

PEMBROKESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Minutes of the County Board of Management Meeting held at Agriculture House, Haverfordwest at 8pm on Wednesday 19th October 2016

Present: Dill Williams (County President), Alice James (County Chairman), Non Thorne (County Vice Chairman), Richard Summons (Immediate Past County Chairman) Karen Jones, Ros Bushell (Co-opted) Tom Bevan (Events Chairman) Cara Norman (Hon Treasurer), Christina Williams, Stephanie Morgan (Clunderwen) Delun Evans (Eglwysrwr) Steffan Evans (Hermon) Tania Hancock (Keyston) Owain Lewis (Llawhaden), Katie Davies, Pippa Williams (Llysyfran)

Apologies: Jill Luke-Evans, Ann Phillips Davies, Michael Harries

Chairman's remarks.

Non Thorne County Vice Chairman declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone. A lot has happened since the last meeting.

Despite the rain members from Pembrokeshire had a good day at the Wales Sports Day in Aberystwyth. Congratulations to the hockey team who won and the football and netball teams who came 2nd.

Congratulations to everyone who competed for Pembrokeshire at the Royal Welsh Show

There were some fantastic results including:

Welsh Pigs Team 3rd

Welsh Pigs 21 and Under 1st Scott Davies, Hermon

Emily Jones and Hannah Bradbury 1st Cookery

Dancing - Keyston – 2nd

Blindfold Sheepdog Trials – Dan Tulley and Jack Burchmore Templeton 3rd

Sheep Stock judging Team 3rd

Sheep stock judging - 16 and U – 1st – Hannah Bradbury

Sheep stock judging - 26 and U – 2nd – Robert Coney

Male TOW – 1st Keyston YFC

Female TOW – 2nd- Hermon YFC

Overall Pembrokeshire came 4th

Richard Summons held a Hypnosis and Auction to raise money for his chosen charities this year: Paul Sartori Foundation, Wales Air Ambulance and Pembrokeshire YFC. It was a fantastic night and very entertaining and Richard's efforts saw him raise over £6500.

During the summer Pembrokeshire proudly sent two teams to Tenbury Wells for the NFYFC Tug of War finals. Returning for another successive year representing Wales Hermon Ladies (plus one tiers Cross) once again finished in the top spots coming 3rd. Representing the men Keyston YFC. Despite a fantastic effort they narrowly missed out on the semi-finals.

Charles George Came 2nd in NFYFC Stockman of the year with Rhys James Llysyfran and Scott Davies Hermon representing in Junior Stockman.

Richard Summons, Alice James and Nerys Roberts arranged a County Tractor Run in aid of Wales YFC Chairman Vicky Hope's Future fund appeal. 21 tractors turned out and enjoyed a lovely day travelling around part of the county. £245 was presented to Vicky at the AGM
Fishguard YFC Cookery Team at Malvern were placed 2nd. Shauna Bennett Llysyfran and Jill Luke Evans Fishguard also competed in the floral art and did very well.

County Show – There were a few changes in the YFC Marquee this year most notably clubs were not asked to compete although the very important E R Phillips awards still took place and gave clubs the opportunity to show off their charitable and community work. Demonstrations took over from competing and Richard Summons and Alice James hosted floral art and cookery demonstrations to show what we had to offer in the YFC.

Ball in the hall – was held in Llawhaden YFC and despite the numbers being down those who attended enjoyed.

At the Wales AGM Katie Davies was made Chairman of the competitions committee and Nerys Roberts was elected chair of the events committee. Good Luck to you both.

At the AGM Richard Summons handed over to Miss Alice James and ensured no one would forget his last meeting by proposing to Ros Bushell. Congratulations Both.

Harvest Festival was hosted this year by Lllysyfran YFC and a lovely service with all 12 clubs represented was had at Gwastad Chapel Lllysyfran with a feast laid on after by the club in the clubroom. Donations were received for PATCH and the collection money was donated to the Catrin Vaughan Foundation and the Eliza Donnelly fund.

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 15th June 2016 - Minutes were read and signed as a true record.
2. Matters arising – No Matters arising.
3. Correspondence – No Correspondence
4. Appointment of Board of Management Chairman – Karen Jones was proposed by Richard Summons and seconded by Alice James and it was unanimously agreed that Karen be appointed as the new chairman of the Board of management. Karen thanked everyone for putting faith in her. Karen noted she'd been married 20 years to the day and was celebrating with an YFC meeting.

Hon. Treasurer's report –

Cara congratulated Karen on her appointment. She reported that the Ball in the Hall still made a profit but not quite as much as last year. Members have previously commented however that this is more of a Social Event than a profit making venture and that as long as we continue to make a small profit year on year, then that is a good result.

Our dances, notably Field Day, Queens Ball & Rally Dance continue to prove to be successful in bolstering the organisations finances – again this is very positive and thanks go out to you all.

Funding has been gratefully received from Pembrokeshire County Council but due to an error, Valero's generous £5000 donation hasn't yet gone in. This therefore won't show in the figures that are currently being submitted for 2015-2016.

Finally the Queen & Attendants fundraising of £3000 through the Horse Racing event was a fantastic bonus as was Richard Summons generous donation to Pembs YFC of a third of his fundraising efforts. A great result from all concerned. 2015-2016 again has been another positive year and despite the current financial climate the end year result should again be favourable.

Nia explained that Valero had an issue having lost our bank details from their system and there had therefore been a delay in payment of their donation.

5. To review Ball in a Ball

Members noted that those who attended enjoyed the event and agreed that it was more of a social event than a profit making event and that as long as it didn't become a cost then it should continue.

A discussion s to location was had and it was felt that a central location would be more attractive to members.

£168 profit. – was made on the night.

It was agreed to bring back a theme for the night with suggestions including Theme: The Movies. It was suggested to decide on maybe three themes closer to the event and have a Facebook poll to ask members to decide.

The date of the next Ball in a Hall will be:

Date: October Friday 13th.

Venue Llawhaden Hall –

6. 2016 Queen's Ball Update – Shell Scheme

Tom Bevan gave an update on the Queens Ball noting that there will be a change of venue this year with the event being held at Brithdir hall instead of the Parkhouse which is unavailable.

Tom noted that he and Nia had attended a meeting with Alex Bruce and have agreed a one off fee of £500 as a hire charge in exchange for promotion of the event. He noted that the costs would be increased due to a £1200 charge for two toilet trailer units. However based on last year's figures we would still clear a profit. Tom noted that we needed to find a band and asked if anyone had ideas to contact him. Also he noted that having food served inside the venue didn't work and that an outside catering facility was needed. It was agreed to approach

Phil Odley or as a reserve Alun's mum Anne's new Fish and Chips venture.

In terms of staffing the event it was proposed to ask for 1 Steward from each club to act as bar staff or general stewards.

7. 2016 County Annual General Meeting.

(a) Date – Wednesday, 9th November 2016 at 8p.m.

(b) Venue – Pembrokeshire Council Chamber

(c) Draft Agenda. – A draft agenda had been circulated.

(e) Guest speaker. – Nia noted that Canon Dorian Davies and Tori James were both unavailable but that she had spoken to Alice and Dill and had a list of names to approach. Alice noted that if we were struggling Stephen James was available on that night.

Resolutions

Resolutions were discussed. Karen Jones noted that she felt that every club should be allowed 1 representative to sit on board of management to ensure a fair representation of all clubs. This was unanimously agreed. The resolutions were agreed as follows: -

(a) That those elected as the 12 members (one from each club) to sit on the board of management shall be aged twenty six years or under on the 1st September prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Executive Committee.

(b) That each club will be permitted to have three voting members on the executive committee plus one non-voting member.

It was noted that following a point raised in the County AGM in September the officials had met to review the county meetings for 2016/ 17. Suggestions were made to lessen the number of meetings as it was felt they were not needed. A new timetable of county meetings was circulated. It was also agreed to add a resolution

As follows.

(c) That the county executive AGM and the County AGM be amalgamated and held as one AGM in September and that the year-end for the accounts will move back to the 31st July to accommodate this.

8. 2016 Annual Report –

The report is in hand and will be ready for Karen Jones to bind soon.

9. Admission Charges for County Entertainment Competition –

10. Welsh £6 (all ages)

English £5 Prelim, £3 Children (Primary school age.)

£6 Final, – £6

As Fishguard School is being renovated we need to have a discussion with Des the caretaker at Fishguard School to discuss potential parking issues. It was suggested that Stewards however will be needed.

11. To review County Chairman's part reimbursement - £300
It was agreed to increase the honorarium from £250 to £300

12. Staff Salaries –
Cara explained that normally there is a meeting in Mid-December to discuss staff salaries. It was agreed to continue with this arrangement and have a meeting mid-December with Alice, Non, Cara and Karen.

12. Staff Matters – Alice noted that new Mileage and Time in Lieu Forms were now in use to have more transparency regarding mileage and time in lieu.

13. Any other business –

Steph Morgan asked what had happened to Pub of the Month.

Karen noted Pub of the Month needs to be started as a Social Night. A discussion followed and it was agreed that Clunderwen will host Pub of the Month between now and Christmas with the next club alphabetically being invited to host one in the New Year.

A question was raised as to overage members /ex members and leaders taking on officials roles in the clubs?

It was agreed to arrange a county Social night with a visit to the Pantomime. Tuesday – County Panto Night – 80/90 seats to be booked with a number allocated to each club initially.

It was suggested to ask the youth forum to discuss what it is to be a club official??

It was suggested to include Minute secretary training. At the next county training

Dill rose about the staff matters support Catherine Perkins and Bethan Vaughan who had been elected and asked if they had been written to. Nia noted that it was not the office that were responsible for it and noted that Helen had spoken to her and that she had not managed to have the time to write the letters during her time as Board of Management Chair. It was agreed that Karen would speak to Helen and write the letters.

Dill asked if it would be possible to have a new Portable Printer ready for the winter fair as last year it had not worked–£50 was set aside for purchasing the printer.

Dill officially thanked Karen for accepting the role of Chairman of the Board of Management and wished her a happy anniversary.

Karen thanked Dill for her contributions and many hours spent around the table as this would be her last Board of Management meeting.

14. Date of next meeting – January 11th 2017

15. Meeting closed at 9:26pm