



# Biogaian Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 10, 2012

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## Check-in and Members Present:

Patricia (facilitating), Sadhana, Doug, Katie, Michael, Brent, Brian, Kathleen

**Favorite Abundance:** Tomatoes, Plums, Black Bamboo, Blackberries, Beans, Native Blackberries

## Reserve Spending Final Proposal

Doug reported that the proposal is not quite finished - especially challenging is the selecting the cart. Sadhana will help Doug work through the selection with input from Nartano.

## Garden Update

Patricia thanked those helping the garden flourish during her absence.

Doug reported on the completion of the new irrigation line down to the new food forest. The beans have done well even without a new drip hose.

Current focus is fall winter harvesting, preserving, cloching, cover cropping, and planting Need work on a double cloche in the northwest bed for winter crops. Lots of Asian pears available.

The plum trees on the south end are too shaded to produce. Decision to put the south border work and design into parking lot for winter/spring along with the tree removal discussion.

Moving forward on the shitake mushroom. Patricia spoke with Cyndi who said she would not stand in the way. Tad was a bit less clear, but seemed to go with Cyndi's lead. The Biogaians decided to move forward with harvesting two to three alders from the property. The current plan is to harvest the Alder on Sunday afternoon (9/16), then innoculate the following Sunday (9/30 - morning). Michael will take care of getting the materials (Steins are gifting the ~\$75 cost).

## Interns

Max and Adam would like to stay into part of October, continue to volunteer and go the Permaculture convergence. Patricia asked them to make a request to the biogaians for an extension.

We need to schedule an exit interview/assessment of the internship program. Also an idea for a volunteer appreciation party on Sunday 9/30 ( pizza, fire up the oven, ice cream social, libations, certificates of appreciation.)

## Workshops

Only two or three folks registered for the two workshops. Marketing is still a challenge. Michael mentioned that having more focus/energy on marketing would help. The interns have been researching nurseries and farmers' market options, social networking, and paid advertising. Michael will send out the flyers again. Decision to spend \$40 in advertising.

## Planting proposals

Idea for a bamboo stand near the bee hive. We would like Katie to research the habitat, preparation, and invasiveness of the proposed bamboo variety.



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Moving the blueberries to the food forest - not a lot of energy for this so decision to put this in the parking lot.

### **Bee Plans for 2013**

Currently two hives - a Langstrom Hive, a Top Bar hive. Brent would like to add a Juarez hive at no cost. Approved.

### **Wood Chips**

Some chips delivered today, but its been challenging to get consistent chips. Brent has been giving him some money for gas.

### **Kevin's Gift Trailer**

Kevin would like to gift a trailer to the Biogaians. Some interest and multiple concerns. Need clarity on how long to we would need to store the contents of the trailer. We'd like to have the interns check it out to see if it would be something useful for interns. Need more info before a decision.

### **Next Meeting**

Monday 9/24: Brian is facilitating. Helen is scribe.

Agenda items - Winter WOOFFers ideas