



ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 3/15/2020

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: Anuttama, Jamuna Jivani (board secretary), Makara (chair), Ranaka, and Vraja.

Participating Advisors: Allegra, Chaitanya Mangala, Ishana, Jaya Krsna (partial), and Lalita Gopi

1. Ranaka's Monthly Report

Ranaka reported on the previous month's projects:

- Lalita Gopi (Temple Barn)
 - There are eight cows being milked daily: Parijata, Cintamani, Sita, Sriya, Vamsika, Jaya Radhe, Lalita, and Gopikatyayani
 - Lalita gave birth to a healthy bull calf named Bhisma on 2/25/20.
 - There are five calves at the barn: Satyabhama, Bhisma, Narada Muni, Yasoda, and Vaisnavi
 - The cows are producing 24 gal of milk daily.
 - Surabhi was retired and moved to the Valley Barn
 - Subhadra was dried off and moved to Nandagram for rebreeding.
 - Dhruva and Prahlad were moved to Nandagram.
 - Anandavidya is making butter three times per week, 25-30 lb. The temple has been making yogurt this month. We have a small sample of cheese for the joint board meetings.
 - Soil results for the Temple Barn goshala pasture were received. The soil meets all recommended standards except phosphorous. Rock phosphate can be purchased to

supplement. A nine-acre pasture will require a ton. Lalita Gopi is working on finding a local supplier.

- Ray
 - Transported hay to Temple Barn and Nandagram as needed.
 - Scraped the Valley Barn pads daily and tractor-scraped the aisles weekly
 - Equipment Maintenance

- Caitanya Bhagavat (Nandagram)
 - Daily general cow care and ensuring the safety of the Nandagram herd.
 - Monitored the herd numbers – four cows, 12 steers, and one bull.
 - Cow checks, arranged and facilitated veterinarian visits.
 - Monitored and supplemented Nandagram's winter hay stock
 - Facilitated, monitored, and cared for planned cow pregnancies.
 - General barn maintenance
 - Cut trees off fence lines and repaired fences.
 - Turned Nandagram herd out on pasture.

- Suchandra (Teaching Garden)
 - Covered stinging nettle
 - Cleared fence all the way around.
 - Started prepping beds along fence for bitter melon and squash.
 - Weeded throughout garden.

- Analaksita (Vidya & Valley High Tunnels)
 - Crew: Joseph, Noah, Nolin, and Daniel
 - High tunnel #1 is finished except for running drip tape.
 - Fill dirt was brought in HT #1 and spread, and then a layer of cow manure.
 - HT #1 was broad-forked and the beds were laid out.
 - Planted lettuce, kale, spinach, beets, radishes, turnips, carrots, fava beans, and a variety of flower bulbs
 - A second round of sprouts were started and transplanted
 - High Tunnel #2 has had as many rocks as possible removed and we are waiting on the ground to dry to start bringing in fill dirt and building up the soil.
 - At Vidya's, we have a greenhouse full of plants we have started and transplants that are ready to go in the ground.
 - Deliveries to the temple kitchen from High Tunnels
 - Kale bunches – 21
 - Radish (Daikon) bunches – 5

- Spinach bunches – 9
- Carrots – 8 lb

- Ranaka
 - Completed ECO-V financial review with Ram Associates, CPAs and emailed the final report to the ECO-V board members.
 - The oldest cow in the herd, Laxmi Sr. died on 3/4/20, she was 21 years old. With the birth of Bhisma on 2/25/20, the herd count remains at 67

2. Nandagram Garden House

The Garden House at Nandagram is vacant. The housing subcommittee has agreed to develop a plan for its use.

3. Spring On-site Meetings

The on-site meetings are canceled due to the covid-19 outbreak.

4. Srila Prabhupada's Vyasa Puja Offering Update

Lalita Gopi expressed her desire to hand off writing the offering to someone else. INV has agreed to take responsibility for it.

5. New Vrindaban Planning Department

The Board has requested that the committee proposing a revival of a planning department write up a more detailed proposal, specifically with suggestions on how they would envision participation from ECO-V.