

Port Ludlow Trails/Natural Resources
Committee of Port Ludlow Village Council
November 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Tim Rensema, chairman and treasurer; Denny Schuch, Natural Resources chair; Beth Ely, Steward chair; Jane Navone, Steward chair temporary; Steve Frenzl, PLVC liaison; Bill Dean, PLVC president; Soozie Darrow, secretary; Glen Bell, native plant garden guru; Dan Darrow, Merrily Mount, Tom Satterlee, Doug Huber, Jim Mueller, and Bob Ford.

Agenda for the day and the Oct. 2, 2018 minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

Finance: Tim explained the YTD results. Other income includes \$250 from LMC for the chainsaw class, \$77.96 from Scots Broom Sweep food reimbursement. \$505 from PLVC to start 2019, and \$292.96 from the Darrows for interpretive signs to be created in 2019. So we currently have \$551 in operating funds. The reserve account remains at \$4756. Tim also presented the budget for 2019 which was passed unanimously.

Natural Resources: Denny would like to go out to clean the 50+ bird houses. Jim Mueller agreed to go with him next week. Glen Bell brought us up to date on his plans for the native plant garden at the entrance to the Interpretive Trail. He would not turn away anyone who would like to help! He asked about using railroad ties and some folks had questions regarding the creosote in the ties. (Tim checked with the WA Dept. of Ecology after the meeting and found that it is legal to use them for landscaping even though they contain creosote).

Stewards: Beth had one tree reported down that has since been removed. Otherwise, no problems reported from the stewards. Anne McClure will be monitoring the Bay Club Gazebo trail in Bill Lane's winter absence. Jane Navone will be the steward chair while Beth is away. Stewards should contact Jane with any trail problems at 360-437-0324 or jenpl@olypen.com between now and May 2019.

Old Business:

- The Beach Loop Trail work is waiting for a permit from Shoreline Management.
- Dan procured and put no smoking signs at most of the trailheads.
- Doug has replaced the two interpretive signs that were damaged on the Interpretive Trail Loop. He would like to replace one more as well.
- Doug is willing to lead a work group on making Teal Lake Loop friendly.
- Tim is arranging to obtain certificates from the chainsaw class for those who participated.
- We need someone to volunteer for the Maintenance Manager chairmanship.
- We need a qualified volunteer to be our Treasurer. Tim should not be both treasurer and chairman of the committee.
- Signage has become a problem, with hikers getting lost in some instances, especially on Niblicks Loop. Rich Myers has volunteered to help alleviate this.

New Business: Future projects

- Mowing in 2019 needs to be coordinated. Doug will take the lead on this issue, with assistance from Jim, Tim and others.
- The new section of Timberton Trail needs extensive work to ease winter water problems. Denny offered to do further research when there is enough wet to determine possible alternatives. Perhaps hikers should revert to the original part of the trail from rock #18 to #21 during the winter months.
- The proposed trail along Oak Bay Rd. from Baldwin Ln. to Swansonville Rd. remains a proposal.

- The LMC and their insurance agency has suggested some signage and maintenance documents. These will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Tim briefly discussed signs relating to some of the historical sites within Port Ludlow. Further information at future meetings.
- Discussion of venues for our meetings in 2019. A motion was passed unanimously to schedule our meetings every other month with the Fire Station and Beach Club. (The Port Ludlow Fire Station community room was scheduled for January, March, May and July 2019 after the meeting). We will schedule the Beach Club for the alternating months. (This too has been done). If the Bay Club reinstates the long-standing reciprocity policy in the future and does away with charging for meeting rooms, we would like to return to alternating meetings between the Bay and Beach Clubs.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at the Beach Club.

Submitted by: Soozie Darrow, scribe