

## **PEMBROKESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS**

Minutes of a meeting of the County Executive Committee held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at Agriculture House, Haverfordwest.

**PRESENT:** Mrs Dill Williams (President); Mr R Summons (County Chairman), Alice James (County Vice Chairman) Mrs P George (Vice-President), Mrs G Hancock (Vice-President), Mr D Williams (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 (Brawdy Hayscastle) C Davies, S Morgan, C Williams (Clunderwen) C Vaughan (Eglwyswrw); J Luke-Evans, J George, H Davies (Fishguard); C Evans, T Hancock, V Hancock, (Keyston); O Lewis, M Simons (Llawhaden); T Jones L Neale (Martletwy) A Scourfield (South Pembs) H Phillips (Templeton); S Davies, A Sharp (Tiers Cross) Nicola Owen Pembs Agri Society, S Noyce (Admin Assistant)

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Miss Helen Hodges, Nia George, Alwyn Evans, Eirlys Davies, Rhodri Lewis, Emily Morley, Ffion Phillips, Dan Treharne, Pippa Williams, Non Thorne, Caryl Warlow, Rebecca Voyle (FUW)

### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

1. Declare meeting open.
2. Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Welsh and English Drama. It was a fantastic turnout with four clubs taking part in the Welsh Section and a massive 11 clubs competing in the English Section. Congratulations to Llysyfran on doing the double and good luck to you in Wrexham a week Saturday and Sunday. Also congratulations to Ffion Phillips from Hermon and Catrin Raymond Fishguard on winning the Time to Shine and good luck to Ffion and Brawdy Hayscastle who will be taking their time to shine to the Wales Final. It has been a busy time with plenty of competitions being held. Emily Jones Llawhaden was the winner in the situations vacant competition, Rhys James won the junior member and Nerys Roberts Brawdy Hayscastle was the winner of the senior member. Good luck to Emily in the public speaking weekend in April and to Rhys and Nerys up in Wrexham in the entertainment feast
3. Good luck also to Hermon YFC's Ballroom dancing team representing Pembrokeshire in the Dance competition in the Entertainment feast.
4. The Pub Quiz was an enjoyable social evening with Karen Jones Peter Llewellyn and Rhiannon James as Quiz Masters taxing our brains with a great quiz. It was fantastic to have such a good turnout and we are grateful to the snooty fox for accommodating us. Congratulations to The Big Fact Hunt – a team of Fishguard YFC members on winning the YFC section for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row and to Templeton YFC a mixture of members and leaders who knocked the No Hoppers from the top spot.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Signed as a true and accurate record

## **5. Matters arising.**

College has been booked for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016 for English Public speaking. Catering - Last competitions meeting it was proposed clubs take on the catering as per rota. Some questions have been asked about this. Discussion took place and it was felt that the College be given the opportunity to price for the catering in advance of the competition. Depending upon the response - other caterers to be approached or Club rota to be suggested again.

## **6. Correspondence.**

### **Email from Teleri Lewis, University of Wales Aberystwyth**

Aberystwyth University are keen to work with the YFC Movement following a meeting with Nia Lloyd Pembrokeshire YFC was mentioned. They are keen to work with members from GCSE age to see if the University can help members decide and support members making decisions about their future earlier. On the 14<sup>th</sup> September they are organising a day for A Level Students at the Bridge Innovation Centre, Pembroke Dock

<http://www.bridgeinnovation.co.uk> and would like to extend an invitation to GCSE pupils in schools throughout Pembrokeshire and to the YFC Clubs. The event will start for GCSE pupils at 5.30 till 7.30. The idea is to show different subjects available to study at the university. It would be great if the office can act as a signpost and send information of interested members to the university.

There will be a fantastic opportunity for the Pembrokeshire Young farmers to have a stall at the event to try and attract new members and the university are open to discuss any other ideas members may have. Discussion took place and it was felt that this would be a good opportunity for the movement to promote itself and possibly attract new members. Carys Vaughan and Alice James are able and willing to attend the evening. It was also suggested that the Youth Forum be involved as a joint working venture with officials. Youth Forum to discuss this at their next meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> April. Dependent on members response this would be brought to the next Exec should there need to be more support from members.

### **Email from Stuart Williams**

Correspondence from Stuart Williams was read at the meeting. Discussion followed the role of the Senior Member. It was felt that this is an honorary role decided by judges not members. It was felt that Senior Members should be made to feel welcome to attend all meetings, and be involved in the County Official Team and to take an active role in supporting the Youth Forum whenever they require guidance and support. However they would not be able to vote at a meeting or be co-opted as this would result in a change of the constitution. County to acknowledge response of the email to Stuart and thank him for his comments and support throughout the year.

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

- A. NFYFC Council - Given by Katie Davies, noting the following points: Congratulations extended to Chris Manley the NFYFC Chairman, along with the two Vice Chair - Lynsey Martin and Ed Ford. Chris Manley has 3 projects for his year Blood Donation, Club Exchanges and Regional Agri Groups. Steering Group report has highlighted the behaviour of YFC members when attending events.
- B. Levy will increase by 3% - vote will take place in Blackpool AGM.
- C. Members to take part in Dream Machine which is on Facebook for those who in need more details. Along with Watch the Cow Pat.
- D. 16<sup>th</sup> March - E-Safety.

B. Any other meeting attended by an YFC representative - None discussed.

## 8. Rally Day Timetable

Discussion around the two options - it was felt the version 2 would be the best option. With Prelims to take place before the Rally. It was suggested that a fine be paid for any club withdrawing from competition. Amount suggested of £10 per competition. Katie Davies proposed that clubs make a final decision of what competition they intend to participate in by the 13<sup>th</sup> March. Any withdrawals after that date will incur a fine. Venues to be booked by office for prelims: Dates suggested for Singing - 20<sup>th</sup> May or the 16<sup>th</sup> May - Llawhaden Village Hall to be booked and Rhyswyn to be asked for sound. Dancing to take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> May or the 10<sup>th</sup> May Clunderwen Village Hall - Rhyswyn to be asked again. Version 2 to be sent out on pigeonholes with a reminder to all clubs that competitor not to be in the same competitions.

9. County Youth Forum - Reminder to all clubs - 2 stewards over 18 from each club to attend the County Youth Ball on the 18<sup>th</sup> March. Clubs to provide 1 sweet and 1 savoury dish for the evening. Members only evening. Youth Forum - next meeting will take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> April at the County Council Chambers with a tour of the premises also.

10. Any other business.

14<sup>th</sup> May - Chairman's Night will take place at the Pavillion and include a pre Rally Drink!

31<sup>st</sup> March - Dennis Reed is in the process of organising a quiz and would like representation from Pembrokeshire YFC. To include 4 x Past Chairman, 4 x Past Rally Queens, 4 x Past Presidents and 4 x each club. Further information to follow which will be emailed out.

Purple Tractor Run - discussion around dates. Dates suggested are the 25<sup>th</sup> March and the 14<sup>th</sup> May. Unfortunately Vicky Hope has said that the tractor is not available for these dates. However, the tractor is available on the 13<sup>th</sup> August the Saturday before the County Show.

Karen Jones proposed whether car parking is necessary at events. Discussion followed and it was suggested that stewards and officials take on this role as opposed to members. It was agreed by all that car parking attendants would not be required.

PAS AGM - takes place on the 9<sup>th</sup> March. All PAS Members to attend if possible.

11. To confirm date of next meeting **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 8p.m.**