

Biogaian Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2013

Present – Brent, Brian, Doug, Helen, Kathleen, Katie, Patricia

Facilitator – Helen

Scribe - Doug

Check in question - What have you smelled in the garden these past weeks?

- Lilacs, Chives
- Calendula, Roses
- Wood chips
- Composted horse manure
- Roses
- Rabbit, caught in netting

Projects / Tasks Requiring a Decision

- *Machines in the North Bay of the barn.*
 - Katie will discuss the matter with Nartano.
- *Moving the wood-chip pile to an alternative location.*
 - We don't have a good alternative location. Brian will have a conversation with Tom.
- *Sorenson border clean-up*
 - The fishnet will be moved.
 - The compost pile (currently on LSC property) will be moved
 - A visual barrier. After discussion we decided this isn't the responsibility of anyone in the greater Songaia community. Patricia will send Oz an email regarding that.
 - Journeys will be moving in a trailer next to the stable this weekend.
- *Journey's workday on June 2nd*
 - The work part will be from 10:00am to 5:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.
 - Three Biogaians committed to participating.
- *Bagged earth workshop*
 - Natasha Clark will be coming May 28th to discuss the details of the workshop.
 - After a previous conversation Patricia had with Natasha, we decided that building a tent platform for the interns would be a more appropriate project.
 - We may need as much as 10 cubic yards of dirt for filling the bags.

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- Also need to purchase cement and the bags. Natasha will sell us the bags. Cement we can get at Home Depot.
- The workshop will be on Saturday, June 8th 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- We discussed marketing. James had offered to help with marketing but it isn't known what he has done. We could contact Marna and ask her to use the chickens Network she is part of.
- We will prepare the ground for the platform during the Journeys work party on Sunday.
- Brent has a lead on some free fill dirt. We will go get it with the truck.

- *CSA communications center*
 - Jean is working on a Blackboard/Bulleting board.
 - We need more stakes for marking crops and rows. We need 100 green stakes and 100 red stakes. Stakes in various lengths (12" to 48") are available at Home Depot inexpensively.
 - We will paint the stakes – Purple will signify "To Pick" and Red will signify "Don't Pick"

- *Septic field brush clearing*
 - The upper septic drain field needs to be cleared. Liam, who has done it in the past, is going into surgery soon and so will be able to do it. Tom has suggested that Kevin's stepson, Lenny (Aaron) do it.

- *Blackberry clearing*
 - We will use interns on this task from time to time.
 - The goats can be used for parts of the blackberry clearing but the area must be fenced and there are areas with a topography that making fencing difficult if not impossible.
 - A discussion of an electric fence for the goats was undertaken. Brent will research the cost of this type of fencing.

- *Tomato sales*
 - We have potted up about 90 tomato plants in 4-inch pots. Another 90 are still to be done. We will have about 120 tomato plants available to sell.
 - We discussed pricing and decided to sell the 4-inch tomatoes for \$3.25 each or 2 for \$6.00.
 - Katie will talk with the Church about registering.

- *Ft. Canby cleanup*
 - Patricia will talk to Susie about this.

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Reports

- *Summer Nights in the Garden*
 - Patricia came up with the idea of holding gatherings in the garden every Saturday afternoon and evening, weather permitting, for the duration of the summer.
 - It will be held in the gathering space east of the garden and west of the common house.
 - We discussed brining down logs to use as makeshift benches. We also discussed bringing down the round outdoor table and putting an umbrella in it. We had an umbrella at one point but don't know if we still have it.
 - A question about incorporating a meal into these meetings was asked. Each Friday will be advertised as pot luck snack and beverage. Patricia is okay with occasionally having some of the Fridays incorporate a full meal but that isn't the intended focus for every Friday. Doug offered to coordinate a full meal potluck occasionally.

Reports Not Covered

The meeting ran on too long and so the following topics were not covered -

- Students and interns
- CSA production
- Hoop house/winter garden 2012 and 2013
- Goats and bees

Summer meeting schedule

Meeting Date	Day	Facilitator	Scribe
May 27, 2013	Monday	Helen	Doug
June 11, 2013	Tuesday	Doug	Kathleen
June 24, 2013	Monday	Kathleen	Katie
July 15, 2013	Monday	Katie	Brent
July 29, 2013	Monday	Brent	Michael
August 19, 2013	Monday	Michael	Patricia
September 09, 2013	Monday	Patricia	Sadhana
September 23, 2013	Monday	Sadhana	Brian
October 21, 2013	Monday	Brian	Helen
November 18, 2013	Monday	Helen	Kathleen
December 16, 2013	Monday	Kathleen	Doug

Biogaian Meeting time is 7:30 pm.

Action Items

Katie will talk with Nartano about the equipment in the north bay of the barn.

Brian will talk with Tom about the wood chip pile.

Patricia will send an email to Oz reporting our efforts and decisions about the Sorenson request.

Patricia, Katie, Brent and Doug will prepare the ground for the bagged earth workshop during the Journeys Work party.

Brent will research the cost of electric fencing for the goats.

Jean will continue to work on the blackboard/bulletin board for the CSA communication area.

Doug will publish the minutes.