



ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 7/17/2022

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), and Ranaka.

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, Jaya Radhe, Puspavati, Gopikatyayani, Satyabhauma, Lalita, and Vaisnavi.
 - There are two calves: Nrsimha and Vidya.
 - Vaisnavi delivered her new heifer, Vidya. She is tiny and healthy.
 - Govardhana, Nandulal, and Kaustubha are across from the temple in the ox field.
 - The cows are producing 30 gal of milk per day.
 - Anandavidya made 20-30 lb of butter weekly.
 - Created the ox field. We replaced the fence and added gates, repaired the house, and added temporary shade tarp. Tejo set up a water supply.
 - Badarayani worked with the oxen. Also, he spent two mornings training to cover the milking as a replacement.
 - Anandavidya picked up the new bull, Dynamite, and brought him to Nandagram. We renamed him Danavir.
 - Lalita and Brindabani repainted the milk parlor and added some tiling.
 - Steven (a visitor) built simple shelves and helped with minor construction issues.
 - Lots of guests visited.

- We added a chalkboard with some information and commonly asked questions and answers.
- Lalita brush hogged by weed-whacker method and using a lawnmower.
- Lalita mowed the Madhuban trail and the orchard area.
- Added some chairs for guests.
- Sumitra is in Nandagram with Danavir.
- Bahula is at the Valley Barn.
- Atmarama (Nandagram)
 - Brush removal
 - Ongoing electrical wiring in garage for lights and receptacles.
 - Continued removal of very large field stones from pastures.
 - Continued weekly landscaping.
 - Continued cow/oxen counting at Bahulaban and annex.
 - Basic minor repairs and maintenance of the entire farm.
- Ray
 - Delivered hay to the Temple Barn as needed.
 - Fed the cows and cleaned the Valley Barns as needed.
 - Maintained grass mowing around the Valley Barns.
 - Mowed, baled, and stacked in the Valley Barn: 490 first-cutting round bales with the help of Joshua Rama, Atmarama, and Pippalada. This brings the yearly total to 554 first-cutting round bales.
- Yudhisthira das (Oxen Training Program - New Yamuna Valley Farm)
 - Completed a 16'×32' loafing shed for the oxen to stay cooler during the hot summer months.
 - Installed a hay storage and manger.
 - Made two hickory bows for the new ox yokes.
 - Increased the training area to include the entire pasture and cleared more of the pasture from unwanted foliage.
- Suchandra (Teaching Garden & Valley Barn Flower Beds)
 - Teaching Garden
 - Transplanted more marigolds in the beginning of June.
 - Planted more marigolds throughout the garden.
 - Planted cannas, sunflowers, and green beans.
 - Bought and planted perennial shrubs to fill empty spaces.
 - Put chicken wire up higher around the whole fence.
 - Blocked passages that groundhogs made.
 - Brought my dog to keep groundhogs out.
 - Spread more mulch and rock.
 - Made extra cages for dahlias, sunflowers, and marigolds.
 - Put temporary fencing around zinnias and some marigolds.

- Bought and sprayed plants with Repel-all to keep groundhogs away.
 - Set humane traps to try and catch groundhogs - got two racoons instead.
 - Picked lilies, peas, and some marigolds.
 - Weeded garden and mowed/weed whacked weekly.
 - Watered daily
 - Valley Barn Beds
 - Replaced marigolds that were eaten.
 - Planted sunflowers.
 - Weeded shrub area.
 - Laid mulch.
 - Watered daily.
 - Production from Teaching Garden & Valley Barn Beds, June 2022:
 - Allium – 15
 - Dahlias – 4
 - Gladiolas – 15
 - Lilies – 105
 - Marigolds, small – 50
 - Peas – 5 lb
 - Peppers Hot – 10 lb
 - Roses – 15
 - Sage bunches – 1
- Vidya (Vidya's Garden & High Tunnel)
 - Started 500 marigold seeds and transplanted them into trays.
 - Distributed transplants to Hari Nama, Suchandra, and Analaksita for planting.
 - Jai Sri and Purnima harvested flowers and delivered them to the temple.
 - Manjari helped with weeding.
 - Production from Vidya HT, June 2022:
 - Carnations – 2,298
 - Lilies - 617
 - Marigolds, small – 3,207
- Analaksita (Valley High Tunnels #1 & #2 and Outside Garden)
 - Crew: Jared, Cassidy, Bhumika
 - High Tunnel #1
 - Trimmed bottom leaves from 90'-foot wall of cucumbers
 - Trimmed two 90' rows of tomatoes
 - Regularly weeded and watered
 - Transplanted large carnations outside.
 - Harvested celery, tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers, zucchini, marigold, sunflowers, and stock flowers and delivered them to the temple.
 - High Tunnel #2

- Trimmed bottom leaves from the peppers and eggplants
 - Removed Japanese beetles daily.
 - Regularly weeded and watered
 - Harvested green beans, dahlias, eggplants, green peppers, zucchini, and tomatoes and delivered them to the temple.
 - Put shade covers on both high tunnels and Vidya's
- Outside Garden
 - Three 90' rows of tomatoes were trimmed, caged, or attached to trellis.
 - Flowers, basil, peppers, squashes, and eggplants were planted.
 - Regularly mowed around tunnels and electric fence
 - Watered outside plants as needed.
 - Regularly weeded
 - Hooked up and tested the electric fence
- High Tunnel Barn
 - Regularly cleaned and organized
- Wash Station
 - Regularly cleaned and organized
- Office Grow Station
 - Sprouted and transplanted
 - Watered daily.
 - Transferred plants to tunnels when ready for planting.
 - The farmers market has been held every weekend this month on Saturday and Sunday from 11-4.
- Production from Valley High Tunnels #1 & #2, June 2022:
 - Cilantro – 32 lb
 - Calendula Flowers - 183
 - Carnations – 1,429
 - Celery – 85 lb
 - Coleus Plants – 10
 - Collard Greens – 33 lb
 - Cucumbers – 216 lb
 - Dahlias – 170
 - Flowers Purple Stock – 26
 - Flowers Baby's Breath – 15 branches
 - Gladiolas – 17
 - Green Beans – 146 lb
 - Yellow Peppers - 2.25 lb
 - Kale – 102.75 lb
 - Lambs Quarter – 40 lb
 - Marigolds Large – 317

- Marigolds Small - 388
 - Sunflowers – 24
 - Swiss Chard – 10.25 lb
 - Tomatoes Cherry – 15 lb
 - Zucchini – 35 lb
 - Zucchini Flower - 48
- Ranaka
 - Ordered and received a new Round Baler from Knights Farm Supply.
- Radha Vrindaban Chandra's Herd Count
 - Temple Goshala
 - Milking Cows - 7
 - Heifer Calf - 1
 - Bull Calf - 1
 - Ox - 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
 - Ox - 3
 - Bull - 1
 - Heifer being Bred - 1
 - New Yamuna Valley Farms Herd Count
 - Oxen in Training - 2
 - The total herd count is 70.