



ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 12/11/2022

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

1. Ranaka's Monthly Report - November 2022

Ranaka reported on the previous month's projects:

- Lalita Gopi (Temple Barn)
 - There are seven cows being milked: Satyabhauma, Parijata, Vaisnavi, Gopi Katyayani, Lalita, Usha, and Surabhi.
 - One cow, Radhika Keshavi, is expecting
 - There are four calves: Nrsimha, Vidya, Padmagandha, and Raghunath
 - The cows produce 28 gal of milk per day.
 - Anandavidya makes 20-30 lb of butter per week.
 - Gopal's Garden School children came for a Gopastami festival. They brushed cows and decorated them with handprints, jewels, and cloth. The children fed the cows and offered a puja with kirtan. There was a game of charades, songs, and pizza with warm milk. Anandavidya made the mozzarella locally.
- Josh Starkey (Nandagram)
 - Put hay in the little ox pen every four days.
 - Purchased a water warmer for the little oxen.
 - Moved the water trough for the little oxen.
 - Cut and removed some brush along the driveway.
 - Caught a raccoon at Nandagram.
 - Cleaned up some of the big pile of trees and stumps at the end of the road.
 - Put in 13 bales of hay for the large cows at the beginning of the month and four at the end.
 - Purchased dewormer and treated the bull two different times this month.

- Set post for little oxen barn wall.
- Ran extension cord from pole to little oxen water tank.
- Started feeding little oxen in other building for the winter.
- Moved some cow dung into garden area.
- Troubleshoot the solar gate opener.
- Traveled to the Valley Barn to fill up the Nandagram tractor with fuel.
- Ray
 - Delivered hay to the Temple Barn as needed.
 - Fed and cleaned the Valley Barns as needed.
 - Finished building ox cart for Badarayani.
 - Dug a ditch with the backhoe from the 500-gal propane tank to the new greenhouse to install a gas line.
 - Backfilled the ditch and repositioned the propane tank.
 - Applied approximately 50% of the siding to the un-sided area of the Bahulaban barn with help from Josh Starkey.
 - Moved 20 cows from Bahulaban pasture to the Valley Barn with help from Anandavidya.
- Yudhisthira - Ox Report (New Yamuna Valley Farms)
 - Fixed the sled by adding new runners and added weight to it which they have no trouble pulling.
 - Continued to work on a new hay shed with a root cellar in the basement.
 - Utilized recycled materials, locust posts, and stone that I quarried.
- Suchandra (Teaching Garden, Valley High Tunnels #1 & #2 plus Greenhouse & Outside Garden)
 - Teaching Garden
 - Cleared more marigolds.
 - Dug up dahlias and canna bulbs.
 - Cleaned shed area out, moved tiller and some garden tools down to high tunnels.
 - Pulled Zinnias and other annual plants
 - Cut back and worked on thinning gladiola bulbs.
 - Cut back rose bushes and lilies/daylilies.
 - Cut back shrubs planted behind the garden and covered them with mulch.
 - Disconnected hose and stored away.
 - Started removing extra fencing.
 - Removed and stored cages.
 - Cleared weeds from lily/gladiola and dahlia beds.
 - High Tunnel #1
 - Crew: Lila and Bhumika

- Sue, Lila, and Bhumika planted kale, collard greens, lettuce, and Bok choy.
- Sue tilled one bed for planting.
- Bhumika started broccoli and some other greens in trays and transplanted zinnias, marigolds, and Bok choy.
- Sue cut back and cleaned up the celery.
- Bhumika cleaned up the front of the tunnel to prevent mice from nesting.
- Sue harvested the last of the bean plants.
- Lila pulled the bean plants.
- Sue and Lila added more hoops and cloth for covering and replaced any drip tape that was leaking.
- All of us weeded, watered, and covered and uncovered plants when needed.
- Sue bought and strung up lights for visibility when covering after dark.
- Sue and Bhumika harvested spinach, celery, and daikon radish.
- High Tunnel #2
 - Bhumika started beet and radish seeds in the ground between the peppers and eggplants.
 - Sue, Bhumika and Lila harvested the last of the beans.
 - Lila pulled bean plants.
 - Sue added more cloth for covering plants.
 - Bhumika cleaned/cleared up the front area
 - Sue cut back okra.
 - Sue bought and strung up lights for visibility when covering after dark.
 - All of us weeded, watered, covered and uncovered when needed.
 - Harvested spinach, radishes, lettuce, and parsley.
- Greenhouse
 - Everything was cleared out to start on ground prep.
 - Sue weedwhacked and leveled out the ground by adding dirt and digging out roots and pieces of metal
 - Bhumika added plastic around the edges to lay before the gravel is added and cleared the weeds around the outside edge of the greenhouse.
 - Tejo installed the heater and the propane tank was delivered.
- Outside Garden Area
 - Lila took down the electric fence.
 - Lila pulled and cleared most of the plants with Sue's help.
 - Lila rolled up most of the groundcover.
 - Moved potted plants inside Tunnel #2.
 - Cleaned up the front of the high tunnels and moved the pots to the middle area.

- Cleaned around the wash station.
 - Building/Shed Area
 - Lila cleaned out and organized.
 - Bhumika sorted seeds in a seed box.
 - Sue moved the Wi-Fi box into the building.
 - Seeded plants and added seeds to jars for storing.
 - Bhumika dried some herbs on racks and did most of the seeding.
 - Bhumika harvested and delivered veggies to people in the community.
 - All of us sat down and picked out seeds for ordering.
 - Production from Valley High Tunnels #1 & #2 for November 2022:
 - Arugula - 2 lb
 - Celery – 21 lb
 - Chard – 1 bunch
 - Cilantro – 2 bunches
 - Green Beans – 14 lb
 - Red, Green & Yellow Peppers – 11.5 lb
 - Hot Peppers – 23 lb
 - Lettuce – 2 lb
 - Parsley – 4 lb
 - Radish – 31 lb
 - Spinach – 33 lb
 - Squash, Winter – 131 lb
 - Tomatoes – 17.5 lb
- David Nava (Vidya’s Garden & High Tunnel)
 - Continued winter shutdown of the garden.
 - Tilled, fertilized, and covered beds.
 - Cut down shrubs and bushes.
 - Covered final plants with straw
 - Brought plants into Vidya’s basement
 - Watered the greenhouse.
 - Production from Vidya HT for November 2022:
 - Carnations – 950
 - Dahlias – 36
 - Eucalyptus – 1 large bunch
 - Marigolds, large – 150
 - Marigolds, small – 1,750
 - Peppers Hot – 10 lb
 - Tuberoses - 24
- Ranaka

- Sita, a 10.5-year-old retired milk cow, passed away after an unfortunate accident during transport from the Bahulaban pasture to the Valley Barn. Since the accident, the cow trailer has been upgraded to include strips of wood on the floor to reduce the possibility of the cows slipping. We have also instituted a policy of closing the center gate when there are only two cows in the trailer.
- Radha Vrindaban Chandra's Herd Count
 - Temple Barn Herd
 - Milking Cows - 7
 - Heifer Calves - 2
 - Bull Calf - 2
 - Bahulaban Herd
 - Steer - 1
 - Retired Cow - 1
 - Valley Barn Herd
 - Bull - 1
 - Being Bred Cow - 1
 - Bred Cows - 6
 - Open Heifers (not yet breeding age) - 2
 - Retired Cows - 21
 - Steers - 6
 - Nandagram Herd Count
 - Steers - 11
 - Ox - 6
 - Bull - 1
 - Heifer being Bred - 1
 - Yudhisthira Herd Count
 - Oxen-in-Training - 2
 - The total herd count is 71.

2. Spring On-Site Meetings

The new dates for the spring on-site meetings are March 31-April 2 2023.

3. External Funding Request: \$7K for the Completion of the Yogashala Walkway

WHEREAS: the Board wishes to support the local New Vrindaban community.

RESOLVED: The ECO-V Board allocates up to \$7K to INV for completion of the Yogashala walkway.