

*Facilitating and participating actively in the creation, maintenance and use of a network of trails for non-motorized use on San Juan Island.*

San Juan Island Trails Committee Minutes

**February, 2010**

**Present:** Peter Dawson, David Dehlendorf, Eileen Drath, Louise Dustrude, Liz Illg, Ann Jarrell, Don Jarrell, David Jenkins, Jill Johnson, Loren Johnson, Dick Keefe, Mike Lazzari, Doug McCutcheon, Peter Morrison, Louisa Nishitani, Tracy Roberson, Howie Rosenfeld, Martha Scott, Maria Small, Steve Ulvi.

**Volunteer Hours this Month:**

February Steering Committee: 8

Today's meeting: 30

General volunteer hours reported by attendees: 31

Work Parties: (all on Land Bank projects) 0

Roche Harbor Stewardship Group: 24

Bicycle Trails Meeting: 7.5

Total Hours: 100.5

**Call to Order:**

The regular meeting was called to order by acting Chairperson Mike Lazzari at 5pm. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as circulated by email.

1. **Introductions:** were made all around.
2. **Trail Tales:** Eileen Drath related that she met with Bob Anderson who stated that he and his wife were really enjoying the new Cattle Point/American Camp Trail and have used it many times. Roundtrip from Cape San Juan through Mt Finlayson to American Camp is 11 miles.  
Mike Lazzari reported on a great hike on Turtleback, Orcas Island; and Louise Dustrude and Eileen Drath reported another great hike on the Buck Preserve between Mt. Baker Rd. and Crescent Beach Rd. on Orcas Island.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Liz Illg reported that we have spent the web hosting fee of \$120.00 and web site development fee for Tim Dustrude of \$1500.00.
4. **Old Business:**
  - A. Web Update: Mike Lazzari has been working with Tim Dustrude to develop the new web site, and have completed Tim's portion of the work. We are planning to launch the site on March 1st. We still need Trails Committee members to go to the test site and submit revisions or comments on content and format. We need to have these revisions in to Mike Lazzari by Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers for sections are: Tracy Roberson-bicycles, Louisa Nishitani-plants, Liz Illg-links, David Dehlendorf and

Louise Dustrude-trails, Don Jarrell and Doug McCutcheon-stewardship, Ann Jarrell and Jill Johnson-calendar, Ann Jarrell and Jill Johnson-What's Happening which hosts the minutes and announcements. Mike Lazzari suggested that comments should be directed to the person that posted the web section being commented on.

- B. Potluck Update: Eileen Drath reported on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> potluck-Blazing Shovels- at the Grange Hall. Invitations are going out this week and flyers are being posted. Liz Illg will see about posting an announcement in one of the on-line newspapers. David Dehlendorf has invited the new Lopez Trail Committee developers to the potluck and has offered them housing for the night since the ferry does not function late enough to get them home. He will let us know if any additional housing is needed. Eileen asked for members to bring a dish to share, whatever beverage you choose for yourself and reminds us that this is a pack it in/pack it out event for plates and utensils.
- C. Vice Chair: We are still looking for a volunteer for vice chair. Anyone interested should contact Cinda Pierce.
- D. Meeting with Lopez trails group: David Dehlendorf, Louise Dustrude, and Dave Zuretzke met with the Lopez trails group to discuss ideas regarding a volunteer organization for trail building. They went on a great hike at Upright Head Preserve which is within walking from the ferry terminal. They then met at the library with about 20-25 interested people and had informative dialogue. Members of the Lopez group have started to attend the Land Bank Commissioner's meetings. They do not as yet have a sponsor.
- E. Scenic Byways: Liz Illg reported on the public meeting on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Mullis Center regarding the scenic byways Federal funding to local and regional municipalities. The yearlong process will be to provide a plan for managing the influx of visitors along the route and how to protect natural resources while providing a positive experience for visitors. OTAC has been obtained as consultants to facilitate collaboration of all organizations both public and private that have to do with visitors to the Island. Our trail plan has been given to OTAC, and the Bicycle Committee will also be providing them with priorities and concerns regarding cycling needs. Tracy Roberson suggested a separate multi-use trail as opposed to widening of existing roads. It was also suggested that the Trails Committee submit a list of trails priorities.
- F. Trail Updates: English Camp Connector trail—Steve Ulvi reported that new flags are up and a simple nature trail type connection is in place and has met with neighbor approval. Valley View—Steve Ulvi met with Liz to obtain the engineering report. Rachel Dietzman from Public Works says that the road repair in this area has been temporarily dropped from the calendar. This means that it is up to the Town to decide exact placement of the pipeline and they plan to take it down in the roadway and avoid all wetlands. Steve Ulvi and Mike Lazzari plan to continue communication with the Town throughout the process. Beaverton Marsh

Trail—Doug McCutcheon reported that a rough survey was being done to establish the area and decide on options. Future work parties will be announced and will require approval by the Land Bank Commissioners. This is a long term and expensive project. The trail planning document is being developed. Hospital Project—David Dehlendorf and Loren Johnson met with Peace Health who were very enthusiastic to a loop trail on their property and coordinating with the Trails Committee to connect with our vision for the Valley View Trail and Airport Trail. The Port is also enthusiastic about the possibility of connecting the trails. Tracy Roberson reported on the Ball Fields Trail that the Ball Fields development was on hold due to lack of financing, but that the Ball Fields Commissioners may be receptive to starting the trail before completion of the fields.

G. Review Project Managers List: Public Works plan is due out at the end of March and managers may have to provide a trail plan report by the end of Feb. to submit to Public Works. English Camp—Louise Dustrude and Dick Keefe, Mitchell Hill—Dick Keefe and Steve Ulvi, King Sisters—Davis Dehlendorf, Beaverton Marsh—David Dehlendorf and Cinda Pierce, Cattle Point – Mark and Cinda Pierce and Don Jarrell, Valley View—David Dehlendorf and Loren Johnson, Valley Farm—Steve Ulvi and Mike Lazzari, Park to Park—Leslie Veirs, Jackson Bach—Louise Dustrude, Port—Don Jarrell and Cinda Pierce, Hospital Extension—David Dehlendorf and Loren Johnson, Cross Island—David Dehlendorf and Dick Keefe, Trout Lake Watershed—Mike Lazzari, Ball Fields—Jody Burns, Roche Harbor Highlands—David Dehlendorf and Robin Donnelly. Stewards for: Roche Harbor resorts—Sue Buettell, Centennial Beach Court—Loren and Jill Johnson.

H. Bicycles: Tracy Roberson reported that Island Rec is having a Children's Festival on May 1<sup>st</sup> and has invited the Bicycle Committee to participate, possibly with a Bicycle Rodeo. This would help promote bike safety, the Trails Committee, and to develop interest in both with children and their parents. Tracy also suggested planning a group ride, possibly a critical mass ride to draw attention to cycling issues. This would not be meant to antagonize or disrupt. Participants would need to sign a waiver with Island Rec and wear helmets. We need to make a decision and submit info to Island Rec by April 1<sup>st</sup> for inclusion in the Spring schedule newsletter.

**5. New Business:** Member issues—none offered.

**6. Important Dates:** Annual Potluck, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Grange Hall, 6pm  
Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 5pm, Whidbey  
Island Bank  
NO Steering Committee meeting in March

**Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Johnson**

**Secretary**