

Biogaian Minutes 3/26/2012

Attendees: Katie(Scribe) Brian(Convener), Sadhana, Kathleen, Doug, Patricia, Helen, Marnie, Brent, Michael

Meeting Agenda

report - Detention Pond Report

- High tunnel Report
- Life Song commons
- Potting Shed Report

Interns - Bastyr Agreement for Herbal Sciences (Doug) and Holistic Landscape design (Katie)

- WWOOF website internship description (Patricia)_

Discussions - Goats

- Bees
- Christmas tree growing for \$
- Contracting out chipping of the huge brush pile
- cobb construction plan

Check in question : In one word, what are you most looking forward to in Spring?

Advertisements : Sadhana has new size Med women garden gloves - 2\$ a pair

Patricia recommends two books - Free Range Chicken Garden and Winter Vegetables

1. Internship program and WWOOF - Marnie, Helen, Patricia and Michael have been working on this

- Marnie has put together a Yahoo page/calender to keep people up to date on the program- can find initial first draft of the program description, other info will be displayed on this page in the future
- WWOOF intern add is up on the site and we have 4 responses to the add already- Need some great pic of songaia
- Suggestion/request to share hosting of interns and have a interns@songaia.com email
- A plan for intern interview and selection is already drawn up
- Next steps - have others join yahoo group page to keep track of program, proof read and edit documents, decide what # of interns best (songcroft recommends 6) * end of next week (first week of april) finish intern

form/application

2. Field Trips ? Wild Time Farms, Harmony Hills, Cobb House - Patricia and Michael looking into this

Had a field trip to a cob house in Bothell in March and are inspired to do a cobb workshop here at Songaia with the Cobb Lady paid by donations

3. Bastyr agreement for the Herbal sciences - Doug is going to get Crystals signature on Songaias agreement doc.

Bastyr Holistic Landscape Program students - Want to present there thought about design to community, suggests a sat meeting for presentation followed perhaps by a round table - contact CCC and Bastyr students to schedule (Katie)

4. Brent asked for approval to purchase a buck to impregnate the goats and then sell when all the girls are pregnant - request approved

Brent also requests a committee review sustainable model for goats - approved - Michael, Brian, and Kathleen on committee

5. Brent has pick up more bees for the top bar hive to be picked up on apr.22. Mason bees are being put out again this year through donation. Brent and Kathleen will keep community informed.

6. Approved the hiring of a contractor to chip the mountainous pile of brush for about \$450 - will ask for donations from Life Song Commons and New Earth Song

7. Brent has 60 Noble Fir Tree Starts and would like to plant them by the retention pond for sell as Christmas trees in 7 years - needs more discussion, will plant the trees in 1 gal pots.

8. Cobb Project in the garden - will bring a proposal and plan forward in the near future (Brian, Patricia, Katie)

9. Retention Pond Inspection passed with no action needed - recommend we clear the blackberries and scotch broom from the swales

10. High Tunnel - is in progress, one more weekend needed to finish minus the doors

11. Life song Commons job is finished minus the trunk/stump removal - Doug can do it this week

12. Potting Shed - grow lights are not working right, goat pen has been

removed, lots of seedling in process of growing

* Piglets called to session for wed. March 28 @3:30pm

*Cedar grove compost- grant- waiting for announcement of who had been awarded a grant of 30 yard of compost

NEXT BIOGAIAN MEETING - Monday, Apr. 23rd @ 7:15pm Katie
(convener) Helen (scribe)