



Biogaian Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 27, 2012

Check-in and Members Present:

Helen, Kathleen, Patricia, Doug, Brent, Katie, Sadhana, Brian

Agenda: 2012 Budget, Summer Intern Proposal, LSC Work, Greenhouse Renovation, Tunnel/Hoop house costing, Moving Trees, Cohousing Conference, Tree Pruning, Chipper Rental, Lawn Care, Reserve Equip. Spending.

Biogaian Budget

Patricia presented a draft 2012 Budget outlining some consolidated categories (see attached.)
The budget was approved.

Summer Intern Proposal

Helen presented that the internship proposal is nearly passed, just a few folks left needed to sign-off. Helen will continue to pursue this
Marnee Chua is very interested in helping to develop, write-up, nurture it over the summer, and evaluate it at the end of the summer. She and Patricia will be visiting several sites from the Snohomish county permaculture network about their internship programs.

LifeSong Commons Work

LifeSong commons work is continuing, mostly cleanup is remaining. About six people-hour more.

Greenhouse Potting Shed Renovation

Patricia presented Tom's draft of the greenhouse renovation drawing. He suggested doing just the interior remodeling this year (at a cost of about \$400.) Next steps, have Tom cost out the interior development and Patricia will work to facilitate a proposal development

Tunnel/Hoop house costing

Kathleen presented Larry's rework of the hoop house costing model. This would cost about \$450 with the donated plastic from Patricia's friend. The new structure would have three benefits over our current system: end doors, ability to stand up in the house, ability to move it. The committee approved the proposal to move forward with this. Kathleen will ask Larry which dates work best for him and see if he is interested in helping to lead this. Some possible dates are:

March 10 - optimal for an entire day

March 17 - afternoon only

March 24 - getting late but feasible

Moving Trees

We got have of the work done last weekend related to moving the trees. Two apple trees moved and two holes ready to go for the other two. Include some of this work in a Harambee day on March 10.



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Cohousing Conference Presentation

Jennifer Ryan proposed a panel presentation on “Serious Food Production and Serious Food Buying but not the meal program” at the Cohousing Conference this summer. Patricia still feels like she has too much on her plate to plan on this. Patricia will meet with Brent and Brian to talk about this.

Tree Pruning and Grafting

Doug mentioned that there are several trees that need to be pruned. Doug mentioned a colored ribbon system that would indicate the trees that still need pruning. We decided to wait till the summer to do grafting

Chipper Rental

Brent will get a bid for hiring out the chipping of the big pile at the edge of the woods

Lawn Care Refresh

Patricia reported on her learning from a session on lawn care from her master’s gardeners classes. She proposed spending the April workday to thatch, aerate, fertilize, and seed the commons and area around the kid’s play space. We would rent a thatcher and aerator. She believed we could do it in one day. Patricia will cost this out.

Equip. Replacement Reserve Spending Task Force Report (Doug, Nartano, Brent)

Doug mentioned that we have no new movement on this. The task force will meet soon.

Next Meeting

March 26, 2012: Brian facilitation, Katie note-taker