



ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 9/27/2020

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 Board Members: 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 cows at the barn: Sita, Sriya, Lalita, Usha, Gopi Katyayani, and Vamsika are being milked. Jaya Radhe is dried off and will be bred with Madhu soon.
 - There are three calves at the barn: Bhisma, Vaisnavi, and Radhika Keshavi.
 - Malati donated broom heads and Anandavidya and Bhakta Sean installed them for the cows to scratch on.
 - Harley, Jacob, and Nick have been milking the cows often. They were able to complete the milking on their own, which gave Anandavidya and Lalita Gopi an evening off.
 - Puspavati is currently with Dharma for breeding. Parijata is likely pregnant and is out with the herd again.
 - The flower containers will be removed from the barn and benches will be installed in their place.
 - 25 gal of milk per day and 20-30 lb of butter per week are being produced.
 - Gopi Katyayani had a rough fall and smashed her horn badly. Dr. Mores will be coming to check on her.
 - Bahulaban herd count:

- 17 Retired Cows
 - 7 Steers
 - Valley Barn herd count:
 - 1 Bull
 - 3 Bred Heifers
 - 1 Being Bred Heifer
 - 2 Open young Heifers (not yet breeding age)
 - 1 Old Cow separated from the rest of the herd
 - 3 Retired Milk Cows
 - 2 Retired Cows
 - 2 Steers
- Ray
 - Baled an additional 15 bales of second-cutting hay from the Valley Barn fields. Ray was assisted by Joshua Rama with tedding and raking. To date, 714 800-pound first-cutting round bales have been stacked between the Valley and Nandagram barns with an additional 86 second-cutting bales stacked in the Valley Barn. The total of bales for 2020 is 800. We are finished with hay making for the year.
 - Spread 100.82 tons of high calcium agricultural lime on Valley hay fields.
 - Spread 20 loads of composted manure on Valley hay fields.
 - Maintained and repaired farm equipment.
 - Cleaned up years of accumulated waste behind the new high tunnels. Filled and shipped the fourth 30 cubic yard roll-off container.
- Caitanya Bhagavat (Nandagram)
 - Daily general cow care and ensured the safety of the Nandagram herd
 - Monitored the herd numbers:
 - 1 Bull
 - 3 Yearling Steers
 - 1 Bred Milk Cow
 - 3 Oxen
 - 3 Retired Cows
 - 7 Steers
 - Planned and arranged for favorable social dynamics among the cows
 - Took safety precautions for inclement weather
 - Cow checks and facilitated veterinarian visits
 - Monitored and supplemented Nandagram's hay stock
 - Facilitated, monitored, and cared for aging cows, cow pregnancies, and herd accommodations
 - General barn maintenance
- Bhakta Joseph

- Crew: Noah, David and Bob
- Finished up another new pasture for cows on the backside of Bahulaban
- Crew fenced behind Bahulaban and cleared the pasture for next year
- Updated equipment and gathered material for the bullpen.
- Maintained the Nandagram farm, cleared potentially hazardous dead trees, and repaired the fence line.
- Finished winterizing the bullpen.
- Suchandra (Teaching Garden and Valley Barn Flower Beds)
 - Teaching Garden and Barn
 - Basic garden maintenance:
 - Weeding
 - Watering
 - Deadheading
 - Mowing and weed-whacking
 - Harvesting
 - Picked and delivered to the temple Deity department in August:
 - Small marigolds – 3,000
 - Large Marigolds - 100
 - Zinnias, Small – 500
 - Zinnias, Large - 300
 - Dahlias – 30
 - Clover Flowers – 200
 - Gladiolas – 30
 - Torch Flowers - 30
- Analaksita (Vidya and Valley High Tunnels + Vidya Outdoor Gardens)
 - Crew: Moksha, Hari Nama, Gopal, Melody, and Elizabeth
 - Vidya's Garden
 - Harvested marigolds, bittermelon, loki, tomatoes, sunflowers, peppers, and dahlias.
 - Planted carrots, beets, and green beans
 - Kale, green and red cabbage, romaine lettuce, and brussel sprouts were sprouted and transplanted, and then planted. Also, giant carnations, eucalyptus, and blue eucalyptus have been sprouted and transplanted.
 - Vidya and Analaksita successfully propagated a fig tree from the one in the front yard.
 - Valley High Tunnels #1 and #2
 - Harvested tomatoes, marigolds, red peppers, basil, cucumbers, black beans, watermelon, and kombucha squash.

- Seeded and planted cilantro, celery, lettuce mix, marigolds, romaine lettuce, carrots, radishes, kale, beets, green and red cabbage and brussel sprouts
 - The Farmers Market is going well and has had much community involvement. Some highlights include:
 - Vidya has been bringing vegetables and plants to sell
 - Devananda plays music every week and various devotees join him, such as Advaita, Pippalada, Lila Suka, Jesse, Anandavidya, and Analaksita.
 - Lalita Gopi and her family have vegetables for sale
 - Production from outdoor gardens for August 2020:
 - Valley High Tunnels 1 & 2
 - Dahlias - 688
 - Marigolds, Small - 4,591
 - Marigolds, Large - 354
 - Tomatoes - 470 lb
 - Green Beans - 78 lb
 - Green Peppers - 16 lb
 - Cucumbers - 60
 - Hot peppers - 2.5 lb
 - Vidya's Garden & High Tunnel
 - Small Marigolds - 2,803
 - Large Marigolds - 2,492
 - Green Peppers - 1 lb
 - Bittermelon - 118 lb
 - Tomatoes - 246.5 lb
 - Basil - 9 bunches
 - Gladiolas - 6
 - Sunflowers - 179
 - Loki - 49 lb
- Ranaka
 - The Art Studio demolition project is still underway. The plan is to pull the top half of the building down with the dozer on October 4.
 - Due to a typographical error by the monument company, all three commemorative monuments are being replaced by them, free of charge.
 - Devananda has finished painting the Valley Barn board fences and deck around the front offices. He is now painting the Valley Barns.
 - Kalindi, a mixed breed red cow with a white face died on 8/27/20. She was old and had bad hips. The cow had been residing away from the rest of the herd in the pen next to my office for about the last year. Kalindi was estimated to be about 18 years old. With her death, this brings the herd count to 67.

2. Internal Funding Request: \$15K for Stone and Aggregate Purchase for Bahulaban Heights

WHEREAS: The ECO-V Board wishes to develop a property and make it available for sale to those wishing to live in the New Vrindaban community.

RESOLVED: The Board authorizes up to \$15,000 for the purchase of stone and aggregate which will be used to lay the roads in the Bahulaban Heights property development site.

Email vote

Internal Funding Request: \$5K for the Brush Clearing at Bahulaban Heights

WHEREAS: The ECO-V Board wishes to make property available for those wishing to live in the New Vrindaban community.

RESOLVED: The Board approves up to \$5,000 to clear brush at the Bahulaban Heights property development site.

Announcement

The ECO-V Staff Appreciation event will be held on October 3. There will be presentations given by staff members and volunteers, and the entire community is invited. Those unable to attend in person may join on Facebook Live or Zoom.