



ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 8/14/2022

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 (partial attendance), Jamuna Jivani (board secretary), Makara (chair), Ranaka, and Vraja.

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

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.
 - Usha is at the barn awaiting the delivery of her calf.
 - Govardhana, Nandulal, and Kaustubha are across from the temple in the ox field.
 - The cows are producing 25 gal of milk per day.
 - Anandavidya is making 20-30 lb of butter weekly.
 - Gaurangi was brought to the Valley Barn with Dharma.
 - Badarayani works with the oxen and has been milking once a week.
 - Nilagovinda has been regularly helping at the barn on the weekends over the past three years.
 - Lalita mowed the Madhuban trail
 - Anandavidya and Lalita assisted with the cow care at Nandagram
 - Lalita is researching the idea of feeding silage over grain. Some local farms are using this practice. It appears to be cheaper and healthier.
 - The cows in Radha Kund Bahulaban were moved across the street to Bahulaban main pasture. Atmaram, Manjula, Mother Dhara and a guest assisted.
 - The oxen are doing well in the small field and are being trained as well as interacting with the pilgrims nicely.

- Lalita purchased some furnishings and paint for preparing the Nandagram Field house ready for temporary rentals.
- Atmarama (Nandagram)
 - Continued maintenance of fencing and the barn.
 - Continued landscaping and mowing.
 - Repaired the gate at Bahulaban.
 - Continued cow counting.
- Ray
 - Delivered hay to Temple Barn as needed.
 - Fed and cleaned Valley Barns as needed.
 - Maintained grass mowing around Valley Barns.
 - Mowed, baled and stacked in the Valley Barn: 115 first-cutting round bales. Also, stacked 76 first-cutting round bales at Nandagram with the help of Joshua Rama, Atmarama, and Pippalada. This brings yearly total to 745 first-cutting round bales.
 - Hauled two dump trailer loads of topsoil from Frazier creek bottom to the new greenhouse.
- Yudhisthira (New Yamuna Valley Farms)
 - continued training operations with the oxen on a daily basis
 - submitted a request for nose rings for the ease of controlling the animals
 - contacted Dr. Moore about inserting their noserings
- Suchandra (Teaching Garden & Valley Barn Beds)
 - Teaching Garden
 - Set traps for groundhogs every day and blocked their holes
 - Put up more chicken wire and made more cages to protect plants.
 - Laid plastic ground cover to keep the groundhogs from digging by pavilion.
 - Brought a dog to the garden in mornings and evenings to keep groundhogs away.
 - Planted more green beans.
 - Mulched shrubs.
 - Sprayed organic bug deterrent on plants as well as organic spray for healthy growth.
 - Planted the last of the marigolds.
 - Watered, weeded, and deadheaded daily.
 - Cleaned back pavilion area and tore down the vines
 - Trimmed back tree branches
 - Cleaned up shelves
 - Mowed and weed whacked weekly.
 - Picked flowers.

- Barn Beds
 - Watered daily.
 - Weeded/deadheaded when needed, laid last bag of mulch.
 - Picked flowers.
- Production from Garden of Gratitude & the Barn Beds, July 2022
 - Basil bunches - 1
 - Dahlias – 5
 - Gladiolas – 592
 - Globes – 30
 - Lilies, large - 72
 - Lilies, small – 94
 - Marigolds, large - 15
 - Marigolds, small – 895
 - Peas - 3 lb
 - Peppers, hot - 1 lb
 - Sage bunches – 4
 - Zinnias, small - 15
- Hari Nama (Vidya High Tunnel & Garden)
 - Grounds maintenance and weeding.
 - Cleared overgrown areas in the garden.
 - Picked marigolds, sunflowers, lilies, gladiolus, eucalyptus branches, tube roses, and carnations.
 - Picked bitter melon, loki squash, and tomatoes.
 - Watered in the high tunnel.
 - Cleaned and deadheaded carnations.
 - Production from Vidya High Tunnel & Garden, July 2022:
 - Bitter Melon – 83 lb
 - Carnations – 652
 - Gladiolas - 120
 - Lilies – 28
 - Marigolds, large - 376
 - Marigolds, small – 6,407
 - Tube roses – 355
 - Squash, loki – 174 lb
 - Sunflowers – 19
 - Tomatoes – 7 lb
- Analaksita (High Tunnels #1 & #2 + Outdoor Garden)
 - Crew: Jared, Matthew, and Bhumika
 - High Tunnel #1
 - Fully harvested green beans, corn, and sunflowers, and removed plants

- Trimmed tomatoes regularly.
 - Put cages around all peppers and eggplants.
 - Regularly weeded and watered
 - Planted 140' of green beans, 60' of eggplant, 30' of okra and 180' of cilantro
 - Harvested and delivered cucumbers, tomatoes (Brandywine and Roma); green beans; jalapeno and red chili peppers; yellow, orange and red bell peppers; celery, cilantro, stock, zinnias, marigold and phlox flowers to the temple
- High Tunnel #2
 - Trimmed peppers and eggplants and then sprayed with peppermint soap
 - Trimmed dahlias and sprayed with organic moth and caterpillar deterrent.
 - Planted 180' of green beans fully harvested, pulled and replanted plants
 - 70' of eggplants
 - Regularly weeded and watered
 - Harvested and delivered to the temple: green beans, eggplants, bell peppers, basil, dahlias, gladiolas, and zucchini.
- Outdoor Garden
 - Planted marigolds, calendula, okra, butternut squash, dill, eggplants and peppers.
 - Regularly weeded
 - Trimmed and sprayed cabbage plants
 - Hung more tomato trellising.
 - Regularly mowed and weeded
- Office Sprouting Station
 - Completed sprouting and transplanting
 - Regularly watered
 - Tidied office
 - Moved all plants and sprouting shelves to the new greenhouse.
- Valley Garden Barn and Wash Station
 - Regular cleaned and tidied
- New Greenhouse
 - Construction is finished
- Production from Valley High Tunnels #1 & #2 + Outdoor Garden, July 2022:
 - Cilantro – 2.75 lb
 - Cabbage – 68 lb
 - Calendula Flowers - 508
 - Carnations – 1,829
 - Celery – 162 lb
 - Cucumbers – 214.5 lb

- Dahlias – 532
 - Dara flowers – 21
 - Eggplant – 31 lb
 - Flowers – Baby’s Breath (Sleeves) - 2
 - Flowers Stock - 39
 - Gladiolas – 58
 - Green Beans – 103 lb
 - Red, Green & Yellow Peppers – 49 lb
 - Hot Peppers – 13.5 lb
 - Kale – 36.5 lb
 - Marigolds, large – 559
 - Marigolds, small – 1,114
 - Swiss Chard – 4 lb
 - Squash, yellow – 47 lb
 - Sunflowers – 50
 - Tomatoes – 217 lb
 - Zucchini – 544.5 lb
- Ranaka
 - Made arrangements with Theaker & Son to install water and electricity in the new greenhouse.
 - Spoke to Ishana about the repair work needed at the Temple Barn
- Radha Vrindaban Chandra’s Herd Count
 - Temple Goshala
 - Milking Cows - 7
 - Pregnant Cow- 1
 - Heifer Calf - 1
 - Bull Calf - 1
 - Ox - 3
 - Bahulaban Herd Count
 - Steer - 4
 - Retired Cows - 17
 - Bred Heifer - 1
 - Bred Cow - 1
 - 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
- Yudhisthira Herd Count
 - Oxen in Training - 2
- The total herd count is 70.