

Biogaians 9/23/13

October 5th circle to talk about intern program – Patricia will be at another commitment until 4 pm. Doug is willing to lead.

- Do we need a whole meeting on interns? Could talk about other garden issues, CSA, etc. There could be another whole circle (November?)
- Anyone with input please talk with Doug

Bansenauer yard project – they want to expand the raised beds around the corner to the back of the house. No objections from Biogaians.

Fall cleanup harambee – probably October 12 or 19.

Potential tasks:

- Harvest potatoes among blueberries and mulch blueberries
- Hoop house (see below)
- Stormwater swale (see below)

Patricia's schedule – she will be gone a lot over the next weeks (until mid-October). Someone needs to direct energy to the garden for the harambee day.

Hoop house – need to build the ends of the new one and winterize. Larry may work on it this weekend.

Pumpkins for carving – we have 7 or 8, maybe 9 big ones.

Long term landscape plan – early on we had worked on a plan and need to start again. Start a task force to work on this. Think about specimen trees, problem areas, maybe structural/hardscape plans. Doug, Katie, Brian, Patricia.

Yelm worm farm – Brent visited; to have a tour we need a group (school group or garden club).

Website <http://www.yelmworms.com/>

Brent will set a date and organize a trip.

Goat update – deadline for getting the electric fence to work has passed and we need a new proposal. Does the community want to keep the goats here and how to organize their care? Goat team and CCC are developing a survey. Should it be a circle topic instead? What do we do with the results? Brent is interested in having the goats be his personal pets, but the “goat debt” needs to be dealt with. The goats need training to behave right with the electric fence (or some other alternative to allow movable grazing areas). We have general agreement on reducing the number of goats to three. Brian and Brent will write a new proposal to bring to the community meeting, October 19.

Stormwater swale letter from Snohomish County – grass, remove blackberries, move trees. The blackberries are mostly gone. We need to remove the trees. Piglet group will address this, a potential work day task.

Focus on Farming conference – November 21

http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/County_Services/Focus_on_Farming/Information/Conferences/

Doug has attended before and recommends it.

Next meeting: October 28th

Sadhana leading, Helen scribe