trail to accommodate Horses.
3. We surveyed the Green/Red trail from 4 Corners to Colton Road and found it to be impassable without Bart's Bridge and hazardous past that point to Colton Road. I'm sure Shawn's crew can tighten it up as soon as we get some clarity on Bart's efforts to save that part of the Green trail.
4. Kelly and I worked with Shawn's crew to clean up 7 of the 9 issues she had identified on her June 27/July 25th Trail Day hit list. I'd say they accomplished in 4/5 hours what would have taken a crew of HETC members more than 4-5 days of work. We can produce a hit list like that for his crew every month.
5. Kelly Identified and we inspected some hazardous conditions on a route called "The Steps" between Riata and Rhonda Roads. Rotted rail ties had caused both a rider and her horse to fall down this slope. Both were shaken but, fortunately, not seriously injured. Shawn was informed.
6. We continue to get helpful trail condition reports from people who are regular users of our PB Trail system. That is a great testimony regarding the appeal and usefulness of our trail system. I will continue to send individual responses to these folks and reinforce their efforts. Maybe a little "Friend of the Trails" recognition certificate would be in order.
7. Where our own Trails members can **really** help is continue the identification of Trail cleanup priorities, missing or damaged Markers and sign especially, if they are on the trails often. I would encourage them to spend \$2.99 and download the app which supports the new PB Digital Trails map, so they can Geo-locate where we have marker/sign issues. Shawn has the materials available in his warehouse to replace markers and will dedicate labor to get the job done. He would prefer a documented list, so they can schedule and execute a fix-it plan to maximize his crew efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Roland  
Kelly Getreu