

**Del Monte Forest Property Owners (DMFPO)
Hiking and Equestrian Trails Committee (HETC) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 10, 2019 4:00 p.m.
Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD) Training Room**

Leadership Members present: *DMFPO Board Members:* Bob Roland, Ned Van Roekel, Bob Ogle
Del Monte Forest Conservancy (DMFC) Board Members: Don Eastman
DMFPO Member: Kelly Getreu

Resource Members present: *Pebble Beach Company (PBC):* Dawn Mathes
PBCSD: Mike Niccum, General Manager
DMFC: Ned Van Roekel *OSAC:* Ned Van Roekel

Members present: Jody Clark

Others Present: Kirsten Stember, Vainca Bauman, Dave Randall, Karen Hassan

1. **Announcements** – There were no announcements.
2. **Call to Order** – Chair Roland called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
3. **Acceptance/Modification of Agenda** – Moved by Member Eastman, seconded by Member Ogle, and unanimously carried to accept the agenda as presented.
4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **Minutes** – There were no requested changes to the January 9, 2019 minutes.
6. **PBCSD/Cal Fire** – PBCSD General Manager Niccum noted the upcoming publication of the District spring newsletter. Forest clearance around the Highway One Gate along 17 Mile Drive is progressing. Clearance of dead wood to enhance new growth will be done around the other gates also. PBCSD and PBC have committed to an increase in funding for forest maintenance workers and equipment.
7. **Pebble Beach Company**
 - a. Ms. Mathes stated she would respond to the various agenda items that cover PBC interests.
 - b. Member Getreu reported PBC crews performing extensive work during trail days not cancelled due to rain. Much post-storm work is yet to be done. Next Trail Day is April 29.
8. **New Business**

Mr. Randall, a regional scout leader, noted the availability of 100 hours of scout labor for trail work, signage installation, litter clean up, etc.
9. **Old Business**
 - a. **Visitor abuse of environmentally sensitive areas:** Chair Roland had expressed concern regarding tourists accessing coastal rocks, disrupting wildlife habitat. Per Ms. Mathes placement of a pilot stake and threaded line fence at Bird Rock and China Rock has PBC approval.
 - b. **General Trails Monitoring:** Member Getreu suggested a flyer be handed out at the gates alerting drivers to be cautious of horses, and/or a “watch for horses” sign be mounted at entrance gates. Ms. Stember reported standing water on Drake Road to the sand dunes.

Casita Fence: Covered in Trail Notes provided.

Sawmill Gulch/Green Trail Bridge: Covered in Trail Notes provided.

Equestrian route around Pt. Joe: Ms. Mathes will schedule a site visit with Roland, Getreu, Stember, and an MPCC representative to discuss the approved plan.
10. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Paxton

TRAIL NOTES for DMFPO 8 Apr 2019 with Photos

1. Trail Day Clean-up Activities were conducted on 26 March from 8 am until 1130 am. Our scheduled workdays for Feb 29th and 5 March were overcome by Rain and Storm events. There is still much to be done to make all trails and fire roads passable. Photos - See Working Map of obstructed trails and fire-roads. We did maybe ¼ of the identified problems. Other items of concern: "No Bike" signs have been stolen or defaced in many places (Haul Road). Alcohol related litter collected on <1/4 mi along Drake road and is getting more common around the community.

2. BIG **Thanks** to LeBon as he digitized the Trail Grid-Square map and problem sheet. This makes it available to everyone while soliciting real-time assistance in locating problem areas and obstructions. Web Link: <https://dmfpo.org/trail-report>. Still some minor tweaks to be done.

3. Red Trail - Split-rail fence on Dunes Road opposite Casita. Red Trail Entry on Dunes Road behind Fence is cleared of vegetation to facilitate off-road hiking/riding. **Most** Equestrians are aware of the routing, a few choose to stay on the road sometimes leaving behind irrefutable evidence.

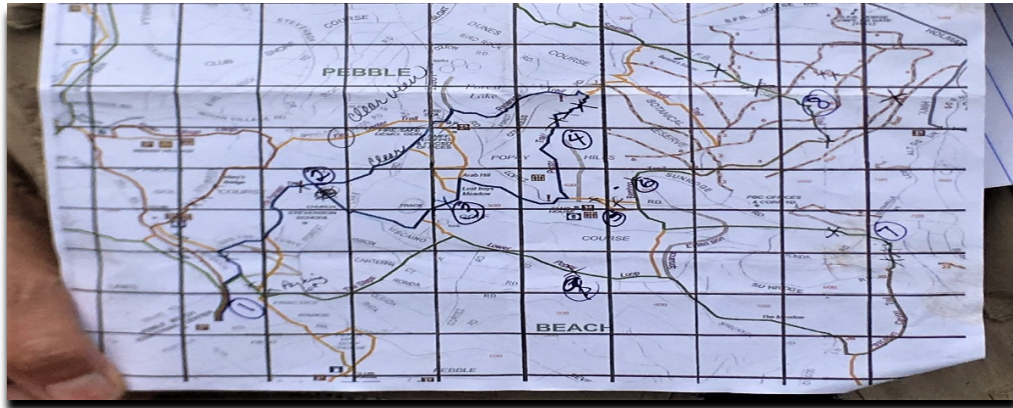
4. Signage on Dunes road to alert traffic of Equestrian activity was commissioned by one of the riders and is hopefully, just a substitute for more permanent marked crossings on:

- a. Green Trail crossing of 17 Mile drive approximately 400 meters South of Dunes Road
- b. Intersection of Green and Red/Orange Trails on Dunes road - Photos

Items Pending Consideration: Updates 4/8/19

1. Awaiting action on Green Trail Equestrian Routing and a work plan **around** MPCC at Pt Joe. Action initiated formally in June/July 2018.
2. Awaiting 2 Crossing Signs for intersections at 17 Mile Dr/Green Trail and Dunes Road.
3. Awaiting Roping-off **environmentally sensitive, endangered and unsafe areas** along Green Trail Route on the rocky shoreline opposite MPCC. See Photo - China Rock, Bird Rock, etc.
4. "Fragile Environment" signs at China Rock continue to have an impact on the numbers of visitors who climb the rock, (By daily observation but not a scientific survey) Signs along Asilomar are far more blatant! See this month's "why we need to protect visitors from themselves" Photos.
5. Bart's Bridge (Green Trail/Sawmill Gulch) – anxiously anticipated. Flatbed has been further modified (Guard Fence installed) at the site on blocks (looking good!). Additional site modifications pending in order to put bridge in place across Sawmill gulch. Photos.
6. Observation: Large amounts of deadfall are noted in wooded areas intersected by utility lines. As per prior discussion and now **confirmed** - Utility Companies are **not** required to remove deadfall they generate during routine clearing efforts around poles.
7. Next Trails Day – April 29th (or sooner) pending coordination with Pebble Beach and, Of course, Mother Nature. Next Trails Meeting – April 10th 4PM.

Co-Chairs Bob Roland and Kelly Getreu



Kelly's Working Map (partial) of obstructed trails and fire-roads 4-19 Trails Day



Sign on Dunes Road - 4/5



One area for a crossing sign on Green & Red Trails



**"Dumb as a rock award" in rough weather 4/7/19
"why we need to protect visitors from themselves"**



**Standard Signs in Asilomar
No signs in some areas between China Rock Seal beach**



Alcohol Litter on +/- ¼ mile along Drake Rd



Defaced Bike and Smoking Signs (removed)