



Braidwood Garlic Growers Co-operative Ltd

Venue: Braidwood Services and Golf Club

AGM November 2019

Date: 15 November 2019

Time: 4.00pm

Draft Minutes of the AGM

Start 4:02pm

Present: see attached list

Board: Phil Shoemark (PS) Dave Ellis (DE) David Dawes (DD) Georgina Byrnes (GB) Liz Peschler (LP) Wendy Hutton (WH)

Apologies: Waters, Ward, Williams

Minutes of the AGM of 9 February 2019

The minutes were read by the Chair Moved to be accepted DD 2nd LP unanimous

Reports

Chair Report

The Chair (PS) read his report.

Moved to be accepted PS 2nd GB unanimous

Treasurer Report

The Treasurer (DE) presented a summary of the financial reports

The Treasurer expressed that in the view of the Board the BGGCL is financially viable and likely to stay that way into the foreseeable future.

Moved to be accepted PS 2nd GB unanimous

Secretary Report

The Secretary (DD) reported that correspondence was in order, and all reports from this AGM would go to the Members' Section of the Website – access to this section will be discussed later.

However due to regulatory compliance issues, a motion passes at the last AGM was deemed invalid and needed to be re-worded to the satisfaction of Co-ops NSW this was a modification to S34 of the Constitution.

The Secretary reported that last year the Co-op processed 700 kg of garlic for members, this year, responses to surveys indicated that the Co-op will process about 900 kg.

Moved to be accepted PS 2nd WH unanimous

Marketing Report

The Marketing Representative Director (GB) announced that Georgina Byrnes, David Dawes and Helen Lynch were currently active in the Marketing Committee.

She reported on progress with marketing for the November 2019 harvest listing a number of orders already secured.

Moved to be accepted GB 2nd DE unanimous

Election of Directors

There were 2 vacancies due to one resignation and one reaching end of term. Two nominations were received, therefore these nominees filled the positions, not elections were necessary.

Georgina Byrnes and Phil Shoemark were appointed to the Board.

Special Resolution

DD presented the proposed changes to the constitution to address the issue with S34 from the last AGM. He answered member questions on the proposed wording, then moved that they be accepted

Moved to be accepted DD 2nd Astra unanimous

Membership Cards

GB distributed membership cards to present financial members. She mentioned that a number of businesses around Braidwood are offering discounts to BGGCL members

PS presented Astra with her Share Certificate along with her membership card, as our newest member.

Other Business:

1. GB announced that the BGGCL purchased a garlic peeling machine which is available for members to hire to peel garlic. It will efficiently peel 5 kg of cured garlic in a couple of minutes and it will peel very small cloves. Details on hiring it will be announced during December.

In response to member questions GB said the peeled garlic combined with kryovac machine made a perfect product for restaurants and a good use for garlic too small for the current BGGCL clients. The kryovac garlic has huge market possibilities. However, we do need to experiment with shelf life of the kryovac garlic, which does need to be refrigerated after packing. Information

The Marketing Team will be actively seeking opportunities to sell product from the peeler and kryovac.

2. Anna Farnham asked about the Website
Earlier here was mention of a Members' Only section. WH responded that the Members' Only section of the website is designed to give members access to information pertaining to the Co-op and pertaining to growing garlic which may be of use to members.
Access will be available by emailing WH for login information.
Members are encouraged to contribute to the Members' Only section and to make suggestions for content that would be useful or interesting to members.

DD mentioned encouraged members to post to Instagram for Braidwood Garlic.

3. A member asked about the scope of BGGCL membership. Prospective members had been identified in Wee Jasper and Cootamundra. GB said BGGCL accepts members from the Southern Tablelands area which would include Wee Jasper but preclude Cootamundra.
4. Anna Farnham said the website Members' Profiles need updating. WH said she would acquire a list of currently financial members from DE. Members wishing to add content should send it to WH.

Meeting Close

5:35pm

Followed by BBQ hosted by Phil Shoemark