



ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 4/11/2021

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), and Ranaka

Participating Advisors: Chaitanya Mangala, Ishana, and Kalakantha (partial attendance)

1. Ranaka's Monthly Report

Ranaka reported on the previous month's projects:

- Lalita Gopi
 - Temple Barn
 - There are seven cows giving milk: Usha, Sita, Sriya, Lalita, Jayasri, Gaurangi, and Subhadra
 - There are three calves at the barn: Sumitra (Subhadra), Aniruddha (Gaurangi), and Pradyumna (Jayasri)
 - The cows are producing 25 gal of milk per day
 - Anandavidya processed 20-30 lbs of butter per week.
 - Gopikatyani was moved to Nandagram.
 - Jaya Radhe (now hopefully impregnated) went to Bahulaban from Nandagram.
 - Radhika (calf) went from the Temple Barn to Valley Barn.
 - Osea has been helping a few times a week and is working with the guests a bit.
 - Hari Vilas helps from time to time.
 - Anandavidya is working with the two male calves on practicing basic commands during milking times.
 - John fixed the trailer lights.

- Lalita milks by hand twice a day for the pleasure of Krsna and the guests.
At present, guests are not allowed to milk.
 - Bahulaban Herd Count
 - Steer - 1
 - Bred Heifer - 1
 - Valley Barn Herd Count
 - Bull - 1
 - Bred Heifers - 3
 - Yearly Steer -1
 - Being Bred Heifer -1
 - Open young Heifers (not yet breeding age) - 2
 - Retired Cows - 19
 - Steers - 7
- Ray
 - Fencing at Valley Barn and Bahulaban.
 - Prepared to move cows from Valley Barn to Bahulaban pastures for the summer.
 - Feedings and cleaning at Valley Barn.
 - Moved hay to Temple Barn as needed.
 - Picked up 1,000 lb of potato seed and stored it in the HT building for cutting.
 - Disked potato fields at Community Garden and cut seed
 - Cleared debris around Valley High Tunnel area with tractor
 - Finished adjusting and attaching hasps and locks on Valley High Tunnel screen doors.
- Caitanya Bhagavat (Nandagram)
 - Daily general cow care and barn maintenance
 - Monitored the herd numbers:
 - Bull - 1
 - Steers - 12
 - Ox - 3
 - Cow being bred - 1
 - Retired Cows - 3
 - Checked on Gopinath and Jaya Radhe at Bahulaban
 - Fed Meloxicam to Bhisma (cow with arthritis)
 - Repaired fence lines at Nandagram.
 - Began to move cows on Nandagram pastures for the summer.
- Hari Bhakti (Outreach Department)
 - 23 posts on Facebook this month and 18 posts on Instagram. The content featured the cows, activities and life on the farm, changing seasons, the flora and fauna, some of ECO-V's staff and volunteers, and Srila Prabhupada

- 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)
 - Teaching Garden
 - Started prepping front beds and adding compost, all done without tiller by hand
 - Started weeding walkways and edges of bed.
 - Planned areas with Jayasri where dahlias are being replaced to figure out what will go in those beds (ordered lily bulbs, gladiolas and a few dahlias to put in them).
 - Organized shelf in front of shed.
 - Brought equipment/tools to the garden that had been stored at my house to be stored in shed.
 - Sorted through cages to bring some down to high tunnels for dahlias.
 - Gave Vidya a number of marigolds needed in the garden this year.
 - Started prepping area where Ambadar had plants for a few large marigolds (need tiller for that area to finish).
 - Valley Barn & High Tunnels
 - Tilled and mixed compost in two beds in front of the barn by hand.
 - Planted dahlias from Teaching Garden in High Tunnel #2 and put cages on them, brought a few extra cages for other dahlias.
- Moksa (Vidya's Garden & High Tunnel)
 - Crew: Hari Nama & Gopal
 - More outdoor beds fertilized and covered.
 - Old veggies and old plastic in the high tunnel removed.
 - Re-laid new plastic and planted dahlia bulbs.
 - Sowed radishes, carrots, beans, and lettuce.
 - Hyacinth, kale and other flower harvests.
 - Regular watering and cloth cover maintenance.
 - Celery transplanted.
 - Windstorm recovery
 - Other general clean up.
 - Outer fence of high tunnel almost complete.
 - Analaksita and crew installed French drain.
- Analaksita (Valley High Tunnels #1 and #2)
 - Crew: Sri Nitai & Bella

- High Tunnel #1
 - Header line on drip tape system ordered and replaced.
 - Screen doors were finished by Ray so they can be shut and locked at night.
 - The shade cloth was put on. We already reached temperatures of 107.
 - Maintained watering and weeding on a regular basis.
 - Harvested red cabbage, spinach, purple kale, radishes, napa cabbage, baby beet greens, baby swiss chard and celery.
 - Planted 10 yellow zucchini plants.
 - Several beds were prepared for our next planting.
- High Tunnel #2
 - Header line also replaced.
 - Regular weeding and watering maintained.
 - Smooth leaf kale and romaine lettuce were harvested.
 - Transplanted 10 zucchini, peas, 25 Roma and 25 Heirloom Brandywine tomato plants.
 - Screen doors were finished by Ray.
- High Tunnel Building and Outdoor Cleanup
 - Ray cleared the soon-to-be wash station with the tractor of debris including busting some old concrete and clearing it. We then pressure washed and gathered three stainless steel tables from the Valley Barn.
 - The field was cleared of the tarps laid out to prep the outdoor garden.
 - Ground cover was folded and put away.
 - Another section of the High Tunnel Building was cleaned out.
 - The majority of plants in the sprouting station were moved to the Valley High Tunnels and will be planted this week.
 - At Vidya's, we had gravel delivered and finished the French drain for her high tunnel preventing the flooding on the east side. This also extended her marigold garden.
 - The farmers' market area was cleaned, tables brought in and is almost ready to open. Lots of devotees are excited about selling their handmade products.
- Production from outdoor gardens and High Tunnels (Vidya, HT #1 & HT #2) for the month of March 2020:
 - Vidya High Tunnel:
 - Brussel Sprouts – 1 lb
 - Kale – 11 lb
 - Salad Mix – 1 bag
 - Spinach – 1 bag
 - Chinese Cabbage – 8 lb
 - Hyacinths – 113

- Valley High Tunnels:
 - Kaleabration Salad Mix – 10.5 lb
 - Purple Kale – 12 lb
 - Green Kale – 3 lb
 - Smooth Leaf Kale – 7.5 lb
 - Radishes – 3 bunches
 - Baby Beet Greens – 4 lb
 - Baby Swiss Chard Greens – 3 lb
 - Spinach – 28 lb
 - Napa Cabbage – 70 lb
 - Ranaka
 - Spoke to a Morton Building representative in regard to an estimate on a Valley Barn maintenance shop.
 - Collected all the necessary paperwork and made the first grant payment to the New Vrindaban Village Association in the amount of \$4,751.58 per their request.
 - Joseph is now reporting to me daily and working from the Valley Barn.
 - Remuna, a retired Holstein/Jersey mix cow who would have been 12 years old this July, died on 3/15/21 from natural causes.
 - With the death of Remuna, the herd count is now 66.

2. External Funding Request: \$7.5K for ISKCON Ministry for Cow Protection and Agriculture

WHEREAS: The ECO-V Board wishes to support cow protection and sustainable agriculture throughout ISKCON.

RESOLVED: The Board approves a grant up to \$7,500 to the North American IMCPA for its expenses for 2021. This grant is contingent upon 1) the NA IMCPA's 501(c)(3) status being current and in good standing, and 2) IMCPA providing a financial report for ECO-V's 2020 grant.

3. External Funding Request: INV Apartment Loan Amendment

WHEREAS: The ECO-V Board wishes to invest a significant portion of the proceeds from the gas lease to fund an endowment for the future care of the cows, and simultaneously support the growth of the INV community.

RESOLVED: The Board replaces the 3/14/21 resolution with the following terms:

The Board authorizes up to \$945K for a 30-year loan to INV for a new apartment

building. The interest rate will be 3.5% for the first three years and 4% for the duration of the loan. INV will be required to provide collateral in the equivalent amount of mineral rights acreage: \$10K per full acre. The principal and interest from this loan will go into the ECO-V cow endowment fund.