



## **ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 5/29/2022**

**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 and Jaya Krsna

### **1. Ranaka's Monthly Report**

Ranaka reported on the previous month's projects:

- Lalita Gopi (Temple Barn)
  - There are seven cows being milked. Subhadra, Gaurangi, Jaya Radhe, Puspavati, Gopikatyayani, Yashoda, and Satyabhauma.
  - There are four calves at the barn: Govardhana (ox), Kaustubha (bull calf), Nandulala (bull calf), and Bahula (heifer).
  - The cows are producing 30 gal per day.
  - Anandavidya has been making 20-30 lb of butter weekly.
  - Repaired and repainted the fence surrounding the Palace
  - Repainted the interior barn walls
  - Some volunteers helped at the barn: a boy from Krishna Village, Emmanuel, and Pranatakaruna.
  - Badarayani has been steadily working with the bull calves and the results are becoming visible.
  - Cleared dead trees from the fields
  - Anandavidya did the spring cleaning, removing bedding from inside the barn.
  - Many guests have been visiting.
- Atmarama (Nandagram)
  - Finished bull pasture.
  - Finished oxen summer pasture.

- Started spring cleaning, mowing, and weed-eating.
- Continued removal of brush and fallen trees.
- Continued maintenance of the barn and garage.
- Began planting new grass in several bald areas.
- Began planning for a visitor's area in the big barn.
- Removed all manure from the bull barn and bullpen area.
- Ray
  - Delivered hay to the Temple Barn as needed.
  - Provided feed and cleaned the Valley Barns daily.
  - Mowed grass around the Valley Barns.
  - Buried Gopal and Ganga at the Valley barn.
  - Repaired spring fence at the Valley Barn.
  - Disked, fertilized, and planted 1,100 lb of potato seed with Atmarama at the Community Garden
  - Chisel plowed and disked the outside garden next to Valley High Tunnels.
  - Moved 22 cows to Bahulaban pastures from Valley Barn with Anandavidya.
- Yudhisthira das (Ox Training)
  - Completed the new fence pasture fence. Anandavidya brought the oxen back to New Yamuna Valley Farm April 21.
  - Made a larger yoke from a seasoned cherry log
  - The oxen resumed their training program on April 27
- Suchandra (Teaching Garden & Valley Barn Flower Beds)
  - Teaching Garden
    - Planted dahlia bulbs.
    - Mixed peat moss in wet beds.
    - Planted peas in the teepee area.
    - Started cannas in pots for the garden
    - Put more chicken wire around the bottom of the fence.
    - Started tilling beds.
    - Relayed plastic on tilled beds.
    - Spread some mulch and rock.
    - Transplanted some marigolds.
    - Checked and cleaned the mower.
    - Mowed/ weed whacked
    - Weeded some areas
  - Flower Beds
    - weeded
- Hari Nama (Vidya's Garden & High Tunnel)
  - Grounds maintenance
  - Cleaned the high tunnel

- Weeded garden and high tunnel.
- Cut back carnations and eucalyptuses.
- Prepared high tunnel beds for early marigold planting.
- Vidya started and transplanted early marigolds.
- Planted marigolds in the high tunnel.
- Planted lily bulbs in the garden.
- Put ground cover around the high tunnel.
- Prepared transplanting trays
- Analaksita (Valley High Tunnels #1 & #2, plus Outside Garden)
  - High Tunnel #1 and #2
    - covered and uncovered the plants according to temperature daily.
    - Watered plants daily or as needed.
    - Tilled and planted all beds.. We have several types of tomatoes, several types of lettuces, hot and bell peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, zucchini, broccoli, cauliflower, green beans, cilantro, lacinato kale, mint and a variety of flowers.
    - Regularly recorded temperatures, humidity, and pH levels
    - Harvested and delivered spinach, lettuces, collard greens, mint, and lacinato kale to the Temple kitchens.
  - Garden Barn
    - Pressure washed and painted the field side of the barn.
    - Regularly cleaned the inside
  - Office Greenhouse
    - Regularly sprouted, transplanted, fertilized, and watered many vegetable plants, herbs and flowers
    - Brought all cold weather plants down to the high tunnels.
    - Opened and closed windows daily according to temperature.
  - Outdoor Gardens
    - Expanded the outdoor garden from 60' x 80' to 120' x 145'.
    - Disked the outdoor garden
    - Covered the side garden with ground cover and burned holes for planting.
    - Covered plants on nights with possible frost.
    - Planted several types of cabbages, cauliflower, Swiss chard, broccoli, arugula, and two types of kale. We had two planting parties that were enjoyed by the residents.
  - Production from Valley High Tunnels #1 & #2 for the month of April 2022:
    - Collard Greens – 11.5 lb
    - Kale – 10.25 lb
    - Lettuce – 17.5 lb
    - Mint - 1 lb

- Spinach – 42.75 lb
- Ranaka
  - Ganga, a retired Brown Swiss Milk cow, died from old age; she would have been 18-years-old in August.
  - Gopal, a Holstein steer, also died of old age; he would have been 15-years-old this coming December.
  - Jett's Construction installed 4,800 feet of high-tensile fence across the street from the former Bahulaban complex. Six cows have been moved into the area.
- Temple Goshala Herd Count
  - Milking Cows - 7
  - Heifer Calf - 1
  - Bull Calves - 3
- Bahulaban Herd Count
  - Steer - 4
  - Retired Cows - 17
  - Bred Heifer - 1
  - Bred Cows - 2
- Valley Barn Herd Count
  - Bull - 1
  - Bred Heifers - 2
  - Being Bred Heifer - 1
  - Bred Cow - 1
  - Open Heifers (not yet breeding age) - 2
  - Retired Cows - 6
  - Steers - 3
- Nandagram Herd Count
  - Steers - 11
  - Oxen - 3
- Yudhisthira Herd Count
  - Oxen-in-Training - 2
- The total herd count is 67.