

**Del Monte Forest Property Owners (DMFPO)
Hiking and Equestrian Trails Committee (HETC) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 14, 2021 4:00 p.m.
Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD) Board Room/Zoom Videoconference**

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

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

Members/Others Present: Jenny Jacox*, Kirsten Stemper *denotes Zoom attendance

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 April 14, 2021 minutes.
6. **Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD)/Cal Fire**
PBCSD General Manager Mike Niccum reported the goats have arrived in the forest, and undergrounding overhead utility lines is proceeding along Forest Lake Road.
7. **Pebble Beach Company**
 - a. Dawn Mathes reported the trail around Point Joe has been mowed and the two gates finally installed for equestrians use. Ms. Stemper noted the walking path on the ocean side of China Rock edges the roadway and is very eroded; Ms. Mathes and Ms. Stemper will meet there to evaluate. Peter Brown noted that Segways and scooters are prohibited in Pebble Beach. Correspondence from mountain bikers advocating for forest trail use are being referred to Ms. Mathes.
 - b. Kelly Getreu via text to Chair Ogle made PBC aware that trail steps need to be replaced.

Volunteers have been arranged to update markers on a short section of the Blue Trail loop in the Poppy Lane area however Chair Ogle has postponed the work until a skin condition clears.

Chair Ogle responded privately to one Nextdoor.com post out of a string regarding mountain bikes on trails, reporting logs being placed on forest trails/fire roads that create a biking hazard. Although bikes are not allowed on the trails, PBC, PB Fire Department, and others removed the branches and logs and will continue to do so as they are reported.
8. **New Business**
Ms. Stemper suggested an educational piece on the natural history of Pebble Beach made available to trail users would be an enhancement to the hiking experience. Jenny Jacox reiterated her support for a low cost and low maintenance positive reinforcement program like *Safe Passages* used in Fort Ord

awarding with congratulatory “citations” those exhibiting good behavior on trails. Ms. Mathes envisioned rolling the suggestions by Ms. Stemper and Ms. Jacox into a larger DMF open space docent program; Ms. Mathes and Mr. Brown could formulate a program framework to be presented to the boards and committees of DMFPO, DMFC, OSAC, PBCSD and PBC to determine interest by those organizations. The idea in concept will be presented to the DMFC and DMFPO board of directors at the next meeting of each.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried to place the item on the next committee meeting agenda for follow up.

9. Old Business

- a. **Equestrian route around Pt. Joe:** Gate installation and trail preparation are complete.
- b. Invasive plant weeding group – Director Spitz reported on past weeding events: French broom removed at the junction of SFB Morse Drive and the fire roads; ice plant removed along the trail north of China Rock; and velvet grass removed on a portion of the Green Trail. More events are planned – contact Director Spitz via email for more information. Ms. Mathes will coordinate with Director Spitz velvet grass removal by PBC to supplement weeding group efforts.

10. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Next Meeting October 13, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Laura Paxton