

**Del Monte Forest Property Owners (DMFPO)  
Hiking and Equestrian Trails Committee (HETC) Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 18, 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  
*DMFPO Member:* Vainca Bauman

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

**Others Present:** Brooke Phayer, Kirsten Stember

1. **Announcements** – None
2. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. after the training room was vacated by an earlier meeting.
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 April 12, 2023 minutes.
6. **Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD)/Cal Fire** – General Manager Niccum reported the goats are working. He and Director Spitz walked trails and discussed masticating piles of dead small trees that have fallen over in the area of Fire Road 4 at the top and south of the Green Trail. OSAC President Rick Verbanec stated the upper part of Fire Road 4 is in good shape with the area being regenerated with various natives. He observed on a drive-around that fire roads are accessible however there are downed trees along the edges that CalFire will remove during chainsaw practice.
7. **Pebble Beach Company** – Micah Hawbaker reported PBC has cleared storm debris from nearly all trails. Some weed whacking, poison oak spraying, and trail widening needs to be done and is scheduled prior to the next HETC meeting. The Green Trail from Colton Road up from Bart's Bridge will be mowed/widened. PBC had removed many mountain bike theaters before the storms, and will check that they are not reestablished.
8. **Trail Maintenance Status** – Vainca Bauman reported grass is really high on the trails she rides, and when reported to PBC they thankfully tend to it in days. Top of Pescadero from Poppy Hill there is a tree down. There is a tree across the trail behind the Equestrian Center on Drake Road. The fire road accessed from the Equestrian Center in the Stevenson Drive area below the open pit has three trees down. There are no trail markers until the Fire Road along the Blue Trail behind new houses in the Viscaino/Ronda Road area coming up from the maintenance yard if the steps are taken; PBC will continue to place markers. Chair Ogle found no other way to navigate the Blue Trail coming up from Viscaino Road than to cross the golf course. Kirsten Stember noted the equestrian route between the Spyglass Grill and the parking lot is narrow due to a tree branch that has overgrown the trail. The Red Trail past the Casita is very overgrown and poison oak a threat. Stember and Bauman praised the traffic pattern during the US Women's Open as very resident friendly with trail serenity.

The yoga instructor now holds her ten-student classes on one side of the dune up from Signal Hill Road; and Stevenson students (identified by Kirsten Stember) have brought a beer pong table, trashcan, trash, have erected an extensive fort, and are having fires on the other side of the dune. Nick Becker, PBCSD provided google earth of the area on the large training room monitor to pinpoint locations for Micah Hawbaker. The coast trail by the Seal Rock parking lot through the ice plant by the pump station has a very deep narrow rut. The Blue Trail along Spyglass Golf Course where new houses are being built is very narrow and mushy with the only way through along the cart path, and there is an electric pole in the middle of the trail right before the steps. Mr. Becker explained the pole is a conduit riser that had to be kept in alignment for the undergrounding of utility lines; the path could be routed around it.

Stember suggested the corner at Spyglass by the open pit be cleared for horses to get through without having to use the roadway. She also reported a large amount of vegetation in the green belt between Drake Road and the open pit; Hawbaker stated the area is targeted in the Fire Defense Plan. Further, there is a hole across 17 Mile Drive from the Bird Rock parking lot near the boardwalk/bench.

- 9. New Business** – None
- 10. Old Business** – Chair Ogle reviewed Mr. Phayer’s proposed installation of walking paths on road shoulders to address the safety of walkers along roads. Mr. Phayer requested the owner of the right-of-way on the north side of Bird Rock Road from Marcheta Lane to 17 Mile Drive along MPCC be determined to inquire if the owner is amenable to allowing a community group Mr. Phayer would assemble to install a pathway.
- 11. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Paxton*