

Biogaian Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2017

Present - Patricia, Doug, Brian, Zarifah, Mary, Sylvan, Jacob, Brent, Anita, MistyDawn

Wetland restoration

We own a strip of land from west side of lost lake to 39th ave. We are responsible for upkeep, but no official checks on it. We should do something as a community. Laura has visited with people from Snohomish Conservation. Might be able to get Eagle scouts on it? Should continue to be on the agenda for Biogaians to continue to consider.

Goats fence

How will they get moved to new spot? Fence is currently down, but staged around the next blackberry patch. Brent needs help putting up fence. Brian will help him tomorrow morning at 8:30.

Rabbit fence

Sylvan gave update. Learning about hardware, stapling in wire to posts. Christy helping. Christy's last day is coming up, will we be done? Sylvan thinks we will be ok. Getting wire up is big deal, the rest is details. Cannot weedwhack on cement board. May use cedar posts nailed to the outside to weedwhack against.

Oct 8th Pizza Fundraiser

Need to get the word out about fundraiser. Chris/Susie, Patricia's List, Facebook page. Inviting Neighbors from surrounding community--James?

Biogaian budget

Sylvan wants to know what budget is so that we can think about planting trees. Songaia landscaping budget probably has some money in it. Drawing of where we planted the trees is on the Songaia website.

Need a budget team. How has it been spent? How should we use it?
Brian/Anita/Helen?/Zarifah?

Meeting night

Monday or Tuesday? Zarifah has commitments every tuesday, but does not want that to get in the way of us changing the date. Birthdays were the main consideration for changing the meeting night. We will try out shifting it to second Tuesday of each month. Next biogaian meeting is the meeting about the budget on Tuesday Oct 10th.

Lost Lake Blackberries

Brent: they're gone from the goat area! Douglas: Blackberries have grown back 30 ft from culvert down into swale. Blackberries in culvert need to be taken care of. Perfect time to mow right now. Or in Nov/December. Aditi has been doing it with the field and brush mower, but will be gone. Mowed just around the top, not down in swale. Doug was using the weed wacker when he was doing it.

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Mary noticing that there are no community "harambes" happening lately. Could we harvest that energy and organize it? Plan regular harambe with CCC? Mary has her name next to harambe.

October garden harvest update

Apple pressing harambe. Not a big apple crop, but they're harvested and sitting.

Prune plums nearly ripe. Will they ripen off tree? Doug thinks so. We could pick, cut, and dry.

Concord grapes at LSC.

Quince in W Food forest. Can go later. Membrillo- piglets. Quince Cider- brian. Quince pie-

Sylvan can preserve for pies.

Sea buckthorn berries at LSC.

Aronia berries.

Need someone to adopt the green tomatoes and keep them warm inside so they can ripen throughout october/nov. Mary can get 1-layer boxes from work. Needs to be cool/dry.

Anita Garden Manager talk

Intern program feedback

October at the community meeting? Put question out there about intern feedback.

Task force for helping out Anita.

After dinner round table Tuesday the 24th, community can weigh in about intern program.

Suggest to CCC to give 15 min to Intern program feedback at next community meeting on the 21st. Brian will ask.