

Biogaian Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2012

Facilitator – Michael

Scribe – Patricia

Check-in Question

Personality Test – NASA Picture Analysis

Agenda

- **Bastyr Presentation Recap (Katie)**

Just received an email from Nico. She and Deena and Kelda Miller would like to come out on Thursday to view the retention pond and water systems again. Wanting to talk to the most knowledgeable person about the water drainage.

Action Items:

Douglas will call and talk to Patrick about getting whatever drawings he has.

Katie will email Tom and Nartano.

Can the students present their design presentation on the 16th of August (Thursday).

Action Items:

Katie will email the community to schedule the meeting on the 16th.

Katie will email Kelda Miller to confirm.

- **COB Workshop Status (Brian)**

There will be one meal – the firing of the oven in the morning – lunch can be make your own pizza. Need someone to coordinate the set-up area - maybe Susie?

The Cob workshops have been going great. Lots of people excited by and energized by it.

The oven – just needs to cure and dry. We can work on the last coat or not – it is not affected by the firing. Will pull the sand out on Thursday or Friday.

The bench – hope to finish the last of the structural part of it on before Saturday so that people can come in and make cob and pack it. There are artistic aspects that need to be added at that point.

No thought about working on the roof yet.

Money is just a little unclear if it will break even, but might make a little as well.

Action Items:

Brian will ask Susie about coordinating the pizza making on Saturday.

Brian will ask people about donations from Songaians.

- **Intern Update**

We have two new interns arriving for August and September. Max and Adam.

Action Items:

Patricia will send out an announcement to the community and include a breakfast hosting option.

Patricia will see to getting a background check for Illinois.

Patricia, Katie & Helen will work out the food related plan for them.

Patricia and Helen will meet with Idil and Amanda about coordinating with Journeys.

Living arrangements. They will be camping, either behind NES or near Journey's. We will be giving them the choice.

Patricia and Douglas and Helen will be prepared to meet and orient them.

- **Reserves Update**
Douglas hasn't finished it yet.
Action Items:
Douglas will have the plan for next meeting.
- **Goat/Bees Update**
Bees: Nick (Kim's husband) and Brent are building a new kind of hive – a hybrid between the two main styles. They will divide Brent's hive and encourage a new Queen. Kathleen's queen did not thrive so she is going to harvest the honey and next year will purchase a new colony and queen.
Goats: Two of the goats are pregnant – due in early October. Jeb was sold for \$200 of the community's money. Night Cloud will be neutered this week and will be advertised for sale as soon as the other babies are born.
Brian, Michael, Patricia, Brent, Aviana are the goat committee.
- **Budget Recap**
See Budget Report
- **Weed Dating**
Sadhana brought in an article on weed dating. An idea worth pursuing!
Action Item:
Maybe the interns could do it.
- **Workshops**
September 22nd – the Rose Workshop
September 29th – the Compost Workshop
We need to begin marketing for the next workshops.
Need to coordinate the Rose workshop with the Dance workshop that Helen and Phil will be hosting.
Action Items:
Patricia and Michael will begin marketing and get the new interns involved in helping.
Patricia and Douglas will visit with the Master Gardener program coordinator to see if we can get both workshops on the MG continuing education approved list.

Our next meetings:

August 13
Sadhana Facilitate
Katie Scribe

September 10th
Patricia Facilitate
Brian Scribe

August 27
Katie facilitate
Sadhana Scribe

September 24th
Brian Facilitate
Helen Scribe