

**Del Monte Forest Property Owners (DMFPO)  
Hiking and Equestrian Trails Committee (HETC) Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 3, 2024 4:00 p.m.  
PBCSD Training Room**

**Leadership present:** *DMFPO Board Members:* Bob Ogle  
*DMFPO Member:* Katie Spitz

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

**Others Present:** Laura Paxton, DMFPO Administrator

1. **Announcements** – None
2. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.
3. **Acceptance/Modification of Agenda** – Accepted
4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **Minutes** – It was moved/seconded/carried to approve the October 11, 2023, minutes.
6. **Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD)/Cal Fire** – Deputy General Manager Becker reported there has been hand crew fuel reduction work progressing around Forest Lake Reservoir. The “matchstick” area off Haul Road is an area planned to have selective downed trees removed.
7. **Pebble Beach Company** – Micah Hawbaker reported PBC has performed some annual drainage work on the Green and Red Trails by the Equestrian Center. Downed trees on trails near the reservoir will be addressed Friday. Ms. Spitz noted there was one tree down on Fire Road 20 (Sunridge/Ronda toward Del Ciervo). Coastal trails were impacted by recent storms with many onlookers oblivious to high surf hazards during the storms.
8. **Trail Maintenance Status** – Chair Ogle had received no reports of issues from Vainca Bauman or other equestrians. A meeting with HETC members, PBC, and MPCC will be scheduled to clarify the Green Trail Path along 17-mile Drive: whether on the ocean side up to China Rock, crossing over the road to the MPCC side inside the fence to the beach house and then recrossing back to the ocean side Green Trail; or cross to the MPCC inside fence at Bird Rock all the way to the beach house. Chair Ogle’s friends walked seven miles of trails from Carmel Beach to Spanish Bay up through Indian Village finding no significant trail issues to report. Trails skirting golf courses – signage, confrontation by staff and/or golfers, was discussed. Signage is needed on trails around the PBCSD administration building.
9. **New Business** – Ms. Spitz requested to plant maritime poppies in the areas along the coast cleared by the weeding group; Micah Hawbaker approved, stating it is a goal of PBC to grow native plants in the nursery.
10. **Old Business** – Mr. Becker reported on the planning for Phase IV undergrounding of overhead utility lines, stating that lines through the open space area off Midwood to Spruance extension will be moved and undergrounded along Fire Roads 20 and 35. Cost savings will be realized due to no repaving or traffic control needed, and only electrical lines are present to be undergrounded. The area is prone to falling trees and undergrounding would improve power continuity during storms. Final draft plan documents can be shared with HETC once available.
11. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.
12. **Next Meeting Wednesday, April 10, 2024 4:00pm**

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Paxton*