

Biogaian Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2014

Present – Brent, Doug, Laura, Susie, Helen, Patricia, Sadhana

Not Present – Brian

Facilitator - Doug

Scribe – Brent (Patricia)

Agenda

- Bio-Swale
- Intern Prep and Planning
- Reserve Spending
- Rabbit Fence
- Planting Plan
- Announcement
- UW Student Volunteers
- Making some money on the Side

Bio-Swale

Snohomish County called to make sure we have cleaned out the bio-swale. The work is partly done and Douglas is working on it. Will get Max to help when he arrives. Need to be completed by April 13th.

If the job isn't completed by Saturday the 5th then we should call a Biogaian workday.

Maybe we should schedule a workday each spring to keep the swale in good shape.

Intern Prep and Planning

The piglets have come up with a preliminary work plan for the interns. The cottage is cleaned, Katie and Laura will put in curtains or blinds and buy a hot water pot on Thursday.

LSC has put together a welcome/instruction sheet that will be given to the interns and they have asked for pre/during and after each intern's stay.

They would also like a written and signed agreement and a log of the hours are spent working on LSC areas.

We have 4 interns confirmed

Alex Korsunksy	May 25 to October
Bryan Koogler	June 3 to Aug 5
Max Mills	March 27 to May 31
Ugo Perrier	May to June

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Reserve Spending

Douglas has put together a list of items that he would like to purchase from the Biogaian Reserve. Approved.

Rabbit Fence

We are working on temporary rabbit fences for the garden. Jean is going to go forward on building three gates and when those are installed we can put the temporary fence around the whole garden.

Brent is working on getting more fish net for the temporary fence.

Patricia will convene the planning group again.

Planting Plan

There is a box sorted by seeds when they go in and a sketch of the garden for where things should be planted.

Patricia will put the planting map on the website.

Announcements

Scott and Doug built new risers for the potting shed.
Tom and Doug mowed the blackberries in the meadow areas.
Patrick might know of a source for bamboo poles.

UW Student Volunteers for Spring Quarter

BIS 240 will continue with 2 volunteers

They want to add a Community Psychology course called "Prevention and Promotion". This would provide an additional 4 volunteers – about 15 hours for the quarter for each student. Maybe they could also work in the kitchen. Doug will check.

Douglas will be the primary contact for them. The Piglets will be the backup for Douglas.

Also they are asking one of us to make a short presentation on our host site on April 4th at UW Bothell.

There are registered dietitians that are required to do internships. Susie will work on getting it posted so that we could perhaps get dietitian interns.

Making Extra Money from Garden Produce

We need to think about options for getting a little bit of income for the budget.

Selling tomatoes

Workshops

Summer Garden Dinner or Christmas Gift Making on October 11th.

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Next Meeting –

Date - Monday, April 28, 2014

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Scribe – Patricia