

Northern Region Council 12/16/15 Conference Call

In attendance: Susan Elliot (TCLT), Mike Cipra, (NCRLT), Nancy Correll (MLT), David McMurray, Reene Crowley, Kathleen Hitt (SLT), Carol Vander Meer (NRC Coordinator/Friends of the Dunes)

Review the Financials

A copy of the financials was provided to everyone and there is currently a balance of \$11,380. There was a question about the remaining funds from the Durable Collaborations (\$1,301.19). Those funds were remaining match from the Bechtel Grant and are part of the \$11,380 total. Mike felt this was appropriate to be in the NRC balance, but also thought it would be a courtesy to check in with others who were involved to see if they were still okay with that.

Priorities for a Coordinator

The group felt we had funds to continue with a coordinator position for the next year at our current level. Priority items include coordinating face-to-face meetings, newsletter, website, calendar and investigating the possibilities for funding and producing a joint trail guide to northern region land trusts.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Siskiyou Face-to-Face meeting RESCHEDULED for May 6 and 7th 2016** (this allows for people to attend the NCRLT grand opening of the Freshwater Farms Trail May 1) Kathleen and Carol will keep folks up to date regarding a draft schedule and possible financial assistance with mileage, lodging, etc..
- **Newsletter-** Carol will be more proactive about extracting information from land trusts to include in the bi-monthly e-newsletter (but she always welcomes submissions!). One topic that will definitely be covered are new staff positions at NCRLT, FOD, and TCLT. The next newsletter will go out early January
- **Website-** Carol reported that for \$200-300 NRC could have a basic website that could also link to a calendar of events. The group felt this was a wise use of funds and Carol will proceed. NCLRT will purchase the domain name.
- **Calendar-** The idea to purchase a different on-line calendar was discussed, then the group came around to agreeing to try google calendars again and enter items that each land trust felt were important for other land trusts to be aware of. We will revisit the topic at the next meeting.
- **Collaborative Trail Map project-** The idea of a collaborative trail map project was brought up again. It would highlight public access trails on land trusts of the northern region. Carol brought up the idea to John Berstien of TPL who thought that TPL would be interested in helping to fund such a project. Carol also checked in with Tony Smithers of the Humboldt Lodging association and they have funding for these types of projects and he was very interested in hearing more. Carol, Mike and Renee Casterwine (with Sanctuary forest) will form a subcommittee to start fleshing out the idea and discuss funding possibilities.
- **NEXT MEETING: January 21, 1pm-** Carol will be sure to mail out meeting dates for the rest of the year.