

Biogaian Meeting Minutes

3/23/15

Present: Doug (facilitator), Patricia, Helen (facilitator), Susie, Sadhana, Brent, Gabriel Godoy (new intern)

Check-in: Introduce ourselves to Gabriel and a sound that brings the spring to mind.

Lawn Renovation – Patricia got a bid from Skinner Landscape Services, Inc. to renovate the lawn in the commons. This would include leveling the lawn, top dressing, seeding and fertilizing. The cost would be \$2,160. Agreed to do this – Patricia will schedule immediately after the Festival of the Earth.

Susie brought up the possibility of doing a similar job on the lawn that is currently covered by the bamboo structure. Patricia will ask how much it would cost to add that area into the job. We will decide whether or not to do it at our next meeting.

Arborist – Monday the 30th at 2pm – Patricia needs a list of trees that need evaluating.

Potting Roof Shed – The roof on the shed is in need of replacement. The cost for us to replace it would be about \$1,300. There are concerns about the frame. Doug did not get a quote for someone else to do the work. The barn roof reserves could be accessed except that the reserve may not have enough money to pay for both the barn roof and the potting shed roof.

Doug will get a bid for having it done by an outside contractor and will bring it back to the committee. We suggest that we use the landscape and the landscape structure reserve to do it if there is not enough in the barn reserves.

New Shredder

Nartano has told us that we need to purchase another shredder. Should we give him permission to purchase a replacement shredder? Yes. Up to \$700.

Rat Task Force

The community wants a Rat Task Force formed. Nartano, Helen, Patricia.
Have caught 9 rats. Need to set new traps when we build compost.

Rabbit Fence Renewal

Current plan is to use the netting that we have on the property. Schedule a Saturday workday to drape another layer.

Garden Report

All the solanums are planted in the greenhouse and sprouting as well as some cabbage, celery, onions. In a week or two it will be time to plant cucurbits. Peas are in the hoop houses. Some beets have been planted. But it is time to start a lot of direct planting.

Cover crops or mulch are on almost all the beds. We are concerned about the slugs the rats and the rabbits but things are doing fairly well.

The garden is looking pretty good. We have asked Rose to come help with the rose pruning. Aditi and Amelia want to plant basil in the greenhouse.

Announcements: Alex is coming to visit tomorrow.

Next Meeting: April 27th

Facilitator: Patricia

Note-taker: Susie