

**Del Monte Forest Property Owners (DMFPO)
Hiking and Equestrian Trails Committee (HETC) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 4:00 p.m.
Zoom Teleconference**

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

Resource Members present: *Pebble Beach Company (PBC):* Shawn Casey, Micah Hawbaker, Dawn Mathes
Pebble Beach Community Services District: Mike Niccum, General Manager
DMFC: Ned Van Roekel
OSAC: Rick Verbanec, Bob Ogle

Members/Others Present: Jenny Jacox, Robert Zerbst

1. **Announcements** – There were no announcements.
2. **Call to Order** – Chair Ogle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
3. **Acceptance/Modification of Agenda** – There were no requested changes to the agenda.
4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **Minutes** – It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the January 13, 2021 minutes.
6. **Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD)/Cal Fire**
PBCSD General Manager Mike Niccum reported a scheduled update is being made to the Fire Defense Plan and corresponding work plan that concentrates on evacuation measures.
7. **Pebble Beach Company**
 - a. Shawn Casey reported that since the last meeting he met with Kelly Getreu regarding the Blue Trail steep incline to Congress Road. The trail has now been moved to the right a bit, a softer transition made up to the road, a trail cut made across the road to attach to the existing trail, and two equestrian crossing signs added. Botts dots will soon be placed along 17 Mile Drive by Dunes Road; horse crossing signs have already been installed. The swampy area on the Steps Trail near Viscaino Road was dug out and repaired and the trail rerouted somewhat; a shifted pipe causing the problem has been replaced.

“No bike” signs will be replaced with ones that have the penal code for trespass on them to discourage mountain bikes on trails. Mr. Casey will see if PBC Security has a log of contact made by that department with mountain bikers on trails. The Monterey Off Road Cycling Association (MORCA), responsible for the Fort Ord trail design, has effective bike safety and etiquette programs. However, trails in Fort Ord allow off road bikes. Ms. Jacox noted that, regardless of bikes allowed on Fort Ord trails, MORCA is very vigilant about how the biking community behaves, working to preserve a high-standard reputation, and could be a great resource for diplomacy regarding the no-bike rule in Pebble Beach. Chair Ogle requested Ms. Mathes contact MORCA for information to include in an article / announcement for the DMFPO newsletter regarding no mountain bikes allowed on Pebble Beach trails.

Chair Ogle has lined up volunteers to walk with Shawn Casey along the Blue Trail loop in the Poppy Lane area to identify locations for trail markers, preferably between now and August. Mr. Casey has the materials for post installation. Ms. Mathes has a spreadsheet compiled over the years of where trail posts are missing that she will email to Ogle and Casey. Ms. Jacox requested to be included in the trail marker communications; she had distributed an email to Chair Ogle and others with her thoughts regarding trail markers from a runner's perspective.

Kim Caneer requested the crosswalk along Redondo Real be repainted for pedestrian safety; Shawn Casey has repainting of this crosswalk on the schedule.

8. New Business

California Coastal Trail Association (CCTA) – Coastwalk California Monterey – Jenny Jacox, a CCTA member, announced that a Coastwalk in this area along the California Coastal Trail (CCT) is scheduled for September 26-29, 2021 with pre-hiking May 3-5, 2021. One day of the walk is through Pebble Beach primarily along coastal 17 Mile Drive with an alternative route along the “inland” Redondo Trail to the Green Trail past Poppy Hills and beyond. There are markers for the CCT along the Pebble Beach coastal route; it would be helpful to have markers along the “inland” route also. Ms. Jacox is assisting with proposed alignments that would potentially make the inland Redondo Trail an official CCT trail. Chair Ogle asked Ms. Jacox to keep the committee apprised so it could assist where possible.

After hearing of off-leash dog attacks on trails, Ms. Jacox requested the posting of signs on fire roads requiring dogs be on leash, and include a notice to clean up after pets since dog waste is detrimental to the forest ecosystem. Other pet conduct signage or verbiage might also be considered. A Fort Ord positive reinforcement program is in place awarding those exhibiting good behavior on trails that is low cost and low maintenance; perhaps Pebble Beach could look into such a program. Chair Ogle to follow up with Ms. Mathes who had left the meeting at this point.

Ms. Caneer requested anyone who has revisions for the Hiking and Equestrian Trails map, please let Ms. Paxton know since map supplies are low and will be reordered in the near future. Ms. Jacox noted that the alignment of a portion of the Red Trail along Stevenson Drive on the map and on the ground needs to be reviewed. Also, “Mary’s Bridge” is noted on the map however does not exist on the ground. Perhaps a bridge of a few planks could be installed at that location, or the map could note “former site of Mary’s Bridge.” Chair Ogle will inquire of Ms. Mathes if PBC has any suggested revisions to the map.

9. Old Business

- a. **Equestrian route around Pt. Joe:** Gate installation has not progressed. The new superintendent at MPCC is the former superintendent for PBC; Casey to follow up with the superintendent to see if the Pt. Joe gate installation can be moved forward.

10. Adjournment

– The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Paxton