

## Biogaian Meeting Minutes

Nov. 24, 2020

Facilitator: Mary Scribe: Laura

Present: Mary, Ka, Laura, Helen, Sylvan, Anita, Matt, Jack, Brian

### Winter Composting

Anita will put out an email to recruit winter composters. Anita is also asking Biogaians to participate in composting over the next few months.

### Leaves

Mary has identified a spot for a community leaf pile. It is located in the corner at the SE corner of Windsong, west of the brown dumpster. Leaves will break down for use in the garden next season. Mary will send out an email to all of our leaf rakers! Bags of leaves may be placed in leaf bags and put in the goat shed.

### Rubbermaid shed

There is concern about the path between the Songaia driveway (near the green truck) and the compost piles. The path is narrow, there is an irrigation access point in the ground, the fig tree branches lean into the path, long poles are leaned against the shed. Mary asked the Biogaians to consider solutions that might include moving the rubbermaid tool shed. Sylvan, Anita and Mary will walk the path and consider solutions including a possible relocation site for the shed.

### Orchard work

Current work includes; raking leaves from around the trees, removing all fruit from the ground, applying compost tea spray and mowing the south orchard. Jack has offered to do the mowing. Mary will continue her work (any helpers?) and she will begin pruning in January and February.

### Microshelter

Anita and Matt presented their plan for a new micro- shelter. They have worked with Patrick on a plan for a building to sit on the second microshelter platform. Patrick has created a 3D drawing. Matt and Anita plan to donate their labor over the winter to build the shelter and include others in work parties. The project has been made possible through a generous donation! Walls will be built in sections (in the barn) and transported to the site.

### Winter Forest

CAPSTONE project is still on hold. \$500.00 donated to our project by UW Bothell. UW has informed us that the plant material for our project can stay where it is for the time being. Anita will present a timeline in line using the plan the students put together, and present it at the next Biogaian meeting. The plan may include weekly work parties.

### Budget Roundtables

On December 9th there will be a budget roundtable. It is at this meeting that the Biogaian budget will be discussed. Biogaians are encouraged to attend and answer any questions that may come up.

### Spending in 2020.

To be purchased before the end of the year;

pruning blades - Mary

cattle panel - Anita

aluminum shovel, pitchfork - Brent

Pole pruner - Mary

Orchard netting - Mary

twine, coconut coir, compost tea components - Anita

Broadfork? Sylvan will do further research about an appropriate broadfork. We will see if we have the necessary funds when all of the year end receipts are in.

#### Arborist

Brian reported on the work recently done by the arborists. There is more work that will be taken care of soon. Three trees will be taken down near the South orchard. Brian will report to the Biogaians in Dec. as there may be funds left over from what was allocated for 2020. Should there be funds available we may be able to use them for another purpose.

#### High Tunnel/FSA and NRCS

The application for the high tunnel (FSA) and conservation stewardship monies (NRCS) turned out to be much more complicated than anticipated. Anita now knows a great deal more about the Songaia Land Trust, our farm number, the role of Garden To Table permissions and the joys of bureaucracy! she will keep us posted.

#### Hoop Houses

The existing hoop houses need to be dismantled and the plastic removed so that it does not tear and can be used for another season. Eileen will ask David to take a look and see if he can be of help.

#### Next Meeting:

**Dec. 22, 2020 at 7:15**

Facilitator: Laura Scribe: Matt