

Biogaians 5/26/14

Facilitator: Patricia

Scribe: Sadhana

Check-in – what have you been reading that has to do with nature?

Progress of the garden-to-table club

- Next step is meeting to elect officers, then we can open a bank account. Plan to transfer funds starting July 1st. Finance untangling to happen during June; Barb is helping. Biogaians may need to talk about dividing work/budget between “Songaia” landscaping and “GTC” food growing.
- CSA – new membership period starts June. Brian will contact last year’s members who haven’t responded.
- Tomatoes still selling, not gone, raised about \$80 so far. That more than pays for the tomatoes.

Report on bees and goats – clarify funding, chickens?

- Beehives all doing well; Brent and Kathleen still feeding them sugar.
- Goats – funding from Brent directly, also Stein family web donations. Brent will consider them his pets going forward. Need to resolve if their funding (if any) is part of Songaia’s budget or the GTC.
- Chickens? – Brent suggests the interns take on chicken raising & designing a secure and workable set-up. There needs to be a community decision process.

Report on fence

Design of gates and hinges is in progress. Could put up the rest of the fence (netting) when enough workers are available.

Wire from electric goat fence is available (Brent)

3rd hoop house base is built – move 1st cover on Saturday

Debrief with Max – after dinner Tuesday 5/27

Dirt pile – move to potting shed (Piglet list)

Wood chips – farthest west parking spaces? not big enough and not room for the truck

Oven – last year’s has been deconstructed. New one will need a roof, going near the currant bush in the NE corner. May need to move the currant. Use the driveway brick pile?

Bamboo dome – how to get it finished? Want to finish before summer solstice.

Black tubs/cherry tomatoes – looking for options on where to put them this year instead of next to Dorothy’s house. Try east end of the NE garden quadrant.

Food forest debrief of Piglets

Working more with “chop and drop” method of weeding, add woodchip mulch

Restoration Agriculture: Real World Permaculture for Farmers, by Mark Shepard and Anna Lappe

Recommended reading for all! Talk with Helen and Patricia for more info.

Next meeting: June 16th, gathering space design & planning

June 23rd meeting, Sadhana facilitating, Brian scribe

Topics:

Financial report (Patricia)

Chicken plan?