



ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 7/19/2020

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: Chaitanya Mangala, Ishana, Kalakantha, and Lalita Gopi.

1. Ranaka's Monthly Report

Ranaka reported on the previous month's projects:

- Lalita Gopi (Temple Barn)
 - There are seven cows giving milk: Sita, Sriya, Parijata, Vamsika, Lalita, Jaya Radhe, and Gopikatyayani.
 - Usha is at the barn and expecting a calf this month.
 - There are three calves at the barn: Yasoda, Vaisnavi, and Bhisma.
 - The cows are giving approximately 22 gallons per day.
 - Butter making is continuing at 25 lb per week
 - Dr. Mores performed the operation to make Bhisma an ox.
 - Anandavidya keeps up with the cleaning of the dung and the hay feeding.
 - Badri Narayana prabhu has been helping with milking and cleaning a few times.
 - Other Volunteer ECO-V Projects:
 - 250 tires were cleaned up and brought to the free tire dump. Lalita and Brin learned how to take tires off rims.
 - Anandavidya, Joseph, Cassidy, Lalita, and Brinda moved tires from the brick yard to Madhuban.
 - Lalita cut the grass around the orchard and has a sign. A location for the sign must be chosen.

- Ray
 - With all the dry hot weather this summer, the first cutting of hay is finished on all fields. Ray was assisted by Joshua Rama and Bhakta Joseph. 679 800-pound round bales have been stacked between the Valley and Nandagram Barns to date.
 - Maintained and repaired farm equipment.
 - Hauled and spread a load of creek gravel behind the Valley High Tunnels and the road leading into the Kestner hay field.
- 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.
 - Planned and arranged for favorable social dynamics among the cows.
 - 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.
 - Continued fencing the back of Bahulaban. Started big renovation at the back of Bahulaban in order to implement rotational grazing.
- Bhakta Joseph
 - Crew: Noah, Cassidy, Bob, and Daniel
 - Made progress on the bullpen and are close to finishing the exterior structure. However, due to concern of near over-pasturing for the cows at Bahulavan, the crew has put a pause on the bullpen and switched gears to fencing a pasture behind Bahulaban.
- Monique
 - Social media posting and researching content.
 - Took photos of goshala and farmers market.
 - Spent time with the gurukuli's from Gopal's Garden
- Suchandra
 - Teaching Garden
 - Finished planting of small marigolds.
 - Bought mulch for walkways and beds
 - Got plants for pots, planted all pots.
 - Planted large marigolds and set up cages around them.
 - Put cages on Dahlia plants.

- Planted cherry tomatoes and basil.
 - Laid mulch in walkways.
 - Laid bricks around entrance area and beds in entrance.
 - Maintained Teaching Garden (mowing, weeding, watering, etc.)
 - Harvested around 100 vase flowers (zinnias, gladiolas, etc.)
 - Valley Barn Flower Beds
 - Cleaned beds up, dug up bad cannas, and laid bricks around both beds.
 - Planted small marigolds, cannas, and other plants throughout beds.
- Analaksita (Vidya & Valley High Tunnels, Vidya Outdoor Gardens)
 - Crew: Moksha, Hari Nama, Gopal, Melody, Savannah, and Elizabeth
 - Picked Roma tomatoes
 - Harvested green beans three times each week.
 - Planted cabbage, peppers, black beans, and basil.
 - Planted 120 tomato plants in High Tunnel #2 (sequential planting: 60 and then another 60 a few weeks later) and then another 180 feet of beans along with marigolds, peppers, and cucumbers.
 - A portapotty was delivered for staff at the Valley High Tunnels
 - We put in an approximate 50' x 6' foot experimental marigold garden outside the Valley High Tunnels. We would like to see if we can grow a field of marigolds without the animals bothering it. We also planted watermelon and butternut squash there.
 - Vidya's garden has gladiolas, dahlias, sunflowers and a variety of other flowers planted. She also has beets, cabbage, peppers, bitter melon, loki, and basil planted.
 - Fans were installed in Vidya's high tunnel to help with circulation and a timer for her drip tape irrigation system.
 - The farmers market is doing well. There have been several devotees participating. There has been live music every week by Devananda. He also sells homemade soap, candles, blackberry jam and walnuts. We have essential oil blends, sprouts, veggie burgers and brownies from Dharmakala, art (such as wood carving and painting of Jagannatha gourds), produce, T-shirts and cutlery from ECO-V available at the market. We have gotten lots of positive feedback from the community.
 - Sprouted Brussel sprouts and cabbage and have begun planning the fall crop for the Valley High Tunnels.
 - Production from the outdoor gardens and high tunnels for June 2020:

- Kale – 20 lb
 - Carnations – 11,999
 - Lettuce – 3 heads
 - Gladiolas - 20
 - Lilies -106
 - Zinnias - 80
 - Beets - 35 lb
 - Carrots – 35 lb
 - Dahlias – 177
 - Fava Beans – 13 lb
 - Green Beans – 13 lb
 - Marigolds (large) – 87
 - Marigolds (small) – 1,538
 - Roses - 60
- Ranaka
 - Art Studio demolition: Ishana prabhu is working on removing the stained glass windows, to be stored for possible future use. A roll-off dumpster has been delivered, and ECO-V's dozer has been moved to the site. The area around the Art Studio has been cleared and the two-story deck has been removed from the back of the building.
 - The herd count remains at 67.