



ECO-Vrindaban Board Meeting Minutes 9/25/2022

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), Ranaka, and Vraja.

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 eight cows giving milk: Usha, Surabhi, Jaya Radhe, Lalita, Pushpavati, Satyabhauma, Gopi Katyayani, and Vaisnavi.
 - The cows are producing 28 gallons per day.
 - 20-30 lb of butter made each week.
 - There are three calves: Nrsimha, Vidya, and Padmagandha
 - Usha delivered her calf on August 29, a heifer calf named Padmagandha.
 - Nrsimha was castrated on August 29.
 - Ray fixed the back shelter.
 - The three oxen, Nandulal, Kaustubha and Govardhana, were moved to Nandagram.
 - Cleaned out the calf pen.
 - Sri Badarayani covered milking for Lalita and Anandavidya's vacation.
 - Nandagram
 - Josh Starkey will be taking on the care of the Nandagram herd starting on October 1, 2022.
 - Anandavidya and Lalita Gopi looked over the herd for the time being.
- Ray

- Delivered hay to the Temple Barn as needed.
- Fed cows and cleaned Valley Barns as needed.
- Mowed grass and weed-whacked around Valley Barns.
- Brush-hogged pastures: Valley Barn, Bahulaban, and Nandagram.
- Straightened and secured roof on leaning loafing area attached to the side of the Temple Barn.
- Mowed, baled, and stacked hay in Valley Barn: 153 second-cutting round bales with the help of Josh Starkey and Pippalada. This brings the yearly total to 904 round bales (745 first-cutting, 153 second-cutting, and six mulch).
- Yudhisthira - Ox Report (New Yamuna Valley Farms)
 - Continued basic routine training.
 - On 8/28 Dr. Moore came and gave the oxen nose rings.
- Suchandra (Garden of Gratitude & Valley Barn Flower Beds)
 - Garden of Gratitude
 - Prevented groundhogs from entering the garden.
 - Removed cages and some fencing that was no longer needed.
 - Weeded, watered, and deadheaded daily.
 - Replaced hose and handle to fix water pressure issue for watering.
 - Cut stinging nettle down around the inside of the fence.
 - Trimmed branches off fruit trees that were getting too long and got rid of the branches.
 - Prepped and cleaned up for the children's activity program
 - Harvested when needed.
 - Barn beds
 - Daily maintenance of the garden.
 - Mowed and weed-whacked weekly.
 - Production from Garden of Gratitude & Barn Beds for August 2022
 - Basil Bunches - 2
 - Dahlias – 23
 - Gladiolas – 63
 - Lilies, small – 4
 - Marigolds, large - 805
 - Marigolds, small – 1,931
 - Peppers, Hot – 2.25 lb.
 - Sage – 4 bunches
 - Salvia Flowers – 30
 - Sunflower - 45
 - Zinnias, small - 16
- Hari Nama (Vidya's Garden & High Tunnel)
 - Weeded garden and high tunnel
 - Pruned overgrown bushes in walkways.
 - Weeded
 - Recovered broken and ripped areas of black plastic mulch ground cover.
 - Cleared overgrown areas.
 - Cleaned asparagus and lily beds.

- Transplanted lilies and gladiolas.
- Staked tomatoes and peppers.
- Picked marigolds, sunflowers, eucalyptus, tomatoes, bitter melon, Loki, tube roses, dahlias.
- Delivered all flowers and produce to the temple.
- Production from Vidya HT & Garden for August 2022:
 - Bitter Melon – 101 lb.
 - Carnations – 325
 - Dahlias – 68
 - Eucalyptus – 68
 - Gladiolas - 57
 - Lilies – 46
 - Marigolds, large – 4,692
 - Marigolds, small – 7,568
 - Tube Roses – 808
 - Squash Loki – 631 lb.
 - Sunflower – 606
 - Tomatoes – 138 lb.
 - Zinnia - 10
- Analaksita (Valley High Tunnels #1 & #2 and Outside Garden)
 - High Tunnel #1
 - Fully harvested cucumbers, took down plants and trellis, broad-forked and prepped bed, then planted 270' of spinach.
 - Regularly weeded and watered.
 - Fully harvested and pulled zucchini plants.
 - Harvested and delivered to the temple: green beans, red, yellow and orange bell peppers, cilantro, jalapeno, zucchini, habanero and red chili ember peppers, marigold, dara, plox, zinnia flowers.
 - Harvested 1/2 of the celery and flipped bed.
 - High Tunnel #2
 - Harvested and delivered to the temple: eggplants, red, yellow, and orange bell peppers, green beans, zucchini, dahlias, gladiolas, mint and basil.
 - Regularly weeded and watered
 - Fully harvested zucchini and pulled plants.
 - We are getting the first figs on the trees we propagated.
 - Outdoor Garden
 - all corn.
 - Harvested most butternut squash, along with kombucha, spaghetti squash and acorn.
 - Harvested most of the cabbage
 - Harvested tomatoes, ground cherries, flowers, eggplants and herbs.
 - Regularly mowed, cleared electric fence and weeded
 - Harvested and delivered to the temple: corn, cabbage, ground cherry, flowers, herbs, zucchini, cucumber, Swiss chard, kale, flowers, herbs, eggplant, peppers, and tomatoes.
 - Harvested tomatoes and set up a ripening station.

- Miscellaneous
 - Scrubbed and tidied the wash station regularly.
 - Gave the High Tunnel Barn a maha clean-up.
 - The greenhouse had dirt delivered and half-filled in on gaps on sides, the floor was covered with ground cover to get rid of grass and weeds.
 - We also hosted our first children's camp. They learned how to sprout, transplant and seed. We offered our obeisances to Mother Bhumi and Vrinda Devi.
- Production from Valley High Tunnels #1 & #2 + Outdoor Garden for August 2022:
 - Basil - 24.25 Bunches
 - Cabbage – 170.5 lb.
 - Calendula Flowers - 59
 - Chamomile – 1 Bunch
 - Celery – 3 lb.
 - Cucumbers – 330 lb.
 - Dahlias – 173
 - Dara Flowers – 132
 - Eggplant – 170 lb.
 - Flowers – Baby's Breath (Sleeves) - 1
 - Flowers Stock – 4
 - Gardenia - 9
 - Gladiolas – 1
 - Green Beans – 8 lb.
 - Red, Green & Yellow Peppers – 125 lb.
 - Hot Peppers – 34 lb.
 - Kale – 3.5 lb.
 - Marigolds, Large – 807
 - Marigolds, Small – 1,309
 - Phlox Bunch - 131
 - Sweet Corn Ears - 587
 - Squash Yellow – 6 lb
 - Sunflowers – 37
 - Tomatoes – 499.5 lb
 - Tuber Roses – 26
 - Zinnias - 33
 - Zucchini – 79.25 lb
- Ranaka
 - Theaker & Son ran water and electric line into the new greenhouse.
- Radha Vrindaban Chandra's Herd Count
 - Temple Goshala
 - 8 – Milking Cows
 - 2 – Heifer Calf
 - 1– Bull Calf
 - Bahulaban Herd Count

- 4 – Steer
 - 17 – Retired Cows
 - 1 – Bred Heifer
 - 1 - Bred Cow
- Valley Barn Herd Count
 - 1- Bull
 - 2- Bred Heifers
 - 1- Being Bred Heifer
 - 1- Bred Cow
 - 2- Open Heifers (not yet breeding age)
 - 6 - Retired Cows
 - 3- Steers
- Nandagram Herd Count
 - 11 – Steers
 - 6- Ox
 - 1 – Bull
 - 1 – Heifer being Bred
- Yudhisthira Herd Count
 - 2 – Oxen in Training
- The total herd count is 71.

2. External Funding Request: \$1.5K for Devotee Care

WHEREAS: The ECO-V Board wishes to help support the Devotee Care department in the New Vrindaban community.

RESOLVED: The Board authorizes up to \$1.5K in grant funding to the NVVA for the Devotee Care department for vehicle maintenance.