

Biogaian Meeting Minutes 9/27/22  
Facilitator: Helen  
Scribe: Laura

### **Announcements**

1. Please submit receipts for Reimbursement. It's budget time and the bookkeepers need them. Please begin thinking about budget requests for 2023.
2. Some NES grape vines have survived!
3. Ka is down- sizing and has tools to give away.

### **Discussion**

1. Free fencing boards. Ka will deliver them and stack them against the barn for temporary storage. When the wood area in the barn is reorganized the boards will go there. There are several uses for them planned. Some will be used on the microshelter.
2. Early brainstorming about reactivating forest care.  
points from discussion;
  - consult with Linzie Crowfoot?
  - work with UW students?
  - Can NRCS funds pay Anita for leadership on this project?
  - partnership with NW Indian College?
  - many invasives (including archangel, vinca and holly)

No decisions were made. Early idea for revisiting the project that was interrupted by COVID.

3. Meeting schedule change: the November meeting will be held on November 29, 2022.
4. Summer refrigerator usage  
When interns are here in the summer and others are also using the fridge more the result can be a very crowded fridge.  
There was brainstorming about this problem and Brian will take this to the FFF. Ka will return a small fridge which can be used in the intern area.
5. Eileen brought up a program called " National Park Backyards". She will do further research and report back her findings.

### **Garden/Intern report**

#### Interns

This is West's last week as a garden intern. She will continue to participate in the garden. Carter Byrd and Miranda will be completing their internships on Oct. 1. Interns have had many wonderful learning experiences this year including summer pruning demonstrations, a visit to Hawthorne farm and the Herb festival. The interview team (Brian, Laura, Patricia and Patricia) and Anita will be doing wrap up interviews with each of them. How very lucky we have been this year to have such amazing interns!

#### Garden

Fall/Winter planting has begun and we will be testing the season extending properties of the hoop houses.

Carter and others will be finishing up the ends of the hoop houses. Reuben will work on a system for roll ups for the sides.

Preservation Parties will begin on Wed. the 31st with Jacob.

Interns are rebuilding the drying racks in the dehydrators.

Interns will be adding new gravel to the beautiful new paths they have excavated in the garden.

Miranda is doing a primer coat on the side of the micro shelter to prepare for the painting of a beautiful mural. She is still asking for donations for painting supplies.

### **Water drainage system**

Paul has successfully completed his first year as lead for this annual inspection. Thank you Paul! Jodi (our inspector) will be out one more time and then sign off on our compliance.

### **Meadow cultural plantings**

Plants are doing well with watering and folks checking them. Invasives need constant vigilance.

Ka has organized work parties to work on this problem.

Josh (with NRCS) has been out and was impressed with our progress. He has put Anita together with another party in Monroe who will be doing another cultural planting project. Songaia out there on the cutting edge once again!

### **Orchard**

Mary (and others) have done lots of summer pruning. Plant People Northwest staff were here - interns joined them and Mary for a productive session.

We had three peaches on the new peach tree donated by Eileen and David.

The orchards need mowing. Jack is considering helping with this. Mary will be out of town for three weeks and she asks folks to watch the trees in her absence for harvest.

Crestsong food forest needs attention to weeds.

## **Next meeting Sept. 27**

Facilitator: Laura

Scribe: Mary

( note: November 29 for Nov. mtg.)