

## PEMBROKESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

Minutes of the County Board of Management Meeting held at Agriculture House, Haverfordwest at 8pm on Wednesday June 15th 2016

**Present:** Dill Williams (County President), Richard Summons (County Chairman), Helen Hodges (Chairman Board of Management), Alice James (Vice County Chairman) Alun Griffiths (Immediate Past County Chairman), Ann Phillips-Davies (Life Member), Karen Jones, Michael Harries (Co-opted), Nerys Roberts (Brawdyhayscastle), Stephanie Morgan (Clunderwen), Carys Vaughan (Eglwysrwrw), Jill Luke-Evans (Fishguard), Tania Hancock (Keyston), Marged Simons (Llawhaden) Katie Davies, Caryl Warlow (Llysyfran),

**Apologies:** Dan Treharne, Cara Norman, Non Thorne,

### Chairman's remarks.

Helen Hodges declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone along to the meeting of the board of management. Helen noted that yet again a lot had happened since the last meeting. Congratulations were extended to everyone who competed at the county round of Welsh Public Speaking and to everyone who went on to represent Pembrokeshire in the Wales Public Speaking Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

A Successful Eisteddfod Ddwl was held once again with working with Menter Iaith Sir Benfro Pre rally Stock judging, Fashion Parade and recreate an advert. Also the dancing and top of the pops competition.

Increase in supporters at the TOW prelims and great to see junior members getting involved made for a lovely evening pre rally.

Helen also congratulated Richard Summons on his great hypnosis Evening to Raise Funds for Pembrokeshire YFC, Paul Sartori and Wales Air Ambulance.

Massive congratulations to Llawhaden YFC on winning the Overall Rally after 50 years. Lovely to see that smaller clubs really can make it to the top.

Apologies for absence. - Dan Treharne, Cara Norman, Non Thorne

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (enclosed).  
The minutes were read and signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising.

There were no Matters arising

3. Correspondence.

### Email Alex Bruce re: Stage Step

A discussion followed regarding the set up for rally day and rally night. It was agreed that we invite Adam Thorne Chairman of estates or one of the representatives from the estates committee to sign out the stuff we loan and to sign them back in after the event.

### BT - Re Phone lines and Internet

It was suggested that other deals may be more advantageous to us. Tania recommended a company called consortium. It was agreed to look into this.

4. 2016 County Show.  
(a) Hospitality.

County President	Mrs Dill Williams
County President Elect	Mr Alwyn Evans
County Chairman	Mr Richard Summons
County Vice-Chairman	Miss Alice James
Immediate Past County Chairman	Mr Alun Griffiths
Honorary County Treasurer	Ms Cara Norman
County YFC Queen and Attendants	Miss Nerys Roberts & Co
Male Ambassador	Mr Shon Rees
Young Farmer of the Year	As Above
Junior Member of the Year	Rhys James
PAS Lady Ambassador	Kim Griffiths
Wales YFC President	Mr Dai Jones
Senior YFC Officials at Wales Level	Nia Lloyd, Chief Executive, Vicky Hope, Wales Chairman
NFYFC President	Poul Christianson NFYFC Chairman
County Life Members, Honorary Members and Vice-Presidents	
Trustees	
Mr Stephen Thornton, Valero, Principal YFC sponsors	
County Sponsors	
Chairman, County Branch NFU	
Chairman, County Branch FUW	
President, County Branch WI	
Chairman, County Committee RWAS	
PAS President	
PAS President-Elect	
PAS Directors and Officers	
Mr Paul Bridgeman	
Mr Stephen Crabb MP	
Mr Simon Hart MP	
Mr Paul Davies AM	
Mrs Angela Burns AM	
Welsh Agriculture Minister - Ms Lesley Griffiths	
Mr Carwyn Jones AM, First Minister for Wales	
<u>2016 Pembrokeshire County Council</u>	
Leader, Deputy Leaders & Members of the Cabinet	
Chairman PCC	
<u>Also to be invited:</u>	
Director of Education	
County Youth Officer	
Chairman of the PCC Licensing Committee	
Chairman of the PCC Planning Committee	
LHP accountants.	
Chairman of Pembrokeshire National Parks	
Mr Stephen James NFU	
Mr Meurig Raymond NFU	

## 5. Hon. Treasurer's report.

Cara Norman had sent apologies to the meeting but Helen read the following report on her behalf.

I would firstly like to congratulate Llawhaden for winning the rally for the first time in 50 years. A fantastic achievement.

My congratulations also go to the team of Chief Stewards who ensured that the day ran smoothly, with any minor issues being resolved quickly.

The weather was kind to us and as a result the turnout was very good, with footfall being up on last year and once again the dance and the provision of our own bar proved to be financially lucrative.

Pre rally takings:	2015	£674.75
	2016	£990.80

Rally Gate Takings:	2015	£2644.90
	2016	£3322.13

Rally Dance Gate:	2015	£1594
	2016	£1840

Rally Bar:	2015	£5943.15
	2016	£5658.76

100+ Club – Please note that we really need a push to encourage existing members to set up a Standing Order/Direct Debit for this which would alleviate collection issues.

Congratulations go to Richard Summons, County Chairman for arranging a very successful Hypnotist Evening and raising over £1700 for each of the 3 nominated charities (Paul Satori, Wales Air Ambulance and Pembs YFC).

Again, congratulations and thanks go to the Events Committee, in particular Tom Bevan for arranging social events and using our own bar which definitely helps to boost the Organisation's finances. Finally I would like to extend our gratitude to Pembrokeshire County Council for their continued support.

Helen thanked Cara for the reported and noted that it had been another positive rally.

Alice reiterated thanks to Tom Bevan whose co-ordination of the Rally dance and various events ensured a substantial increase to funds.

Nia also noted that a very generous donation had been received from the council. The committee all agreed that we write to thank the council for their continued support.

## 6. Membership.

527 & 23 associates in comparison with last year 556 and 22 associates.

A discussion followed around membership and what needs to be done. It was agreed that south of the County would be a key area to target. Nerys, Shon and Nia have had a discussion regarding taking a roadshow to schools and hope to sit down to plan this in the near future.

It was felt that the increase of Membership has to come from members to ensure retention.

It was also noted that perhaps the Youth Forum could be engaged to help as younger members may find them more approachable.

The board of management agreed to encourage and provide resource and marketing material to get a campaign underway to take to schools.

#### 7. 2016 County Training Programme.

Discussed last time:-

(a) Date: Corresponding date: 28th September.

(b) Venue: Narberth RFC

(c) Trainers:

Chairmen/Vice-chairmen - County Chairman and immediate past County Chairman - Alice James & Richard Summons

Secretaries - Nia George & Mared Jones

Treasurers - Helen Hodges

Club Leaders: Leaders: A discussion was had about organising a social evening for club leaders and to discuss further training needs at that event. It was suggested to hold the Leaders get together on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at the Glen Haverfordwest

#### 8. County Organiser's Report.

Nia gave a report outlining another busy year.

Another year has flown by and it's hard to believe that Sian has now been in the office for almost a year and to be fair has found her feet well and is getting to know the members and the various bits and pieces that we take care of in the office. There are of course some highlights.

Once again this year it has been great getting out to clubs such as South Pembs, Templeton and Brawdyhayscastle to run a club night.

I am also grateful to all the Club leaders and senior members who completed their DBS Checks and to those who welcomed us to their home and allowed us access to the internet to make the process faster and easier. We are now ahead of the game with almost 170 volunteers signed up for a DBS checked and as far as we know all signed up for the update service which should ease the process going forward.

We also took the YFC message once again to the college open day in Pembrokeshire College and got a few queries' raising from that. I hope that along with the Queen, Male ambassador and attendants we can build on this going forward with plans in the pipeline to take a roadshow on tour to present to local schools in preparation for the September sign up.

We managed to get a sponsor for our Eisteddfod this year and we hope we can continue to put some additional sponsors in place at some of our events.

Despite a few issues at the Entertainment ran well and we had some extremely positive feedback from our Adjudicators.

We are also extremely pleased to have had another year of broadcasting from Radio Pembrokeshire kindly sponsored by Valero

Again this year public speaking days have been successful and with some points to improve for next year we very much hope to improve on the events year on year.

I am extremely grateful to the Gelly Olau family and the team of Llawhaden helpers who ensured a fantastic venue for this year's field day. Once again Andrew Davies was on hand to sort the various machinery and Steff Kurtz and the team in TAG obliged ensuring we had the right kit.

Finally came Rally and again the hard work of Chief steward Dylan supported by Delme and competitions steward Edna ensured the day ran smoothly. Cara co-ordinated the gate ably and without car parking stewards which hopefully freed members to enjoy their rally. I am grateful to our president Dill who ensured our guests were looked after and also to Peter, and Mostyn who ensured the awards ceremony ran smoothly with cups ordered and ready to go to their new home - shining incidentally thanks to Edna Davies.

Huge congratulations to Llawhaden on winning the rally - sitting next to Alice as the result sank in was truly priceless!

We have been fortunate to have a great deal of support from the council and it was probably a highlight for many to be allowed to arrange the AGM at the chambers. Cllr Wynne Evans also kindly opened the doors again for the youth forum who enjoyed their discussion with him on a range of issues.

The youth forum has been working hard once again and the Youth Forum Ball was a great success and it was great to see young members enjoying a social evening.

We have learnt yet another new set of things this year that we will strive to implement for next year in all of the competitions. We are also working closely with the team of officials in bringing the YFC movement to the prospective members. A huge thank you to Richard our county chairman who has been on hand whenever we have needed him and also to Alice, Dill and Alwyn.

If we can do anything to help we are always here and will try our best to help if we can.

9. Nominations for 3 co-opted members for the County Executive AGM.

Karen Jones, Helen Hodges, Michael Harries and Ros Bushell were nominated.

A vote followed and

Karen Jones, Michael Harries and Ros Bushell were nominated plus the addition of the Events Committee Chair currently Tom Bevan.

10. Resolutions - County Annual General Meeting - Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016

There were no resolutions

11. County 100+ Club:

(a) To review Subscribers' list.

Letters have been sent to 40 members who have not renewed their subscription as yet.

It was asked if the form was available on the website. Nia thinks it is but will double check and sent information on where to find it to the committee

(b) To decide on number of draws and amounts;-

Entertainment Final

£75

£50

£25

Rally

£25

£25

£25

£50

County Show - To be drawn during the reception

£50

£25

£25

Exec AGM

£25

£25

£25

County AGM –

£50

£25

12. Draft County meetings

See separate sheet

A separate sheet with corresponding dates for meetings 16/17 was circulated and agreed.

13. Year Book

Rhiannon has agreed to act as editor and Katie as advertising co-ordinator.

It was raised last year about printing more colour?

A discussion followed and it was agreed to leave Rhiannon Katie and Mikey to see what the costs would be like to include more colour pages.

Discussion also followed regarding the sale of the year book it was agreed to sell it at the show at £2 per copy and then use the remainder to help promote the organisation

14. Annual Report

It was agreed to produce an annual report with Karen Jones asked to act as binding co-ordinator.

15. Queen's Ball

The Parkhouse will not be available until after the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. A discussion followed with an idea put forward to see if Brithdir might be an alternative.

Tom Bevan would be asked to provide costings of Marquee and toilet units for the event.

16. Staff Matters.

(a) Co-options to employment subgroup

Nominations had been circulated for members of the employment subgroup.

Richard added Catherine Reed (was Perkins) to the nominations. An election followed.

Catherine Reed (Was Perkins)

Bethan Vaughan

Were elected to sit on the employment sub group. These would be adopted at the AGM with their services to be called upon if and when needed.

Contribution to Royal Welsh Accommodation for County Organiser was agreed at £130

17. Any other business.

Carys Vaughan promoted Eglwysrwr YFC's tractor run and barn dance in aid of local charity to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Year on the 25<sup>th</sup> June at Pantygarn Farm, Eglwysrwr

Fishguard YFC will be holding a Show Dance 5<sup>th</sup> August

Tania Hancock promoted Dennis Reed's concert at folly farm - £12 per ticket

Dill Williams thanked Helen Hodges for all her hard work as Board of Management Chairman over the last six years.

18. Date of next meeting. - 19<sup>th</sup> October

Meeting closed at: 9.54pm