

## PEMBROKESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

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Minutes of a meeting of the County Executive Committee held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at Agriculture House, Haverfordwest

**PRESENT:** Mrs Dill Williams (President); Mr R Summons (County Chairman), Mr A Evans (President Elect) Mrs P George (Vice-President), Mrs G Hancock (Vice-President), Mrs E Davies (Vice-President), Mrs M Evans (Hon Member), Mrs E Davies (Hon Member), Mr M Williams (Hon Member), Mrs K Jones, Miss R Bushell, Mr T Bevan (co-opted) Miss K Davies (NFYFC Council Member), N Roberts (BrawdyHayscastle) L Davies(Eglwyswrrw);J Luke-Evans, J George,(Fishguard); E Morley, R Lewis(Hermon); V Hancock, K Rogers(Keyston); O Lewis, M Simons (Llawhaden);T Jones, D Treharne (Martletwy) A Scourfield (South Pembs) H Phillips(Templeton);A Sharp (Tiers Cross) Rebecca Voyle (FUW) S Noyce(Admin Assistant)

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Miss Helen Hodges (Chairman Board of Management) Miss Alice James (County Vice Chairman) Mr Alun Griffiths, (Immediate Past Chairman) Nia George (County Organiser) Chris Davies, Christina Williams, Steph Morgan (Clunderwen) G Vaughan, C Evans, T Hancock, S Davies, Morse, B Johns, L Neale, P Williams, C Warlow, N Thorne.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

1. Declare meeting open
2. Wish Alice James a Speedy recovery from her Appendix op.
3. Another successful rural affairs trip was held at the end of October with a good number of members attending and enjoying the learning and socialising.
4. Congratulations to Carys Vaughan Eglwyswrrw and Rebecca Smith Martletwy who have been selected to travel on a YFC trip this year.
5. Congratulations to everyone who took part in the mini winter fair this year especially to Keyston YFC who were the overall winners. Thank you to everyone who made the day possible especially our stock-judging co-ordinators Mr Robert Voyle and Mr Richard H Lewis. Also a huge thank you to JJ Morris for allowing us to use the venue.
6. Congratulations to everyone who attended the Wales Eisteddfod in Aberystwyth. Pembrokeshire YFC had a great day with numerous 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.
7. Congratulations to everyone who travelled to Builth for the Wales winter fair under difficult weather conditions. A special mention to Andrew Phillips South Pembs YFC who was named Best Lamb Producer across Wales in the Wales YFC Lamb Scheme
8. Congratulations to Keyston YFC on winning the Knockout Quiz Final against Lllysyfran YFC for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running.
9. A fantastically high standard was on display at the English Public Speaking day this year and the judges were all impressed with the talent on Show. The overall winners of the Brownslate Trophy were Eglwyswrrw YFC. Many thanks to Edna Davies our

chief Steward for ensuring the day ran smoothly and to Debbie Summons for providing refreshments for judges and Stewards. Many thanks to all who helped as stewards and good luck to those who will be representing county in the Wales competitions in April.

10. The Queens ball was a fantastic success this year with our return to the Parkhouse venue proving a hit with members and financially beneficial to the county. Congratulations to Alice and her attendants for providing a lovely reception. Thanks also to Alice for arranging the trips to neighbouring Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion Queens Balls.

### **Minutes of the last meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

These were taken as read and signed as a true and accurate record

#### **1. Matters arising.**

Possible to note on minutes that the Events Committee are responsible for the Field Day Dance only and not the Field Day.

#### **2. Correspondence.**

- (a) Mrs Marilyn Lewis has been in touch regarding the YFC Choir Competition. - Regrettably she is unable to carry on with preparing the choir due to many other commitments. She has however suggested Mr Simon Morris as a capable replacement. Discussion took place and it was thought that Mr Simon Morris whilst a capable replacement may charge for his time. Dill Williams proposed that as the English and Welsh Drama may be at the venue perhaps they would like to put forward a choir. However, it was decided that it would be left open for anyone should they wish to represent us to contact County.
- (b) Web Adept have asked us to write them a testimonial supporting their work in preparing and helping us with the website. Lengthy discussion followed over the website and the length of time it takes Web Adept to address certain issues. However, it was suggested that a testimony would be put forward once issues are resolved.
- (c) Llinos Penfold has been in touch regarding the 2016 Shwmae Awards. We have been invited as an organisation to take part again this year but due to funding cutbacks we would need to make a contribution of £60. The award has been a good support to our feedback for the welsh assembly grant we receive for promotion of the Welsh language. We need to decide on the wording of the award for 2016 by the 12<sup>th</sup> of February. Decision was made that YFC would continue to support this award and contribute the £60 and for Llinos to decide on a suitable trophy.

#### **3. To receive and adopt the following reports:**

##### **a) County Competitions Sub-Committee 04/11/15**

In the absence of Alice James Chair of Competitions Richard Summons moved for the adoption of a printed report noting the following key points: Male ambassador being a new competition this year.

#### **b) Wales Competitions Sub- Committee 13/12/15**

Katie Davies in a verbal report mentioned that judges were still required for Junior and Senior competitions. Dates are to be confirmed pending on which days the judges can do. Wales have issued a letter of apology to Scott Davies Hermon and as a result a working party has been set up to address some of the issues raised. It has been agreed that only one competitor may enter either Beef or Lamb in future. Pembrokeshire YFC is also the nominated county to host the 2020 Wales Field Day just to be aware in advance. She moved for the adoption of the report

#### **c) County Competitions Sub-Committee 06/01/16**

In the absence of Alice James Chair of Competitions Richard Summons moved for the adoption of a printed report noting the following key points: Winter Fair was regarded as being successful and to continue. Concern was raised over Public Speaking Day and the empty rooms. Edna suggested that the College be contacted in advance to arrange more suitable rooms for the competition next time.

Rally - all clubs wishing to enter the Top of the Pops and Dance need to let county know asap. Discussion arose regarding timetabling this section. Chief Steward Dylan and Delme to be contacted to discuss this further.

Newsletter - suggestion that in the next newsletter a point be made that during the next Queen's Ball there will be a charge to the club whose steward is unable to attend for the time.

Alwyn suggested that Radio Pembrokeshire be contacted to promote our events on the day or night in which they take place.

#### **d) County Board of Management 13/01/16**

In the absence of Helen Hodges Chair of Board of Management Richard Summons moved for the adoption of a printed report noting the following key points: Website - Thanks to County and Sian for the notable changes to the website. Ball in the Hall profit was reduced by £100 due to a bill for hire of the hall. Staff matters - it has been suggested that a management committee be created to deal with staff matters in the future.

#### **e) Wales Council to include sub-committees 23/01/16**

In moving for the adoption of a verbal report Richard Summons announced that there was a surplus from the Rally which would be kept for future events. The Royal Welsh Show have donated £5000 over three years for the YFC. Olwen Thomas has asked for 2 case studies to go forward in order for her to use whilst meeting with the Assembly. John Davies has stepped down - therefore we need a proposer. Richard felt that whilst sub-committees were represented by County more could show an interest. DoE - this is costly to the YFC and a full commitment needs to be made by anyone interested in taking part. Names are required for the TV advert for Bwrw Mlaen by Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016. YFC is now active on snapchat. Young Persons Village - a discussion took place over a Welsh night during the week and it has been agreed that this takes place on the Sunday - Welsh bands to perform and cover some English music too.

5. **Any other meeting attended by a YFC representative:**

**Affiliation, levy and Olwen Thomas Meeting 18/11/2015-** Olwen Thomas has been reviewing membership costs for other groups such as Girl guides and Scouts etc and they charge a considerable amount more for their membership than YFC. Discussion continues over this matter.

**WALES AGM** - Katie and Nerys to report back to Wales that the Gilter Hotel in Tenby have function rooms available for the AGM and pubs are interested in supporting the event providing that they have plenty of notice.

**Entertainment Feast** - Ffion Phillips/ Shon Rees/ Alun Griffiths have been suggested as MC for the weekend.

**Service at the Pavilion:** Dill and Mostyn attended a service on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016, well supported event with Pembrokeshire school orchestras and choirs performing.

**Rural Affairs Sub-Committee 20/1/15**

Roz Bushell reported that they had a successful trip to visit Tallis Amos Group recently. They are hoping to contact CCF and arrange another visit towards the end of February. Suggestions have been put forward for this year's tours to be Glastonbury/Dorset/Holland/Ireland. Day trips have also been suggested for those who prefer this to a long weekend. Social night to be arranged and Tom Jones has been asked to be a guest speaker. Rural Affairs on the 30<sup>th</sup> January for anyone interested in attending.

6. **Year Book**

Year Book in 2016 to be produced again

Editor: Rhiannon James to be asked to produce this again

Advertising co-ordinator: Katie Davies agreed to continue with this again.

Reserve: Sam Kurtz was suggested as Publicity Officer to help Rhiannon if needs be.

7. **County Youth Forum**

Ffion welcomed everyone. Youth Forum Ball takes place on the 18<sup>th</sup> March at the Snooty Fox. Clubs to be asked to supply one savoury and sweet dish for the evening. Also 2 stewards over 18.

Youth Forum would like to organise a Fundraising Car Wash either on the 25<sup>th</sup> June or the first weekend of July.

Council Chambers Tour - hopefully this will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> April

8. **Affiliation document**

Feedback was given from Katie Davies - Laura will provide us with a report once the final meeting takes place. A discussion still needs to take place regarding membership cost and what the financial benefits are remaining affiliated with NFYFC.

## 9. Any other business

- (a) Confirmation has been received from Mr Walter Simon NFU, Mr David Nicholas FUW, Mr Emyr Evans Chairman Ceredigion YFC, and Miss Gwawr Lewis Chairman Carmarthenshire YFC to be judges for the senior member.
- (b) Miss Nia Lloyd and Miss Laura Elliot have confirmed as judges for the junior member. Immediate past chair Mr Alun Griffiths is unable to judge. Tom Bevan was suggested as another panel member and confirmed he is available.
- (c) Mr Michael Davies will chair the Welsh Drama. Mr Walter Simon ~NFU and Mr Ian Fudge have confirmed they will chair Tuesday and Wednesday night respectively and will donate trophies for best actor and best actress. Mr David Nicholas is unavailable but the FUW President Mr Hywel Vaughan will be representing him to chair the final.
- (d) Mr Stephen Thornton, Valero is unable to chair the drama at the Friday night prelims. Cllr Wynne Evans and Mr Richard Summons to be asked to chair.
- (e) Mr Stephen Thornton and Ms Cara Norman are unavailable for the Situations Vacant on the 15<sup>th</sup> February but Cara has agreed to let us use her room for the interviews if Katie Davies is willing to steward and open the room. Rebecca Voyle to be asked and Reserve - Caroline James and Edna Davies.
- (f) In addition to the RWS and NFYFC competitions we also have the Scrapbook and Sign competitions normally held at the rally.

### **Sign**

**Judge: Stephen Thornton**

**Reserve: Eagles Signs St Clears**

### **Scrapbook**

**Judge: Gwawr Carmarthen Chairman**

**Reserve: Catrin Reynolds Ceredigion**

- (g) In the past we have also held some fun competitions that don't go forward from county. Not at this current time.
- (h) There are five places remaining on the AGM trip. If anyone has not paid their deposit and wishes to go please contact the office.
- (i) Reminder that the Rural affairs conference is on the 30th of January. Please get in touch if you are interested in attending.
- (j) Dill presented the Community Awards to the Clubs.
- (k) Richard Summons announced that his chairman's charity will be split between three Wales Air Ambulance, Pembs YFC and on other to be confirmed. Hoping to organise an evening event before Rally such as a comedy night with a hypnotist and promise auction at the end. Also a Bavarian night open to all towards to end of August/Sept.
- (l) Katie Davies also mentioned NFYFC Chairman Elections take place. Currently 2 standing for Chairman. Unanimously agreed to vote for Chris Manley.

10. To confirm date of next meeting.

24/2/16

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Meeting Closed at: 9.25pm