



ECO-VRINDABAN

ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 8/27/2023

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 ECO-V Board Members: Jamuna Jivani, Makara (chair), Ranaka, and Vraja.

Participating Advisors: Chaitanya Mangala, Jaya Krishna, and Sri Badarayani

1. Ranaka's Report for July 2023

Ranaka reported on the previous month's projects:

- Lalita Gopi
 - Temple Barn
 - There are eight cows giving milk: Subhadra, Lalita, Parijata, Jayasri, Radhika Keshavi, Yashoda, Sumitra, and Pushpavati.
 - There are two heifer calves in the little field by the garden. Rupa and Makara.
 - There are four calves in the calf pen. Laksman, Jagannath, Kadamba, and Madhuri Radha.
 - The cows produced 29 gallons a day although there were a few weeks in July when there were only 24 gallons a day.
 - Anandavidya made 20-30 pounds of butter per week.
 - The drainage work is completed, although the heavy rainstorm messed up the hill just a little.
 - Jagannath, our new bull, was picked up from Ripvale Dairy in Bethany WV. Malati came along and we all offered respects to his mother. He had been separated from her since birth. He has been adopted by Parijata.
 - Sri Badarayani Prabhu has spent time with the young calves at the barn as well as the oxen up the hill. It made a big difference in their behavior. The cows are all well behaved, most days.

- Mukunda and his brother Narada Muni visited almost daily and helped with all tasks. They are wonderful.
 - We have many of the community members and INV staff that came to milk a cow from time to time. They are mostly young people. Some of them are really good at hand milking and also just humble helpers in all areas.
 - Our tour guides came daily, and we are so very grateful. Crowd control is in action as well as better communication with Hindi and Nepali speaking tour guides.
- Josh Starkey (Nandagram)
 - Scooped dung from the barn.
 - Helped with the hay making activities.
 - Installed a new tank float valve in the water fountain.
 - Checked Bahulaban and Nandagram cows.
 - Pulled a locust tree off the fence in Bahulaban.
 - Cut grass at Nandagram, School and Vidya's.
 - Worked on the Bahulaban barn soffit with Ray.
 - Cut grass and weed wacked around the Valley Barn.
 - Treated all cows for flies.
 - Purchased a dehumidifier for the Garden House.
 - Checked to see if the Field House basement needs a dehumidifier (It does).
 - Moved last year's hay bales around to make room for the new hay at Nandagram.
- Ray
 - Delivered hay to the Temple Barn, fed and cleaned the Valley Barns as needed.
 - Brushed Hogged Frazier Bottom & Valley Barn Pasture.
 - Installed a temporary electric fence at Temple Barn to be used during the barn construction.
 - Plowed and rotovated plot next to the Valley High Tunnel #1 for the new outside garden space.
 - Cut, baled and stacked hay in the Valley Barn – (32) 1st cutting and (36) 2nd cut round bales with the help of Josh Starkey and Pippalada. Total 1st cutting harvested in 2023 to date is 377. Total 2nd cutting harvested in 2023 to date is 36. The grand total is 413.
 - Continued soffit repair on the Bahulaban barn.
 - Mowed around the Valley High Tunnels.
 - Combined two old hay rakes, we made one workable one.
 - Mowed and weed whacked around the Valley office and barns.

- Yudhisthira das (The New Yamuna Valley Farms) - Ox Training Report
 - Finished the new shelter for the oxen; with hay storage on the upper level.
 - Ray delivered bales and I rolled them into the barn with the help of gravity as the ground slopes from the unloading area down to the barn.
 - The oxen are in excellent condition and have plenty of shade and cold spring water to drink.
 - I routinely yoke them up every morning and have them pull a fairly heavy sled.
- Badarayani (Ox Program)
 - Trained all 5 steers, Govardhan, Nadulal, Kaustubh, Nrsimha and Raghunath.
 - Govardhan pulled a cart from the Ox training center to Temple Goshala for the Kids Summer Camp.
 - Govardhan is regularly walking and pulling the cart.
 - Second cart was also taken to Temple Goshala with the help of a tractor for the Kids Summer camp.
 - The kids painted both carts.
 - Nrsimha started his training with a yoke.
 - Kadamba and Lakshman are walking every day to the temple devotee kitchen.
 - Milked every wednesday evening, whenever I am there.
- Hari Nama (Vidya's Garden and High Tunnel)
 - Weeded the high tunnel and garden.
 - Maintained the garden beds.
 - Weed whacked and kept the garden fence perimeter in check.
 - Put supports on plants.
 - Watered the high tunnel and flowerpots.
 - Recovered some of the walkways with fabric to help with the weed control.
 - Harvested: Marigolds, Lilies, Gladiolus, Dahlias, Calla lilies, Tuberose, and Rudbeckia.
- Vidya Production from High Tunnel and Garden for the month of July 2023:
 - Carnations – 2,666
 - Dahlias Large - 249
 - Gladiolas – 146
 - Lilies large – 137
 - Lilies X- Large – 77
 - Marigolds Large – 2,343
 - Marigolds Small – 2,166
 - Roses Tube - 65
- Suchandra (Valley High Tunnels One and Two plus Greenhouse & Outside Garden)
Crew: Lila, Bhumika, Christine, and Sudar.

- High Tunnel 1
 - Cleaned up the back area in the high tunnels, tilled and made new bed areas for planting.
 - Planted rows of beans, some summer squash and zucchini.
 - Hung more support netting for the cucumbers.
 - Pruned and trained tomato plants as they grew.
 - Planted carrots, eggplant, and beets.
 - Installed header line to the split drip tape so the back area can be watered separately from the front area, also fixed any noticeable leaks.
 - Weeded/watered as needed.
 - Sewed holes in the screen on High tunnel sides.
 - Pulled collards that were done.
 - Harvested cabbage, collards, tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, peppers, beets, dahlias, and marigolds regularly.
- High Tunnel 2
 - Planted summer squash, beans, and eggplant.
 - Replaced cucumber plants that needed it.
 - Planted marigolds.
 - Fixed leaks in the drip tape.
 - Weeded and watered as needed.
 - Tilled the walkways.
 - Hung more support netting for the cucumbers, pruned and trained tomato plants.
 - Tied zinnias to stake to keep them up.
 - Harvested beans, beets, tomatoes, cucumbers, hot peppers, green peppers, eggplant, zinnias, dahlias and marigolds.
 - Replaced the broken fan.
- Outside Garden
 - Planted corn, peppers, tomatoes, lettuce, Indian spinach and more.
 - Lila made a structure for bitter melon and planted some with morning glory.
 - Lila maintained strawberry plants, weeding, and deadheading first flowers.
 - Weeded/watered as needed.
 - Lila and Mukunda put cages up for the tomatoes and peppers.
 - Harvested 147 pounds of potatoes.
 - We pruned tomato plants and other plants that needed it.
 - Harvested lots of zucchini, summer squash, cucumbers, cabbage, lettuce, beans, Indian spinach, kale, swiss chard and more
 - Also harvested lots of flowers, gladiolas, zinnias, marigolds, liatris and more.

- Planted beans in succession.
 - Pulled and cleaned up any plants that were done and cut back dead leaves on zucchini, cabbage and other plants that needed it.
 - Ray fixed the electric fencing, we ordered. Ray put up more electric fencing for the new outside area.
 - Laid ground cover on the new outdoor area.
 - Lila laid plastic for the fencing.
 - Weeded around the high tunnels.
- Greenhouse
 - Lila weeded and laid white waterproof plastic around the greenhouse.
 - Bhumika started seeds as needed and Christine transplanted them.
 - Watered daily.
 - Replaced the hose.
- Teaching Garden
 - Jai Sri did a lot of the weeding and most of the harvesting.
 - I planted lilac trees that Vidya gave me.
 - Planted bitter melon and morning glory in the teepee and planted morning glory along the pavilion in the center of the garden.
 - Watered when needed.
 - Sudar mowed the garden weekly.
 - Suchandra weed whacked around the garden.
 - Laid mulch in more beds.
 - Deadheaded potted plants and marigolds.
- Production from Teaching Garden July 2023
 - Gladiolas – 400
 - Globes – 24
 - Liatris - 10
 - Lilies Large – 400
 - Marigolds Large - 50
 - Marigolds Small – 6,400
 - Zinnias Small - 100
- Vidya's High Tunnel and Production from Valley High Tunnels #1 and #2 plus Outside Garden for July 2023:
 - Basil – 9 lb
 - Beets – 34 lb
 - Beet Greens – 7 lb
 - Broccoli – 20 lb
 - Broccoli Greens – 6 lb
 - Cabbage – 378 lb
 - Carrots – 18 lb
 - Cauliflower – 181 lb
 - Celery – 12 lb
 - Cilantro – 1 lb

- Collard Greens – 32 lb
- Cucumbers – 776.5 lb
- Dahlias Small – 349
- Dahlias Large – 171
- Eggplant – 33 lb
- Endive – 4 lb
- Gladiolas – 205
- Green Beans – 50.5 lb
- Kale – 14.5 lb
- Lettuce Mixed – 29.5 lb
- Liatris – 7 lb
- Marigolds Large – 1,267
- Marigolds Small – 4,624
- Mint - .5 lb
- Nasturtium – 2 lb
- Okra – 1.5 lb
- Peas – 1 lb
- Peppers Hot – 15 lb
- Peppers Red, Yellow, Green – 9.5 lb
- Potatoes – 147 lb
- Radish – 2.5 lb
- Ranunculus - 30
- Spinach – 13 lb
- Squash Yellow – 504 lb
- Sunflowers – 81
- Swiss Chard – 64 lb
- Tomatoes – 602.5 lb
- Zinnias Large – 419
- Zucchini – 845.5 lb
- Ranaka
 - Have been working with Rama Associates on Eco-V's 2022 Financial review. Waiting for the final signed copy after corrections were made to the first draft.
- Radha Vrindaban Chandra's Herd Count
 - Temple Barn Herd Count
 - Milking Cows-8
 - Heifer Calves-3
 - Bull Calves-2
 - Future Breeding Bull-1
 - Bahulaban Herd Count
 - Steers-3
 - Retired Cows-19
 - Open Cow-1
 - Valley Barn Herd Count
 - Bred Cows-4
 - Heifers (not yet breeding age)-2

- Retired Cows-3
- Steers-4
- Nandagram Herd Count
 - Steers-11
 - Bull-1
 - Heifers being Bred-3
- Community Garden Herd Count
 - Oxen in Training -5
- Yudhisthira Herd Count
 - Oxen in Training- 2

Total herd count is 72

2. External Funding Request: \$60K Grant for Gopal's Garden 2023-24 Academic Year

WHEREAS: The ECO-V Board wishes to continue its support of a school in the New Vrindaban community.

RESOLVED: The ECO-V Board approves a grant of \$60K for Gopal's Garden 2023-2024 academic year with the expectation that the school will come into compliance with the CPO's requirements by November 1st, 2023.

3. Fall 2023 On-Site Joint Board Meetings

- Nov 10-12, 2023 dates confirmed.
- Vraja and Makara will represent ECO-V on the planning subcommittee.

4. Internal Funding Request: \$4K for Gift T-Shirts for Fall 2023 Joint Board Meetings

WHEREAS: The ECO-V Board wishes to acknowledge the dedication of key community members, as well as offer a token of appreciation to the INV and ECO-V staff and volunteers.

RESOLVED: The Board approves up to \$4K as a budget for Sri Gopalnathji 40th anniversary t-shirts gifts for November 2023 onsite meetings.