

**Del Monte Forest Property Owners (DMFPO)  
Hiking and Equestrian Trails Committee (HETC) Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 8, 2020 4:00 p.m.  
Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD) Training Room**

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

**Resource Members present:** *Pebble Beach Company (PBC):* Dawn Mathes, Micah Hawbaker  
*PBCSD:* Mike Niccum, General Manager  
*DMFC:* Don Eastman  
*OSAC:* Bob Ogle

**Members/Others Present:** Kirsten Stember, Vainca Bauman, Thea Montella, Sally Jewett, Jenny Jacox, Richard Parrish

1. **Announcements** – Chair Ogle reported that the DMFPO website now has a link to report coordinates where trail maintenance is needed—Scouts may be used to verify the data submitted.
2. **Call to Order** – Chair Ogle called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
3. **Acceptance/Modification of Agenda** – There were no requested changes to the agenda.
4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **Minutes** – There were no requested changes to the October 9, 2019 minutes.
6. **PBCSD/Cal Fire**  
PBCSD General Manager Mike Niccum reported planning is underway for next year’s vegetative management work. The PBCSD Undergrounding of Overhead Utility Lines Project Phase III, currently in design, will continue the previous phases of main line undergrounding along Forest Lake Road, Ondulado, and Portola Road toward the Equestrian Center. Undergrounding the main line in the Equestrian Center area will be concurrent with its remodeling.
7. **Pebble Beach Company**
  - a. Ms. Mathes reported the coastal trail from Spanish Bay Beach toward Bird Rock was widened with decomposed granite. There is positive feedback regarding the post and cable fencing installed by request of this committee at China and Bird Rocks. It is reducing climbing on the rocks where waves reach, and helps the nesting birds. Let Ms. Mathes or Mr. Hawbaker know of any other suggested fencing sites.
  - b. Member Getreu reported a 2-hour trail maintenance day was conducted in December. A full trail day is hoped to be scheduled the end of January.

- 8. California Coastal Trail Association – Monterey Coastwalk California** – Jenny Jacox announced the first Coastwalk in this area along the California Coastal Trail (CCT) is scheduled for November 2020. Exact dates of the 5-day event are yet to be determined. The first day begins at Veterans Park, the second day is through Point Lobos, and the third day through coastal Pebble Beach from the Carmel Gate along the “inland” CCT Redondo Trail to the Green Trail past Poppy Hills and beyond. There may also be an out-and-back hike to SFB Morse preserve. A State map of all of California indicating where the CCT has “gaps” or vague portions will be coming out in the spring. There are markers for the CCT along the Pebble Beach coastal route; it would be helpful to have markers along the “inland” route also. Chair Ogle asked Mrs. Jacox to keep the committee apprised so it could assist where possible.

Discussion arose as to the nomenclature of points on the Trails Map such as Dude Leap and Lost Boys Meadow. Neal Hotelling, Kent Seavey, and past Equestrian Center directors would be good historical resources. Ms. Stemper noted that the planning department has a 1998 research document on the history of Pebble Beach equestrian buildings and Richard Collins up through Abby Foss; she will provide the document to Ms. Paxton to use as the basis of an article in a future DMFPO newsletter. Ms. Mathes noted that PBC has an interpretive booklet that may correspond to the small number markers along the Crawford Trail – she will provide the booklet to the DMFPO office.

**It was moved by Member Stemper, seconded by Member Getreu, and unanimously carried to add discussion of the history of the trails to HETC meeting agendas.**

President Van Roekel noted that the Conservancy received the Wendy McCaw Foundation grant for \$10,000 to realign a portion of the Crawford Trail out of the streambed.

## **9. Old Business**

- a. Sawmill Gulch/Green Trail Bridge:** The bridge is complete.
- b. Equestrian route around Pt. Joe:** The next step is trimming of vegetation along the trail and installation of two equestrian gates. It was unclear if a button would open the gates, or if a bench or rocks would be placed for riders to dismount and manually open the gates. Mr. Niccum suggested trail markers up the hill along the Green Trail leading to Point Joe; the new portion near Point Joe is for equestrians only so would not have trail markers.

Ms. Mathes requested large riding groups such as Monterey Bay Equestrians have a horse dropping removal plan in place for riding events over pedestrian/equestrian shared trails.

- 10. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Paxton*