



ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 2/26/2023

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: Jamuna Jivani, Makara (chair), Ranaka, and Vraja. Anuttama did not attend this meeting.

Participating Advisors: Chaitanya Mangala and Jaya Krsna (partial attendance)

Recording Secretary: Vrajakisori

1. Ranaka's Monthly Report January 2023

Ranaka reported on the previous month's projects:

- Lalita Gopi (Temple Barn and Vidya's Garden and High Tunnel)
 - Temple Barn
 - There are seven cows being milked: Parijata, Subhadra, Usha, Radhika Keshavi, Jayasri, Lalita, Vaisnavi.
 - There are four calves: Padmagandha, Raghunath, Rupa, Makara.
 - The cows produce approximately 28 gallons per day.
 - Anandavidya made 20-30 lb of butter per week except for time during kitchen renovation which made it impossible.
 - Rasalila has been milking a cow every evening.
 - Sri Badarayani Prabhu usually milked once a week..
 - Jayasri delivered her heifer on Makara Sankranti and her name is Makara.
 - Moved Gopi Katyayani to Nandagram with Danavir (bull).
 - Received Christmas presents from Temple gift donations: ropes, hand towels, soap.
 - Vidya's Garden & High Tunnel

- Cut back dead plant growth on carnations and tube roses.
 - Cleaned up the high tunnel a little bit.
 - Put manure into the garden bed.
 - Took down the fence railing, opened the plastic and added manure to the area in front of the garden (peony and carnations). Put the fence back up.
 - Used the propane torch to clear the fence line. Cut back trees and vines on the fence. Removed all the debris from the garden.
 - Cleared out a couple loads of unneeded old stuff (garbage clutter).
 - Opened the garden fence and brought manure to the individual beds. Spent eight hours cutting back bamboo, finished about 3/4 of the forest.
- Josh Starkey (Nandagram)
 - Assisted Ray in repairing the barn door that had been blown off by the wind.
 - Dewormed the 14 oxen with molasses-based wormer blocks.
 - Cleaned up some wood and trash from around the old cabin.
 - Placed the hay ring back in the bullpen outside by the gate.
 - Put the rain gutter back on the garden house.
 - Spread old hay around Garden House to soak up some of the mud.
 - Fueled up tractor and ATV.
- Ray
 - Delivered hay to Temple Barn, fed and cleaned Valley Barns as needed.
 - Repaired the large sliding door on the Nandagram Barn that had been damaged by the wind.
 - Hauled limestone to and spread on the Bahulaban driveway.
 - Built nine 4'x 8' wood tables with welded wire tops for the new Valley Greenhouse.
 - Moved nine dump loads of cow dung from Nandagram to Jaya Krsna's house and four loads to Lalita Gopi's high tunnel.
- Yudhisthira (The New Yamuna Valley Farms)- Ox Training Report
 - Worked on our new hay shed.
 - Trained the oxen to respond to voice commands from a distance of 20 feet away.
 - The oxen are doing well.
- Suchandra (Teaching Garden, Valley High Tunnels One and Two plus Greenhouse & Outside Garden)
 - Crew: Lila & Bhumika
 - Teaching Garden
 - Cleaned up and disposed of dead marigolds that had been pulled in some areas and not removed.
 - Pushed dead plant debris pile over the hill to make room for more.
 - Cleared dirt and gravel that was piled in front of the back gate after they had moved gravel into the back area to help with mud.
 - Cleaned patio area in back.
 - Moved cages and stacked along the back of the fence.
 - Dug up some of the cannas that had rotted and didn't get out in fall.

- Filled in groundhog holes and areas where they go under shelf in back with rocks and cement blocks.
 - Set up traps in one area to direct groundhogs that way when they come out of hibernation;
- High Tunnel 1
 - Started seeds on seed shelf: broccoli, arugula, collard greens, Napa cabbage, tomatoes, Bok choy, lettuce and some others.
 - Pulled pepper plants, left a couple to see if they come back.
 - Dug up all the celery plants.
 - Put compost around plants.
 - Transplanted some of the seeds that were started.
 - Added more hoops to rows that needed them.
 - Planted some broccoli, arugula, and Napa cabbage.
 - Temporarily fixed area of pipe that froze and broke after December storm freeze.
 - Watered, weeded, and covered plants when needed.
 - Harvested arugula, Bok choy, Chinese cabbage leaves, kale, collard greens, spinach, lettuce, and rainbow chard weekly.
 - Took temperature daily starting in the middle of the month.
 - Fixed foam on the door to insulate better.
- High Tunnel 2
 - Weeded, watered, and covered plants when needed.
 - Direct seeded peas, beets, radish, spinach, thyme, carrots.
 - Brought cages in for peas.
 - Fixed holes in drip tape.
 - Started taking temperature every day in the middle of the month.
 - Fixed foam on the door for better insulation.
 - Harvested radish, chijimi sai greens, parsley, beets, carrots, Bok choy, microgreens, and spinach weekly.
 - Pulled pepper and eggplants, left one or two of each to see how they do.
 - Disassembled large metal plant shelf/warmer and stored in barn to be set up in greenhouse when ready.
 - Bhumika delivered produce to devotees.
 - Processed seeds.
 - Bhumika processed dried herbs and delivered them to the temple.
- Outside Area Barn Area
 - Moved all the potted carnation plants into high tunnels.
 - Cleaned the room out with squash stored in it, washed and delivered what was left to the temple.
- Greenhouse
 - Ray finished tables for plants.
- Production from Valley High Tunnels #1 & #2 for January 2023:
 - Arugula – 9.5 lb
 - Cilantro - 4 lb
 - Beets – 2.5 lb

- Bok Choy – 46 lb
 - Cabbage – 1 lb
 - Carrots – 7 lb
 - Collard Greens - 10 lb
 - Dried Tea, Mint & Spices – 1 lb
 - Kale – 10.25 lb
 - Lettuce – 13.5 lb
 - Parsley – 2.5 lb
 - Radish – 14.75 lb
 - Salad Greens – 12.5 lb
 - Spinach – 12.5 lb
 - Squash Winter – 248 lb
 - Swiss Chard - 1 lb
- Ranaka
 - AEP installed the Generlink at Valley Barn.
 - Ordered and delivered a Generlink to the Temple Barn.
 - Rama, a steer that came to us from the Canada herd in October 2017, left his body behind the Valley Barn this month. The cause of death is unknown.
- Radha Vrindaban Chandra's Herd Count
 - Temple Barn Herd
 - Milking Cows - 7
 - Heifer Calves - 3
 - Bull Calf - 1
 - Bahulaban Herd Count
 - Steer - 1
 - Retired Cow - 1
 - Valley Barn Herd Count
 - Bul l- 1
 - Being Bred Cow - 1
 - Bred Cows - 5
 - Open Heifers (not yet breeding age) - 2
 - Retired Cows - 21
 - Steers - 5
 - Nandagram Herd Count
 - Steers - 14
 - Ox - 4
 - Bull - 1
 - Heifers being Bred - 3
 - Yudhisthira Herd Count
 - Oxen in Training - 2

The total herd count is 72.

2. FY22 Finalized Operating Budget Approval

WHEREAS: The ECO-V Board wishes to review ECO-V's income and expenses for the previous year.

RESOLVED: The Board approves a finalized operating budget of \$422,665.75 for 2022.

3. FY23 Operating Budget Approval

WHEREAS: The ECO-V Board wishes to set projections of ECO-V's income and expenses for the upcoming year.

RESOLVED: The Board approves an operating budget of \$450,000 for 2023.

4. Update on Renewing Advisors

- Advisors who will be returning; Chaitanya Mangala, Jaya Krsna, Kalakantha, Karunamayi.

5. Spring Onsite Meetings

- Subcommittee created, consisting of Jamuna Jivani, Makara, Ranaka, and Vraja.

6. Internal Funding Request: up to \$2K for Gardening Gloves Appreciation Gift

WHEREAS: The ECO-V Board wishes to acknowledge the dedication of key community members, as well as offer a token of appreciation to the INV and ECO-V staff and volunteers.

RESOLVED: The Board approves up to \$2K as a budget for bamboo garden gloves to distribute during the March meeting weekend.