



ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 5/23/2021

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), Ranaka, and Vraja.

Participating Advisors: Chaitanya Mangala, Devananda, 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: Sita, Sriya, Subhadra, Usha, Jayasri, Gaurangi, and Lalita.
 - There are three calves who are still drinking milk: Sumitra, Pradyumna, and Aniruddha.
 - The cows are giving 30 gallons of milk per day.
 - Anandavidya is making 20-30 lb of butter per week.
 - Lalita is doing a little maintenance repainting on a small scale.
 - The oxen will need to see Dr. Mores in the next month or so.
 - Bahulaban Herd Count
 - Steers - 5
 - Bred Cows - 3
 - Retired Cows - 17
 - Valley Barn Herd Count
 - Bull - 1
 - Bred Heifer - 1
 - Yearly Steer - 1

- Being Bred Heifer -1
 - Open young Heifers (not yet breeding age) - 2
 - Retired Cows - 4
 - Steers - 1
- Ray
 - Maintained fencing at Valley Barn (installed 30 new posts) and Bahulaban repairs.
 - Installed approximately 1,000 ft of new fence below Vidya's house on Bahulaban pasture with the help of Joseph.
 - Moved 23 cows from Valley Barn to Bahulaban pastures for the summer.
 - Completed regular feeding and cleaning Valley Barn.
 - Moved hay to RVC Barn as needed.
 - Planted 1,000 lb of potato seed in the Community Garden with the help of Joseph.
 - Mowed hay and baled 14 round bales around the Valley Barn area.
 - Chisel plowed, manured, and rotovated the new garden area next to Valley High Tunnels.
 - Built new roofed hay feeder and reinforced fence at Nandagram with assistance from Joseph.
 - Brush-hogged the strip below Vidya's, the Nandagram garden area, Vrindaban parking area, and Mangalananda.
 - Nandagram mower repairs: installed new blades, changed oil, repaired throttle cable, and a flat tire.
 - Delivered a dump trailer load of compost from Nandagram stockpile to Vidya garden.
- Banabhatta (Nandagram)
 - Daily general cow care and barn maintenance.
 - Daily cow headcounts and health checks counted in Nandagram and Bahulaban
 - Nandagram Herd Count
 - Bull - 2
 - Steers - 12
 - Oxen - 3
 - Cow being bred - 1
 - Retired Cows - 3
 - Checked and filled stock tanks
 - Vet came at the beginning of May and looked at geriatric cow, Ganga. He prescribed medicine for her arthritis, etc.
 - Fences were checked all over Bahulaban and Nandagram, tightened and fixed in several places.
 - Cows were rotated in both Nandagram and Bahulaban pastures so the cows can enjoy fresh grasses.

- Joseph put new gates up.
 - Bull area was reinforced.
 - New high tensile fence outside of cow barn and temporary electrical tape fence bordering residential house.
- Hari Bhakti (Outreach Department)
 - 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.
 - We posted 18 posts on Facebook this month and 15 posts on Instagram. The content featured the cows and New Vrindaban's other non-human residents, activities and life on the farm, farm-related initiatives by the New Vrindaban community, growing plants, the flora and fauna, some of ECO-V's staff and volunteers, Earth Day awareness, and Srila Prabhupada.
- Suchandra (Teaching Garden & Valley Barn Flower Beds)
 - Teaching Garden
 - Weeded walkways and beds
 - Bought and laid mulch throughout the garden.
 - Planted pots.
 - Planted more lilies, gladiolas, and other bulbs.
 - Laid new plastic where needed
 - Finished tilling compost into beds
 - Maintained and cleaned up the garden: weekly mowing, weed whacking, trimming etc.
 - Got water turned on and watered lily beds when needed.
 - Valley Barn Flower Beds
 - Laid plastic, got flowers together for beds.
- Moksa (Vidya's Garden & High Tunnel)
 - Crew: Hari Nama & Gopal
 - Marigolds galore: transplanting from seed trays to cell packs and planting in the ground (included cutting new areas for planting)
 - Lawn maintenance, mowing, and weed whacking.
 - Weeded beds and aisles in the big garden. Put more ground cloth coverings on beds (to be reused each year to cut back weeding time).
 - Did a bit of materials clean up.
 - Put half of old carnations trained into cages for spacing and air flow.
 - Spaced out lettuce
 - Planted celery, tomatoes, and sweet potatoes

- Removed old plant growth
- Harvested asparagus and carnations
- Analaksita (Valley High Tunnels #1 and #2)
 - Crew: Sri Nitai, Devananda, & Nicole
 - High Tunnel #1
 - Planted 150 feet of green beans, 12 Amadeo eggplant, 36 Romaine lettuce, 12 Jedi Hot and 12 jalapeno peppers
 - Covered and uncovered plants on our last cold days.
 - Strung up and trimmed the tomatoes
 - Regularly weeded and watered
 - Harvested celery, carrots, beets, beet greens and parsley.
 - High Tunnel #2
 - All the broccoli was harvested, and beds flipped for the next crop. This was replaced with approximately 30 citrine cherry and 30 Cippolea's Pride Roma tomato plants in one row, and 15 yellow and 15 orange bell pepper plants in the other.
 - Strung up the first round of tomatoes
 - Harvested the remainder of lettuce mixes and cilantro
 - Blanched the cauliflower and weeded beds
 - Harvested all of the romaine lettuce and prepped the bed for the next crop. A new crop of cilantro was planted there.
 - Trimmed the Brussel sprouts to promote growth.
 - Regularly weeded and watered
 - Outdoor Garden
 - Planted three flats of red cabbage, one flat of yellow squash, one flat of Brussel sprouts, two flats of zinnia flowers and two flats of marigolds
 - Ray and Joseph have started clearing up debris from the field. The brush pile was moved and we burned one third of it so far.
 - Devananda began building an outdoor brick oven using the old bricks we have been clearing from the area next to the old Brickyard.
 - The Farmers' Market has run for three Saturdays now. We have had broccoli, romaine, celery, beets, Daikon radish, cilantro, parsley, and vegetable plants for sale. Lalita Gopi has been bringing swiss chard, strawberries and products made from our cows. We have also had others bring soup, baked goods, art and local made salves. We are now able to accept credit cards and I am looking into being able to accept food stamps.
 - Production from Outdoor gardens and High Tunnels (Vidya, HT #1 & #2) for the month of April 2021:
 - Vidya High Tunnel:
 - Asparagus – 8.5 lb

- Carnations – 292
- Chard – 3 bunches
- Hyacinths – 54
- Kale – 5 lb
- Narcissus (scented) – 10
- Tulips – 8
- Valley High Tunnels:
 - Baby beet greens – 11 lb
 - Broccoli – 24 heads
 - Cabbage – 89 lb
 - Celery – 19 bunches
 - Cilantro – 25 bunches
 - Kale – 80 lb
 - Lettuce – 99 heads
 - Mixed Greens (Salad Mix) – 5 lb
 - Spinach – 24 lb
 - Swiss Chard Greens – 20.5 lb
- Ranaka
 - Met with Rama Associates regarding the audit of ECO-V's financial statements ending 12/31/2020.
 - The herd count remains at 66.

2. External Funding Request: up to \$180K Loan for INV Gift Shop Warehouse

WHEREAS: The ECO-V Board wishes to make investments to support its core activities.

RESOLVED: The Board authorizes a loan up to \$180K to INV for the purpose of building a warehouse. The interest rate is 3% to be paid over four years.

3. Ox Program Proposal

The Board reviewed the ox program proposal submitted by Yudhisthira. Ranaka will speak to him to clarify some points.