

# Biogaian Meeting Minutes

Present: Helen Hayra, Misty Dawn, Laura, Sylvan, Brent, Anita  
Facilitator: Mary; Note Taker: Brian

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## Agenda

- Checkin
  - Announcements
  - Intern Update
  - Piglet Update
  - New Compost Station
  - FOE Plant Sale
  - Vinegar 20% Herbicide
  - Finance Review YTD
  - Food Forest Driveway
  - Projects and Harambe
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## Announcements

- The upper raised beds are being called the 123 beds
  - There is a 1950's flatbed dump truck is available for \$9000
  - Turnips and Parsnips are still available in the garden and fridge
  - Wednesday after dinner - winter intern trial run
  - Mary, Laura, Elizabeth, Lisa and Helen - met to plan the seasons planting of the raised beds between Unit 1 and 2/3 (the 123 Beds). They will begin work on preparing beds planting, and raising hoop cover.
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## Intern Update

- The internship program starts Tuesday 4/17. Work schedule is Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday in garden, Wednesday curriculum day (possible field trips), and Friday at 21 Acres.
- Two interns are arriving on 4/16 in the evening to stay in the cottage: Armando and Becca. Anita and Misty Dawn will be around to receive them and help them settle in the cottage.
- Local interns will be coming on Tuesday. Oatmeal breakfast at 8:00AM. Brian and Anita will do cooking.
- Wednesday morning (4/18 at 10:00am) watching the movie "Seed" in the common house. Sylvan will send an email invite out the community.

## Piglet Update

- Piglets will start at 9:00am on Tuesday going forward.
- Buttercup and Bindweed are being removed. Some conversation about how to deal with the removed weeds.
- A new Potting Shed log is located on the bench. Please use it to record changes in the potting shed.
- Nartano and Elizabeth are going to pick up plastic from Chimacum Woods Nursery in Port Ludlow (Bob Zimmerman)

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## New Compost Station Dream

- Laura would like to have a new compost station between LSC and Units 2/3 and 4/5 to facilitate composting on that end of the property.
- A task force: Brian, Laura, Sylvan, Elizabeth(?) to look at siting and options.

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## FOE Plant Sale

- Sylvan will be doing a plant sale during the Festival of the Earth
- Please put anything that you would want to have sold near the barn, between the kids toy storage and the well house
- Feel free to pot up: Strawberries, raspberries, day Lillie's, shasta daisies, oregano, bulbs, lemon mint, etc.
- Use pots from the potting shed
- "Irrigating the Border" as a Theme for the funds from the plant sale

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## Vinegar solution (20%) herbicide

- A friend of Mary's suggested this; Sylvan's has also used this
- Provides a contact burn for the leafy material. Best used when it's dry and sunny; will have some persistence on soil PH
- May want to try it along the pathways, though keep it away from metal since it is corrosive

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- Flamethrower as another alternative; Brian will train Anita, Sylvan, and MD
- Mary will purchase a gallon for about \$25

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### Finance Review YTD

- Early in the season. We have money in all accounts; Landscaping:\$3200, used \$102;
- Bookkeeper's would like to have a clear spending approval process :
  - G2T has Anita as the budget oversight
  - Biogaians agreed to assign the landscaping budget oversight to Helen and Mary.
- Brian will work with the bookkeepers to set up the sub-accounts for the Biogaian budget items to the Songaia and G2T books.

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### Maintenance of Food Forest Along Driveway and south

- Sylvan will check with the landscaper and Patrick as needed to clarify who is doing this work

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### Big Project Schedules

- Garden Overlook - Patio Paving (April through May); Stairs; Counter; Trellis (June and July) - Brian is coordinating
- Chicken Coop (in May) - Sylvan is coordinating
- Drainage Swale / blackberries (in April) - MD has reached out to Aditi and Paul; Laura has reached out via email; Hayra will ask via phone to clarify their participation work on regarding goats, cutting, etc. for manual control.
- 2019 Intern Housing (end of August/Sept) - Brian / Nartano(?) thinking about this
- Wetland Restoration (August and September) - Anita?
- Forest Assessment and maintenance and setup watering system for tree starts in forest (May) - Brian
- Chipping Staging and chipping (May) - Brian and Mary will look for siting

### April Harambe Ideas

- Swale / BlackBerry work (Paul?)
- Cedar chips to LSC (Anita will coordinate with a lead)
- Patio stone staging (Brian)
- Buttercup removal from SW corner of the Keyhole (Anita will coordinate with a lead)
- Prepping for Plant Sale (Sylvan)

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### Next Meeting

- After dinner on May 14th
- Brian will facilitate; Helen will Scribe