



ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 2/21/2021

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: Chaitanya Mangala, Ishana, and Jaya Krsna

1. Ranaka's Monthly Report

Ranaka reported on the previous month's projects:

- Lalita Gopi (Temple Barn)
 - There are eight cows being milked: Sita, Sriya, Lalita, Usha, Jayasri, Gaurangi, Gopi Katyayani, and Subhadra.
 - Jayasri delivered a baby bull on January 31, 2021. His name is Pradyumna.
 - Gaurangi delivered her bull calf on February 6th. He is named Aniruddha.
 - Altogether there are four calves at the goshala: Radhika Keshavi, Sumitra, Pradyumna, and Aniruddha
 - Sumitra developed scours (a contagious virus) and was treated with antibiotics, but has recovered. Also, Aniruddha showed some signs of scours and was treated with antibiotics. He is well now.
 - Harley assisted two to three times each week
 - Vamsika was retired (possibly temporarily) to the Valley Barn.
 - Bhisma is now at the Valley Barn with the mid-sized calves.
 - Carin Yacoub, a woman who visits the goshala from Ohio and has an affection for the cows, has donated new collars. We have color coded the blood lines and the cows' names are written in their new colorful collars.
 - The cows are producing 26 gal of milk each day.
 - Anandavidya is making 20-30 lb of butter per week

- Brandon and Harley helped with some barn cleaning during a difficult week of births.
- A nice woman is visiting NV for a few months. Her name is Osea. She has been helping in the barn.
- The cows have been receiving occasional gifts of boxes of bananas and jaggery which they love very much and bring them joy on these cold days.
- Bahulaban Herd Count
 - Steer - 1
- Valley Barn Herd Count
 - Bull - 1
 - Bred Heifers - 3
 - Being Bred Heifer - 1
 - Open young Heifers (not yet breeding age) - 2
 - Retired Cows - 20
 - Steers - 7
- Ray
 - Fed cows
 - cleaned Valley Barn
 - Moved hay to RVC Barn as needed
 - Plowed snow off roads and driveways
- Caitanya Bhagavat and Bhakta Joseph (Nandagram)
 - Daily general cow care and barn maintenance
 - Monitored the herd numbers:
 - Bull - 1
 - Steers - 3
 - Cow being bred - 1
 - Ox - 3
 - Retired Cows - 3
 - Steers - 9
 - Checked on Gopinath at Bahulaban
 - Coordinated with vet to check sick oxen (Nandi and Bhisma-Nitai). Nandi was developing pneumonia and Bhisma has extreme arthritis.
 - Fed medicinal grain to ox to prevent pneumonia
 - Worked on renovating the main barn
 - Repaired front swing doors, due to extreme weather and cows leaning against doors they broke open
 - Repaired poles in main barn as they have been tilting over the years from cows and weather
- Hari Bhakti (Outreach Department)

- Visakha and I posted 23 posts on Facebook this month and 21 posts on Instagram. One video posted so far on YouTube.
- Strengthened our outreach efforts by creating attractive ECO-V related content on social media and in this way also appreciating ECO-V staff and volunteers.
- Continued our ECO-V quiz on Facebook as an educational outreach strategy to promote ECO-V's mission by actively interacting with the local (devotee) community as well as the broader public through social media. In this way we also increase our organic social media reach and grow our page.
- Suchandra (Teaching Garden & Valley Barn Flower Beds)
 - Activities on hold until better weather returns
- Moksa (Vidya's Garden and High Tunnel)
 - Crew: Hari Nama & Gopal
 - High tunnel has been cleaned up and empty rows covered for weed prevention.
 - Path behind house cleared of cut bamboo and little bamboo.
- Analaksita (Valley High Tunnels #1 and #2)
 - Crew: Melody
 - High Tunnel #1:
 - Performed "sweeps" with one of our special tools we bought for prevention of weeds and are watering when needed
 - checked the soil temperature, fertilizer levels, and pH levels every few days.
 - Followed growing schedule charts for safe times for planting in high tunnels and consulted with Kacey Gatzner
 - We have had some really cold nights, so I decided to pause on planting all plants in the sprouting station for a few days until after the cold weather passes.
 - High Tunnel #2:
 - Dahlias have been planted down the middle row. The soil temp, pH and fertility are optimal.
 - Outside High Tunnel Building Cleanup (former Brickyard Building):
 - chainsawed down the trees growing in between the barn and the concrete wall next to it. All the branches were removed and placed into a burn pile for burning.
 - designated an area for scrap metal and for garbage and have cleared up as much of the smaller debris as possible.
 - Ray came with the tractor and removed the bigger metal debris directly beside the High Tunnels, to clear the area for our washing/processing station we will be setting up.
 - Weed-eated around the building and around the big heavy metal objects in the field so Ray can see and remove them more easily.

- Inside High Tunnel Building Clean-up:
 - Ranaka and I walked around the entire area and assessed what can be thrown away and what needs to be saved.
 - designated an area upstairs to store materials.
 - The garbage was removed from that area, organized and we began carrying things upstairs.
- Sprouting Station:
 - Watering every other day
 - Fertilized weekly
 - ensured temperature, fertility and humidity are good.
 - Began sprouting more vegetable seeds
 - talked to the kitchen staff and Mother Mallika about what the temple would like us to grow for them.
 - I have started a Facebook page under my spiritual name (Analaksita Devi Dasi) that is strictly work and temple related as a platform to take pictures and post what we have been doing.
- Production from outdoor gardens and High Tunnels (Vidya, HT #1 & HT #2) for the month of January 2020:
 - Vidya High Tunnel:
 - Carnations – 50
 - Carrots – 5.5 lb
- Ranaka
 - No Art Studio demolition progress due to cold, snow, and ice.
 - Yearly audit with Ram Associates, CPA's has been postponed until April to coincide with INV's schedule.
 - Harley has been coming down from the temple to hand scrape manure off the rubber pads at the Valley Barn. Anandavidya helped me with hay feeding this week. Joseph hauled a load of hay from the Valley Barn to Nandagram after I instructed him on the proper procedure for adding air to liquid filled tractor tires and maintaining proper air pressure on wagon tires.
 - Making calls in regard to purchasing hay, our stock is low, and I don't want to come up short before spring.
 - With the births of Pradyumna and Aniruddha, the herd count is now 67.

2. External Grant Request: \$20K for Gopal's Garden 2020-21 Academic Year

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

RESOLVED: The Board approves a grant of \$20K for Gopal's Garden 2020-21 school year contingent upon meeting ISKCON Child Protection Office requirements by June 2021.

3. Internal Funding Request: \$7K for Human Resources Services

WHEREAS: The ECO-V Board wishes to remain in alignment with local and federal laws regarding employee rights as the organization grows.

RESOLVED: The Board approves up to \$7K for HR services for 2021.