

Biogaian meeting 11/24/14

Present: Susie, Brian, Helen, Doug, Sadhana

Facilitator: Susie

Notes: Sadhana

Agenda:

Irrigation system status

Doug and intern Amy did a project to put in extra valves to allow us to run water to the hoop house in the winter. One valve (by Dorothy's) wouldn't shut all the way so the system is currently not working. **Doug & Brian to get it fixed, hopefully by this weekend.**

Interns update

New intern is Stephanie, interested in community and permaculture. She may be willing to cook too. She is coming on Thursdays; Wednesday this week.

Work day report

Saturday, November 15. Lots of us were there (Brian, Doug, Sadhana, Patrick, Nancy, Jean, Hyra, Ian, Barb, Nartano, Susie). Hoop houses successfully tied down and cleaned up inside. Bean trellises taken down.

Trees & other ongoing work

Downed trees still need to be chainsawed. **Doug and Susie will work on this**, also ask James.

More apple pressing Friday.

Swale needs work – one idea is to extend the fence so the goats can help.

Budget

Current proposal is similar to last year. Can we ask for some more since we are short almost every year. **Agreed – we ask for \$2250 (raise of \$250) in the GTT budget.**

Does the CSA model still make sense under GTT system? Probably leave it as is. Food discussion circle coming early next year.

FIG idea for Earth Ship. What is the interest and purpose for it? Potential housing? Maybe start with a greenhouse or integrate into bigger permaculture designs. Projects are a way to get potential new members involved.

Next meeting – skip December, meet January 26, 2015.

Sadhana facilitator, scribe Brian