



ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 6/14/2020

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, and Lalita Gopi.

1. Ranaka's Monthly Report

Ranaka reported on the previous month's projects:

- Lalita Gopi (Temple Barn)
 - There are seven milk cows in the barn being milked: Sita, Parijata, Vamsika, Jaya Radhe, Gopi Katyayani, Lalita, and Sriya.
 - There are three calves at the barn: Yasoda, Vaisnavi, and Bhisma
 - The cows are giving 25 gal of milk per day
 - Anandavidya is making butter twice each week, plus mozzarella cheese.
 - Anandavidya cleaned out the calf pen for the summer using his own tractor which is small enough to fit inside the barn.
 - Ferron, a local man from the area who is currently working at the Palace, has been helping with the milking occasionally.
 - Anandavidya cut the weeds out of the calf pasture.
- Ray
 - Mowed and baled hay around the Valley Barn with the help of Joshua Rama and Bhakta Joseph
 - 100 800-pound round bales were stacked in the Valley Barn to date
 - Maintained and repaired farm equipment.

- Delivered four bucket loads of manure from Community Garden to Gopal's Garden for new beds being installed there by Moksha and Steady
- Planted 700 lb of potatoes at the Community Garden with the help of Caitanya Bhagavat.
- Brush-cut at the Community Garden and three devotee parcels
- Seeded orchard grass and red clover in two-acre Valley Barn bottom field
- Caitanya Bhagavat (Nandagram)
 - Daily general cow care and ensured the wellbeing of the Nandagram herd
 - Monitored the herd numbers: four cows, 12 steers, and and one bull
 - Cow checks, arranged and facilitated veterinarian visits
 - Oversaw and supplemented Nandagram's hay stock
 - Facilitated, monitored, and cared for aging cows, cow pregnancies, and herd accommodations
 - General barn maintenance
 - Cut trees off fence lines and repaired fences
- Nandagram Crew (Joseph, Noah, Cassidy, and Daniel)
 - The crew in Nandagram has been working on the bull pen and fencing the back of Bahulaban with Caitanya Bhagavat. Once completed, Madhu (bull) and Subhadra (cow) will move from the barn to the pen outside.
 - Helped at the Temple Barn with milking the cows, clearing the overgrown trees/bushes on the fence line at the Community Garden, and removing mass tires to recycle from Bhagavad Gita Road behind the Palace of Gold.
- Monique
 - Researched social media content creation
 - Started our volunteer and employee series spotlight
 - Focused on a promo for the farmers market
 - Worked on promo for the Teaching Garden with a children's day for Shalagram's students.
 - Helped Suchandra put a mini crew together for volunteering in the Teaching Garden. This included ECO-V Alumni: Moriah, Monique, and Suchandra.
 - Took photos for social media content
- Suchandra
 - Tilled beds
 - Planted zinnias
 - Harvested mint
 - Weeded the lily beds and walkways throughout the month
 - Cleaned up dahlia beds.
 - Made two extra areas for large marigolds.
 - Mowed the grass

- Planted clematis vining plants donated by Suchandra and her mother on the middle pavilion.
- Started planting small marigolds
- Planted squash with cages throughout the garden
- Analaksita (Vidya and Valley High Tunnels + Vidya Outdoor Gardens)
 - Crew: Nolin and Tom
 - Harvested beets, carrots, fava beans, dahlias, and kale from High Tunnel #1.
 - Pruned and strung up 100 tomatoes plants in High Tunnel #1 and 160 feet of green beans
 - We ran our first farmers market this Saturday from 12 to 3. There were beets, carrots, fava beans, and several varieties of plants for sale.
 - High Tunnel #2 has been set up with the same layout as HT #1 and all drip tape irrigation systems are in place. Marigolds, peppers, kale and tomatoes were planted.
 - Shade covers were put on HT #1 and #2 and eight hanging fans have arrived to be installed to improve circulation in both high tunnels.
 - Planted 125 sweet potato plants at the Community Garden.
 - Trellis was built for the fava beans.
 - All garden properties have been mowed and weed-eated.
 - Sold 20 lb of beets and carrots, eight pounds of fava beans, and one dozen dahlias to the temple kitchen
 - Over 2,000 carnations have been harvested from Vidya's and most of the marigolds have been planted.
 - Production from High Tunnels for the month of May:
 - Kale – 33 lb
 - Radish (Daikon) – 20 lb
 - Spinach – 2 bunches
 - Narcissus – 35
 - Beet microgreens – 2 bunches
 - Carnations – 2,096
 - Marigolds – 88
 - Pheasants Eye – 50
 - White Fragrant Blooms – 30
 - Chinese Cabbage - 20 lb
- Ranaka
 - After submitting nine soil samples of the Valley Barn hay fields to the USDA a couple of months ago, all the paperwork was submitted for the lime cost sharing program this month.
 - The herd count remains at 67.

2. Update on Art Studio and Cabins

Lalita Gopi has been informing the community about the upcoming demolition of the art studio and the nearby cabins, and has been documenting stories from the community about the cabins. The work is anticipated to begin in the next one to two weeks.

3. Biannual Board/Staff Meeting

The board felt last month's board/staff meeting was positive and looks forward to future board and staff meetings.