Young Land Professionals Conference Call

Meeting Minutes 5/13/19

Attendees: Nick Rossi, Rachel Calderara, John Gioia, Stephen O’Grady, Mariah Auman, Maggie Brown, Ashley Davies

1. March minutes were approved by the committee
   a. Annual YLP Committee meetings for 2019
      i. 2 conference calls per year (September and January)
      ii. 1 in-person meeting (March before MassLand Conference)
      iii. September conference call 2019
         1. Doodle Poll for September (Mariah to send out)
         2. MassLand Steering Committee Meeting on 9/27th schedule call before.
      iv. January 2020 conference call (touch base about March event plans)
   b. Carolyn sent a reminder that the next Steering Committee meeting is on Tuesday, June 11th at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (Ashley and Nick will probably go)
      i. Federal policy? Wildlife Refuges policy no longer available for meeting space.
      ii. Update the group on YLP’s annual meeting and events coming up.
      iii. Check in with MassLand (Carolyn and other contacts on board) about networking events for all ages.
      iv. Mentorship program: will probably happen organically with all-inclusive networking events.

2. Debrief on Conference and YLP Event
   a. Deb Carey was great. More attendees at Broad Meadow Brook than at hotel.
   b. Unsure of whether to use hotel again (Group rate for committee only).
   c. Next year look into a B&B outside of city
   d. Officers will be in charge of initial stages of event planning before bringing it to entire committee.
   e. Do something different for table at MLTC conference.
      i. Few signatures at table this year
      ii. Email blast before event about YLP and reps being present at conference
         1. Incorporate in description of conference
         2. First timers workshop before or lunch at the conference—round table style.

3. Google drive and group updates
   a. Maggie set up
      i. Documents are uploaded
      ii. Group is managed through YLP Gmail account.
      
4. Events
   a. Maggie: update on North Shore event
      i. May 22nd, Ipswich River Watershed Association
         1. Staff member to review how IRWA works with other land conservation organizations and how they got into conservation work.
         2. Following talk, tour of office/trail
3. Brewery after for networking
4. Help to spread the word.
   a. MLTC Enews to go out today
   b. Another reminder to just YLP, ask Carolyn.

b. Upcoming events solidify and schedule
   i. Rachel: creating an event form to submit (for YLP committee members and anyone else who might want to host an event for YLP)
   ii. Late Summer—Western MA (Late September, Early October)
       1. Trustees
       2. David McGowan Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation
   iii. Early August—Harbor Islands August (2nd or 9th).
       1. John to host
       2. Ferry to islands. Park Service Stewardship Program Manager, Mark, to connect with for event and/or DCR Conservation Restriction Stewardship Coordinator, Felicia. Both are involved in management of the park.
       3. Spectacle Islands have interesting history (was a landfill). Networking piece of the event will take place on the island or in the city. Participants will be asked to pay for tickets.
   iv. Late Fall—Central (November)
       1. Nick and Concord Land Trust
   v. Southeast—Winter (February)
       1. Rachel?

5. Sending emails
   a. Can Matt from MassLand help to send emails out for events? Or can a YLP committee member have assess? Nick will talk to Carolyn.

6. YLP input on MLTC training
   a. Maggie got log in information for the training survey and is willing to share.
   b. Summarize info from last survey or do another survey?
      i. Table to next meeting.

7. John: Update on search for new committee member
   a. Felicia Bakaj, DCR, Boston
   b. Nick Pitel, Stewardship Manager with MDAR, Western MA (Amherst)
      i. He’s interested, John will follow up

8. YLP job postings
   a. Steering Committee meeting
      i. Discuss job postings on MLTC website
      ii. MLTC just updated their strategic plan
         1. Does it incorporate online communications?
   b. Regional resource list for YLP members
      1. Can live on YLP webpage
         a. Mariah will draft and upload to drive