



## **ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 04/04/2019**

**Mission Statement:** ECO-Vrindaban promotes cow protection, local agriculture, and above all, loving Krishna, as envisioned by Srila Prabhupada, ISKCON New Vrindaban's Founder-Acharya.

**Participating Directors:** Chaitanya Mangala, Makara (chair), Olivia, Anuttama, Ranaka, and Vraja.

### **1. Ranaka's Monthly Report**

- Lalita Gopi (Temple Barn)
  - There are currently six cows who are giving 18 gal of milk daily: Jaya Radha, Usha, Surabhi, Subhadra, Lakshmi, and Anjali. (Jamuna is dry and preparing for retirement).
  - Parijata and Cintamani are due to calf in April.
  - There are three calves residing in the barn (Gaurangi, Jai Sri, and Puspavati).
  - There are also nine adult cows living in the barn
  - Anandavidya is making 30 lb of butter and 20 gal of yogurt weekly
  - He has also been emptying the temple compost bins into the manure pile with the tractor.
  - The Temple Barn is currently being painted
  - Temple devotees have begun holding go-puja outside the barn, near the calf pen
- Ray (Farm Hand)
  - Moved hay to Temple Barn and Nandagram as needed.
  - Barn and equipment maintenance.
  - Removed leftover paver bricks and brush next to brick yard to clear area for proposed high tunnel site.

- Continuing to pick up fencing material to help Caitanya Bhagavat with Nandagram fencing, as well as work on Valley Barn fencing with help from Ryan.
- Cleaned up winter manure pile at Temple Barn and spread it on the Community Garden.
- Disked Community Garden and Creek Bottom by Valley Barn
- Picked up potato seed from co-op and cut to seeding size, and prepared potato planter for planting.
- Finished upgrade on seed starting/transplant prep greenhouse.
  
- Caitanya Bhagavat (Nandagram)
  - Major spring fencing for whole of Nandagram and now working on Bahulaban pastures
  - Assisted veterinarian with pregnancy checks
  - General cow care and geriatric care for Tulasi
  
- Suchandra (Community & Teaching Gardens)
  - Groundcover laid at Vidya's
  - Vidya started marigold seeds, cherry tomatoes, and some other plants
  - Vidya has a new helper, Angie, who recently moved to the community
  - Hand-tilled five beds at teaching garden. The rest will be done with the tiller.
  - Brought the remainder of the bulb plants for the year (hyacinth and amarilla) to temple
  - Made tomato cages and started planning where they will be placed in the Teaching Garden.
  - Made a list of supplies that need replacing and organized hoses for set up.
  - Started planning for planting at the Community and Teaching Gardens
  - Suchandra, Vidya, Ranaka, and Ray met with Kacey to go over high tunnel order and placement.
  
- Ranaka (General Manager)
  - Working with Yoder's on the high tunnel proposal
  - Two pregnant brown Swiss milk cows (Parijata and Cintamani) were purchased by the INV fundraising department
  - Total herd count stands at 63.

## **2. Internal Funding Request: \$40K for High Tunnels**

WHEREAS: ECO-V wishes to extend the growing season for its gardening efforts.

RESOLVED: The ECO-V board authorizes up to \$40K for the purchase and installation of two high tunnels.

### **3. Internal Funding Request: \$7K for ATV**

WHEREAS: ECO-V wishes to maintain adequate vehicles for its farm related activities.

RESOLVED: The ECO-V board authorizes up to \$7K for the purchase of a Honda Rancher ATV.