

**Del Monte Forest Property Owners (DMFPO)
Hiking and Equestrian Trails Committee (HETC) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 12, 2023 4:00 p.m.
PBCSD Training Room**

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

Resources present: *Pebble Beach Company (PBC):* Micah Hawbaker
Pebble Beach Community Services District: Mike Niccum
OSAC: Bob Ogle

Others Present: Vainca Bauman, Brooke Phayer, Kirsten Stember, Laura Fenwick

1. **Announcements** – None
2. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called 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/carried to approve the January 4, 2023 minutes.
6. **Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD)/Cal Fire** – General Manager Niccum reported the update to the Fire Defense Plan is underway and the fuel reduction program will commence in cooperation with PBC. The goats are due to arrive in the next weeks. Mr. Niccum advised that the pine tree population in Pebble Beach is nearing 100 years old with no fires in that time period to cull them and promote new growth. It is time to update forest maintenance standards currently based on a 40-year-old pine tree population.
7. **Pebble Beach Company** – Micah Hawbaker reported PBC has been busy with storm detail since the first storm on December 31st. Gabilan, national guard, and conservation crews along with private tree services were brought in to supplement fire department and PBC crews. Trees were removed from roads and houses when no power lines were involved. Trees that fell into power lines could not be removed until power to the lines was shut off and tree crews licensed to do so removed them. Mr. Phayer commended PBC for a spectacular response to leaning trees and trees on houses during the storms. In two weeks after the ground dries out, PBC will turn its attention to cleanup of trails, fire roads, and greenbelts. Wood chips are not an effective overlay for trails; decomposed granite and water bars are best used. The coast trail needs repair so that equestrians and hikers can traverse it instead of using the bike lane.
8. **Trail Maintenance Status** – Kelly Getreu has moved out of the forest. Kirsten Stember, Vainca Bauman, and Laura Fenwick offered to text to Micah photos with GPS locations of trail issues they come across now that Kelly Getreu has left. Chair Ogle can also be contacted using the trail reporting link on the DMFPO website dmfpo.org. Ms. Stember reported one large cypress is down and other trail cleanup needed in the dunes area on the trail along Drake Road across from the Equestrian Center to Spyglass, and cleanup also needed a block behind the Equestrian Center from Drake Road around Sombria Lane. Ms. Fenwick stated a tree was down across the connector trail by the chapel on the Blue Trail. Ms. Bauman reported the connector trail behind the fire department/Stevenson School needed much cleanup.
9. **New Business** – None
10. **Old Business** – Chair Ogle suggested that Mr. Phayer’s proposed installation of walking paths on road shoulders to address the safety of walkers along roads be taken up after storm repair is further carried out, then he and Mr. Phayer can meet with Roads and Traffic Committee Chair Bruno to discuss.
11. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Next Meeting Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Laura Paxton