

Biogaian Meeting – April 27, 2014

Facilitator: Patricia

Scribe: Susie

Next Meeting: Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

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## MEETING

**Volunteers** – 7 from UW Bothell (2 cooking on Wed)

Others Garden Tue, Sun, Sat

Dana Stitts Intern with Susie Fox (here for 4 weeks)

**Interns** – Currently Kai, Gabrielle

Evan coming on Friday

Steve arrives first part of June

Kai will commute until the end of July and then will take Evan's place in the cottage with Steve

Rebecca arriving June 27<sup>th</sup>, housesitting for Nancy for 3 weeks and then moves to a tent

Should we consider another intern? In a tent? Helen Patricia & Doug can think about it.

**Arborist Bid** - \$1150 work on 3 trees

Red Malple - at east end of Guest parking Paved

Cherry Tree - next to paved parking add cable and trim

Hazelnut tree – leans on barn roof

Other things we might want to ask – aspen with crack near Brian's House

Should we look at other tree folks to look for a better price?

## **Trees & Journeys & Yurt**

Journeys is ready to take down a Yurt, and put in a new Yurt close to the property line, back where the nettles are growing.

Brian suggests removal of 3 trees, one to make space for the Yurt.

Who would pay? Songaia? Maybe Journeys would pay, part in lieu of rent.

Is it OK to remove trees? New bid form Trees for Life

Decision – OK to remove 2 trees Consensed

Journeys will look into a bid (if desired)

Recommend that Journeys pay for tree removal, and reduction in rent “in kind”.

## **Food Waste and Rats**

Nartano's Idea – 5 gallon buckets in a wire cage?

Rat traks on fabric (in celing of common house), shelves on sides sheet rock leaves a gap, and rats have dug through insulation in celing.

Worm casting – to the pad next to the Dumpsters

Maybe 5 gallon buckets, or 30 gallon Trash Cans? Buy 4 30gallon metal trash cans.

Let's try Buying 3 – 4 Meatal Trash cans with lids. Move the garbage and the worm castings to the trash pad. Possibly extend concreet pad.

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Drivers actually like placing the dumpsters on the ground next to the concret.

### **Festival Of the Earth**

The Great Tomato Planting of 2015!

Brent – in charge of Worm Casting Machiene (big tarp near Hazelnut tree)

Brent will bring the Castings, Gabrille can help.

Brian Leads Moving the Hoop House

Beds are ready

Stage Tomatoes Friday Afternoon 50 plants (Gazebo)

Brian will pick which plants go down to gazebo.

Brain needs help getting house ready to move Friday afternoon (Patricia & Gabriel...Dana?)

Make seed balls (get clay on Friday) and mix with soil

### **Potting Shed Roof**

Replace fiber glass with clear polycarbonate

Douglas Report: \$1400 if we do it ourselves

Bob Lewis would do all the work \$4500 . . . doesn't include fixing the joists.

Doug will look for another bid. . .

**Bindweed** mentioned as a problem in Community Meeting

Douglas suggests we “stay ahead of it”, and work pretty hard on it every year.

Piglets do consistant work on bindweed.

North Food Forest – maybe a community bindweed pull?

Maybe use vollunteers from UW.

Rabbit Fence – maybe a cement footer (6 inches above and below ground)

Bindweed is in the meadow . . . cause for concern.

### **Fence reinforcement**

weekly fence patrols (rabbits are chewing through fence) fence is working pretty well – mostly is keeping rabbits out.

Suggest we have a Sat workday after next house meeting (add a layer of netting).

### **Permaculture Curriclum**

Design principles – working on this the next few weeks. Upcoming interns have the interest in infrastucture.

Planning a rain garden/water catchment plan for common house towards the garden.

Possibly make cob pizza oven, but need to “secure” the slope, water & drainage,

Possibly see if Interns want to do some “paid” work building the potting shed roof.

Maybe ask Nartano (Radiant Results) to bid on it and use paid labor of interested interns???

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