



ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 5/17/2020

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 Directors: Anuttama, Jamuna Jivani (board secretary), Makara (chair), Ranaka, and Vraja.

Participating Advisors: Allegra, Chaitanya Mangala, Ishana, Jaya Krsna, Kalakanta (partial attendance), and Lalita Gopi.

1. Ranaka's Monthly Report

Ranaka reported on the previous month's projects:

- Lalita Gopi (Temple Barn)
 - Currently milking seven cows: Parijata, Sita, Sriya, Jaya Radhe, Vamsika, Gopikatyayani, and Lalita. They are giving 23 gal of milk daily.
 - A total of three calves are in the barn: Bhisma, Vaisnavi, and Yasoda.
 - Narada moved to Nandagram having graduated to the intermediate age and for his upcoming surgery.
 - Dr. Mores examined Parijata's foot.
 - Vyasasan voluntarily repaired some fences
 - Anandavidya is making butter and cheese: cheddar, Monterey Jack, and a Velveta-like cheese.
 - Devananda, Vrindavannath, Allegra, Lalita, Visakha, and Brin volunteered in the Madhuban orchard.
 - INV assisted with creating a sign for the orchard.

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- Transported hay to Temple Barn as needed.
 - Maintained and repaired farm equipment.
 - Hauled an additional dump trailer of topsoil from the Frazier bottom to Valley High Tunnel #2.
 - Delivered two dump trailers of manure from Nandagram to devotee residences.
 - Rotovated High Tunnel #2 & graded the outside area behind it.
 - Fabricated a smaller bucket for the tractor loaders that fits between the doors of the High Tunnels.
 - Did a second disking of the Community Garden potato fields and garden plots.
 - Used ECO-V's flatbed truck to pick up an order from Lowes and delivered it to the Nandagram bullpen project.
- Caitanya Bhagavat (Nandagram) - assisted by Joseph, Noah & Daniel
 - Daily general cow care, cow checks, arranged and facilitated veterinarian visits, and ensured the well-being of the Nandagram herd.
 - Monitored the herd numbers – four cows, 12 steers, and one bull.
 - Oversaw and supplemented Nandagram's hay stock.
 - Facilitated, monitored, and cared for aging cows, cow pregnancies, and herd accommodations.
 - General barn maintenance.
 - Cut trees off of fence lines and repaired fences
 - Started fencing the back of Bahulaban
 - Reinforced the original structure of the Nandagram bullpen by placing posts in between the originals and fastening them with new boards across. The Nandagram team also began to add on to a three-sided shed, for the bulls' protection during hectic weather, and duplicated the structure on the opposite side for a two-option safe haven.
- Suchandra (Teaching Garden)
 - Weeded lily beds, walkways, and other areas.
 - Planted dahlia bulbs and prepared the area for more hyacinth and tulip bulbs.
 - Mowed the grass and worked up some of the beds.
 - Secured the fence line from rabbits and groundhogs
 - Determine how much mulch will be needed for the garden
 - Set up the hose and collected sprinklers from the Community Garden to use in the Teaching Garden.
- Analaksita dd (Valley High Tunnels and Vidya's High Tunnel & Garden) - assisted by Nolin, Hari & Moksa

- o High Tunnel #1 had 20 lb of each delivered to the temple kitchen:
 - Kale
 - daikon radish
 - Chinese cabbage
 - turnips
- o Produce was harvested and delivered to devotees, including lettuce, spinach, beets, beet greens, and kale.
- o Beets, carrots, and green beans were replanted.
- o Tomatoes survived our recent frosts by being covered with ground cloth at night.
- o Plants were fertilized with the new injector system for the first time.
- o Neem oil and copper were sprayed on plants to help with aphids and mold.
- o Ladybugs were ordered to help with aphids.
- o High Tunnel #2 has had fill dirt brought in and manure spread and then tilled twice. The beds are being prepared now for planting.
- o Vidya's High Tunnel has been planted with tomatoes, marigolds, spinach, beets, bitter-melon and some red cabbage.
- o Carnations, marigolds and pheasants eyes have been harvested and delivered to the temple this month. The property has been mowed and weed-eated.
- o Vidya's garden has peas and kale that were planted coming up along with the peonies, lilies, and asparagus. The tomato beds had manure added, and were broad-forked and leveled.
- o Vidya planted 40 tomato plants and some peppers.
- o The storage building next to the teaching garden where the market will be was cleared out and measured for shelving.
- o 150 sweet potato plants were ordered and will be planted soon.
- o **Production from High Tunnels (Vidya & HT #1) for the month of April 2020:**
 - Kale Bunches – 23
 - Radish (Red) Bunches – 18
 - Spinach Bunches – 9
 - Lettuce Heads – 20
 - Salad Mix - 7
 - Narcissus – 52
 - Tulips – 26
 - Beet Microgreens Bunch – 11
 - Beets Bunches - 7
 - Hyacinth – 3
 - Carnations – 45
 - Marigolds – 45

- Pheasants Eye – 45
- White Fragrant Blooms - 45

- Ranaka:
 - Completed workers compensation audit for the period 4/29/19 to 4/29/20.
 - Worked with Joseph on material orders for Nandagram bullpen and fencing.
 - The herd count remains at 67.

2. Art Studio Demolition

WHEREAS: The ECO-V Board wishes to remove hazardous conditions from its properties.

THEREFORE: The ECO-V board has allocated a budget of up to \$20K for the demolition of the old art studio.

Demolition will be done by Varsana Swami, Yudhisthira, and Chad. Lalita Gopi and Makara will work on informing the community and collecting stories from devotees who lived in the cabins there.

3. Biannual Board/Staff Meeting

The biannual ECO-V board/staff meeting has been set for June 5 at 11:00 AM.

4. Prioritizing ECO-V's Projects

A subcommittee has been formed to address this topic consisting of Jamuna Jivani, Ranaka, Allegra, and Ishana.

6. VC Request for Information on the Process of Becoming an ECO-V Advisor/Director

Makara will send the details of ECO-V's application procedure to the Village Council.