

## Biogaian Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2014

Present – Brent, Doug, Laura, Susie, Helen, Patricia, Sadhana, Brian, Max

Facilitator - Brent

Scribe – Patricia

### Agenda

- Septic field cleared of brush pile
- Wood chip pile
- Intern application
- Tomato pricing
- Guardians of the Land
- Reports: Goats, Bees, Fence, Worms, Bio-swale, Farm to Table

### Guardians of the Land

Tom thinks that the Biogaians are in charge of the general look of the property including junk all over the place.

General disagreement that only junk that is related to the gardening/property care would be under the purview of the Biogaians.

### Wood Chip Pile & Horse Manure

Tom wants to have a conversation about the location of piles of organic matter and to walk the land to find an adequate plan for where they should be located. Patricia and maybe other piglets will make an appointment with Tom to do this. We need to have manure delivered while Larry and Kathleen are away camping so the trailer is not in danger. Patricia will find out when the trailer will be gone and Brent will make arrangement to have it delivered during that time.

### Tomato Pricing

We have 450 tomato starts that we would like to sell to help recoup cost of seeds. Want to sell about 250. Range between \$1.50 - \$3.50. Brian will draft the descriptions, Patricia will draft the email.

### Septic Field Cleared of Brush Pile

The septic field East of the parking lot needs to be removed. Journey's might be willing to help with the removal of it. Schedule for the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June – the 7<sup>th</sup>. Where would we move it? We will need to rent a chipper. Brian will be the liaison between the Biogaians and Journeys.

### Intern Applications

Leah Zipperman, a friend of Max and student at the same University who has some experience with Permaculture is wishing to be an intern. General agreement we should invite her. Perhaps she can stay with Susie. Max will invite her to the Festival of the Earth.

### Reports

Fence: 1<sup>st</sup> gate is nearly finished. Tom will install them.

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Worms: Doing well – will use the castings for tomatoes.

Goats: The three goats were given to the 4H. Sisters are now part of a breeding herd. Can we give away some of the fence panels we were using for moving the goats around. Not all of them - we will need them for working the goats this summer.

Bees: We have three hives of bees released and doing well. Queens are laying eggs in two of the three and the third one will be replaced. Mason bees are working.

Bio-swale: Completed and been approved. They will come every year to 18 months. The three trees that were in the swale are waiting for a plan on where to plant them.

Farm to Table: Proposal on the decision board.

### Two Meetings a Month

Starting in June. On the 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Next Meeting

Date - Monday, May 26, 2014

Facilitator – Patricia

Scribe – Sadhana