



Braidwood Garlic Growers Co-operative Ltd

Venue: Braidwood Services Club

Annual General Meeting

Date: October 30, 2021

Time: 4.00pm

Draft Minutes

Attendance: Megan Williams attended via Zoom on Wendy's phone, Georgina Byrnes, David Dawes, Dave Ellis, Anna Farnham, Wendy Hutton (minutes), Liz and Wolfgang Peschler, Phil Shoemark, Therese Hadjia and Liam Thomakos

1. Chair – Welcome
2. Apologies: Astra Temple, Debbie and Steven Waters, Marcus and Emily Lyons
3. Acceptance of minutes of the last AGM

Moved David Dawes 2nd Liz Peschler unanimous

4. Chair Report see attached

Phil Shoemark thanked the board members for their hard work

5. Treasurer Report

The Treasurer, Dave Ellis, presented the financial statements. Our Co-op did OK last year considering we lost valuable markets when all the restaurants closed for Covid, we sold the peeling machine at par, we sold 50% more member garlic than last year. We are trading solvently and should continue to do so.

The new accounting system is a success

Membership has stabilised and is going up.

6. Secretary Report

The Secretary, Megan Williams, confirmed that all meetings had been held and we have followed the rules. We have referred to Co-ops NSW for advice on possible changes to the rules.

7. Marketing Committee Report

Georgina Byrnes said 9 members sold through our co-op last year, we sold over \$24,000 worth of garlic, but we had shortfall and were helped out by 2 ex-members to fill orders. We harvested

\$660 worth of garlic from the Paddock Plot

Wendy Hutton confirmed we did not plant the Paddock Plot this year because it was too difficult with Covid.

8. Election of Directors – there is a vacancy

There was a nomination for Astra Temple to join the Board to fill the vacancy, there were no other nominations by mail or email, and nobody at the meeting wanted to nominate, the meeting voted unanimously that Astra be appointed to the Board as a Director.

9. Other Business

- Survey 1 results

Wendy Hutton presented the results to date of the Survey 1 for 2021 – they indicate that we should have around 4 ton of garlic to sell, but the weather may decide that we won't have that much, quite a few members have 'witches brooms' and other issues due to the extraordinary wet season. 5 members have yet to respond, 5 members will not have garlic this year.

- discussion of changes to The Rules – Contribution

as our Co-op transitions from gardening club to commercial garlic sales, we find the 'contribution of 5kg garlic or equivalent in money' to be cumbersome to administer. Discussion centred on alternatives and that once we have discussed with Co-ops NSW we will call a General Meeting to ratify the changes. There were constructive suggestions from the floor.

- Commitment to sell garlic through your Co-operative

too many members are not selling the majority of their crop through our co-op, we would like to understand why – there was a suggestion that the 5kg contribution is uneconomic for small growers

- what support do members need

Members suggested:

- braiding
- presentation of garlic for sale
- good source of seed garlic
- sourcing rice straw mulch

- David Dawes will reactivate our Instagram account, but we do need to have regular publications for it – members must support by sending snippets for the Instagram account at least weekly. Wendy Hutton will inform members.
- Communications – Anna Farnham has not received all the communications that we have sent – we will check the mailing list, but we did change from Mobilize to gmail recently and she appears to have received recent emails, Wendy Hutton will arrange access to the website and Members Only section for Anna and inform other members about it.

10. Close: 17:51 (5:51pm)

11. Barbecue

Liz Peschler and Phil Shoemark catered for the bbq, which was enjoyed by all, the salads were particularly delicious, Phil and Wolfgang did a great job cooking on the bbq.