

Northern Region Council conference call 11/12/19

Present on the Call: Stephanie Mietz, Jacoby Creek Land Trust, Ben Morehead, Trinidad Coastal Land Trust, Mike Cipra, Friends of the Dunes, Dan Ehresman and Beth Bray, North Coast Regional Land Trust, Nancy Correll, McKinelyville Land Trust, Tom Smithe, Lake County Land Trust.

Review of Survey Results

Carol had previously distributed the results of a survey to the members of the NRC. With input from the results and input on the call, the following decisions were made:

Dues:

The dues structure will be revised with a 40% decrease to more accurately cover the cost of a coordinator and annual face-to-face meetings. **The new dues structure** will go into effect for 2020 and is as follows:

\$15,000 or under	\$45
\$15,001 to \$50,000	\$75
\$50,001 to \$150,000	\$105
\$150,001 to \$300,000	\$135
\$300,001 to \$500,000	\$165
\$500,001 (sliding scale)	\$210 - \$300
Individual Membership	\$15

The North Coast Regional Land Trust, who serves as the fiscal sponsor agreed to manage the tracking of NRC dues. It was agreed that the MOU should be updated to reflect any changes discussed in this call. **Carol will make suggested edits and circulate to the new steering committee and provide recommendations to the larger group.**

Membership- Members are all those who are current in their dues.

Governance- It was agreed that a small steering committee should be formed to make decisions for the group. The committee will be composed of 3-7 members, including the NRC coordinator. **Please let Carol know if you would like to serve on the steering committee for 2020.**

Map project

The purpose of the map project was discussed and it was agreed that it is important to determine what story we want to tell. **Carol will convene a subcommittee to look into the mapping project further with Stephanie, Lance, John Brennan and possibly Leonel.**

Grants to members- It was agreed that a portion of our funds could be used for small grants to defray the cost of travel for those traveling longer distances to attend a face-to-face meeting.

The steering committee will take up just how much can be allocated and will review requests on a case by case basis.

Special Topics for Conference Calls

There continues to be an interest in special topics during conference calls, but not real consensus about the most important issues. Fundraising, mitigation, wildfire, green burial were all of interest. Carol remains open to suggestions. It was also discussed that the face to face meetings are the number one priority for NRC. Carol will follow up with Mendocino Land Trust to see if they are interested in hosting the next face to face. In addition, Carol will reaching out to other members to find out why many of them do not seem to be participating in calls.

On a related topic, Stephanie brought up the idea of convening a workshop for local relators about land trusts, perhaps giving a talk to the Humboldt Relators Association. The majority of those on the phone were from the Humboldt Bay area and agreed this would be valuable.

Member Updates

Jacoby Creek Land Trust had some recent successful events with service learning volunteers. Added 3 new board members, doing their monitoring in-house, busy with barn restoration.

Friends of the Dunes is in the midst of their Bay to Dunes Education program, they recently engaged with the BLM to do restoration on Ma-el Dunes. Mapped plants and removed invasives.

NCRLT- recently newsletter highlights activities. Freshwater Farms continues to be working as a place for everyone, and providing salmon habitat connectivity. They had a successful Boots and Birkenstocks Fundraising event.

McKinleyville Land Trust will be surviving without a president for 4 months while Leonel is on assignment in Hawaii. Their biggest challenge right now continues to be managing illegal camping on their fee title property.

Lake county recently had their most successful fundraising event.

Trinidad Land Trust worked with partners to support \$900,000 funding from the State Coastal Conservancy for the initial design and environmental permitting of the Little River Trail. The grant was awarded to the Redwood Community Action Agency.

NEXT CALL:

February 11, 2020 10am-11

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