



Braidwood Garlic Growers Co-op Ltd

Braidwood Garlic Board Buzz July 2021

Dear Members

Your board, elected November 2020, continues to respect the advice given to the previous board not to publish the minutes of Board meetings. However, we recognise that members have a desire to know what the board is doing on their behalf, hence this newsletter.

Your Board continues to meet regularly to discuss how best to progress the interests of your Co-op. We believe we have made significant progress. Our current focus is:

1. We have sold all the garlic that members have supplied to us this season. We have clients we can't service. It would be great if members could look in their sheds and find more garlic.
2. The "Paddock Plot" won't happen this year. The board did not get sufficient member support to plant it.
3. The garlic received this year, whilst on the whole better than last year, was still not sufficiently well presented. A lot was not clean enough. Please ensure that roots are trimmed, there is no dirt on the bulbs (strip the outermost leaf off at harvest), all cloves are firm, no insect damage, stalks trimmed to at least 4cm.
4. The first of the mandatory surveys will be in your inbox soon. It is essential to the success of your co-op that the board knows how much garlic it will have to market for the 2021 season.
5. We did not source rice straw for the 2021 season. The cost of freight from the rice fields to Braidwood was prohibitive. We are investigating alternatives and need to know how much rice straw members will need for the 2022 growing season. We will then see if we can source it and let you know the estimated price. Please email Wendy braidwoodgarlicgcl@gmail.com
6. There are many tasks required to run a successful co-op, the board members have been shouldering the full load and need help. Members are asked to indicate which areas they would be interested in helping one of the Board sub-committees: marketing; administration,; member communications; community involvement. Please email Wendy braidwoodgarlicgcl@gmail.com
7. The Board thanks members who assisted in planting Gilles' plot after his recent accident.

Your Board 2021:

Phil Shoemark	-- Chair
Dave Ellis	-- Treasurer
Megan Williams	-- Secretary
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Liz Peschler	-- Director
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