

**Del Monte Forest Property Owners (DMFPO)
Hiking and Equestrian Trails Committee (HETC) DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 8, 2024 4:00 p.m.
PBCSD Training Room**

Leadership present: *DMFPO Board Members:* Bob Ogle / Ned Van Roekel / Lisa Huntley / David Goupil / Lynn Anderson / Jim Barta

Members Present: Kirsten Stember

Resources present: *Pebble Beach Company (PBC):* Micah Hawbaker / Shawn Casey / Kathleen Lee
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 4:00 p.m.
3. **Acceptance/Modification of Agenda** – Accepted
4. **Public Comment** – Kirsten Stember thanked PBC for all the work on the trails stating they looked beautiful.
5. **Minutes** – It was moved/seconded/carried to approve the April 3, 2024, HETC meeting minutes.
6. **Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD)/Cal Fire** – General Manager Becker reported work is underway to create a shaded fuel break along Fire Road 9 from the Corporation Yard to Highway 68, clearing the amassed “matchstick” trees; it is being considered to extend work along the Green Trail to Fire Road 4. Tall thick stands of acacia in the Spruance Road and Drake Road/Stevenson Drive areas have been removed. The goats will be positioned in the Navajo Tract next.
7. **Pebble Beach Company** – Micah Hawbaker reported sand has been scraped away to hard pack on portions of the coastline Green Trail to encourage use instead of walking on the road; sand removal will continue over the next months. The Green Trail from Forest Lake to Lisbon has been cleared. A new trailhead for equestrian drop-off has been cleared by mastication at Sombria Lane/Drake Road behind the Equestrian Center, creating a trail that connects with other trails around the Center; and the trail up to the Pit has been widened. Ms. Stember expressed that the group of trails, known as the Hermann Loop, is much safer now for horses to navigate. Shawn Casey noted trails still need to be treated to reduce boggiess during wet periods. PBC is considering installing hitching posts, lawn area, and other amenities at the drop-off location; Ms. Stember asked PBC to also consider installing restrooms and potable water. The Committee felt temporary signs along Portola Road directing equestrians to the drop-off site would be helpful.
8. **Trail Maintenance Status** – Chair Ogle reported for Katie Spitz that the Green Trail, near MPCC and Colton Road is completely overgrown with velvet grass and thistles; Mr. Hawbaker stated it was high on the list of projects to complete. Director Van Roekel noted that the new fence placed by PBC/Hawbaker on Morse Drive looked great. A meeting is being rescheduled for HETC members, PBC, and MPCC 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. Signs along the route to inform hikers that horses can also use the trails were suggested.
9. **New Business** – Chair Ogle requested consideration of committee members potentially conducting surveys of trails be on the next HETC meeting agenda.
10. **Old Business** – Director Anderson requested the Hiking and Equestrian Trails Map be updated once trail routes are confirmed.
11. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Next Meeting Wednesday, October 9, 2024 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Laura Paxton