

PEMBROKESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS
Minutes of a meeting of the County Competitions Sub-Committee
Held at Agriculture House, Winch Lane, and Haverfordwest
On Wednesday, 8th June 2016 commencing at 8.00p.m.

Present: Dill Williams (County President), Richard Summons (County Chairman), Alice James (County Vice-Chairman), Dylan Williams, Gaynor Hancock, Eirlys Davies, Polly George, Karen Jones (Vice Presidents), Alwyn Evans (County President Elect), Edna Davies (Co-opted), Nerys Roberts (Brawdyhayscastle), Stephanie Morgan (Clunderwen), Delun Evans (Eglwysrwr), Aled Harper (Fishguard), Ffion Phillips, Tomos Lewis, Emily Morley (Hermon), Kath Rogers, Victoria Hancock (Keyston), Owain Lewis, Marged Simons (Llawhaden), Carys Griffiths, Katie Davies (Llysyfran), Hannah Phillips (Templeton), Jack Davies, Sophie Davies, Alistair Sharp (Tiers Cross)

Apologies

Carys Vaughan, Becky Summons, Sophie Thomas, Emily Jones

Chairman's remarks

Alice James welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Congratulations were extended to everyone who took part in the field day at Gelly Olau this year and a massive thank –you to the James Family for hosting especially to Daniel and Joyce.

It was a fantastic turnout with a good number of entries. Congratulations to Eglwysrwr who were named the overall winners and to Nerys Roberts on being announced county Queen and Angharad Edwards, Carys Griffiths, Ffion Phillips and Marged Simons on being announced as her attendants. Shon Rees from Hermon YFC was announced as the first Male Ambassador for Pembrokeshire.

Pre rally was soon upon us and once again we are grateful to the stock co-ordinators, stock providers, venue owners, recorders and stewards for all their hard work with the pre rally stock judging and also to Llawhaden Hall and Clunderwen Hall for hosting us with the other competitions. We are grateful too to all the pre rally stewards and judges who ensured all competitions ran smoothly.

Also thank you to the clubs, the queen, ambassador and attendants for providing refreshments.

Rally was a great day with Llawhaden winning overall – 50 years since they last won. Alice noted that it just goes to show you don't have to be the biggest club to win the rally. Nerys Shon and the attendants made a fitting entrance and looked wonderful. Rally went off without a hitch mainly thanks to the team of stewards and judges who ensured every aspect of the day ran smoothly. The turnaround from day to night was fantastic as many will have seen from the video on Facebook and once again we are grateful to Tom for ensuring this happened. The dance was another good one and everyone enjoyed their celebration with Rob Thomas Disco and Room 42.

The Rugby and sports day were well organised and ran efficiently thanks to our sports co-ordinators Eirlys Davies and Alun Griffiths. 2 more tomorrow night and the pool and darts in July and we will be completed. Congratulations to Hermon on winning the Rugby, Fishguard on winning the Hockey and Llysyfran on winning the football and to everyone who has been selected to be part of a pool team representing the county at Wales Sports Day on June 26th in Aberystwyth.

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 6th April 2016
The minutes were read and signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising.

Sam Kurtz had sent his apologies for the last meeting
Richard Summons asked that the date be added for Rally cups as it is not noted in the minutes.

Alice James was present.

3. Correspondence.

1. Emma Evans Email - Re Mascot

Dear Nia,

I'm after some information, I am on St David's Peninsula Carnival Committee & we are looking at getting some mascots to this year's event. Rather than hire formal ones I wondered whether the Yfc mascot would like to attend? And if so how much of a donation you may like in return if at all? The carnival is on from 2pm on Saturday 27th August in St David's. Maybe if no one from County is able to attend someone from BrawdyHayscastle may be interested in being involved?

After a brief discussion it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of Brawdyhayscastle YFC.

2. Llinos Penfold - Re Gwobrau Shwmae

Fe ddaeth hi'n amser eto i enwebu ar gyfer Gwobrau Shwmae. Mae'r dyddiad cau ar ddydd Mercher, Mehefin 15fed. Fyddet ti'n gallu anfon y daflen ymlaen i'r clybiau neu os ydych chi'n bwriadau enwebu'n ganolog fyddde modd gwneud hynny cyn yr haf fel ein bod yn gallu gorffen y ffilmio ym mis Gorffennaf. Diolch

*"Gwobr i aelod, arweinydd neu rhywun sy'n gysylltiedig â **CFFI Sir Benfro** neu un o'r clybiau cyfansoddol, sydd wedi gwneud ymdrech arbennig i hyrwyddo'r iaith a diwylliant Cymraeg"*

Nominations were received for the following:-

Gaynor Hancock

Queen and Attendants – Alice James, Jill Luke Evans, Emily Morely, Jess Durham, Pippa Williams.

Queen, Male Ambassador, Attendants – Nerys Roberts, Shon Midway Rees, Marged Simons, Angharad Edwards, Carys Griffiths, Ffion Phillips.

2. PAS - Funday

Dear Nia

Fun Day May 2016

On behalf of the Fun Day organising committee and the Trustees of the Society, please accept our sincere thanks for your help and support, without which it would not be possible to run the Fun Day event.

Despite less than favourable weather, the day was a great success with an estimated 400 children and carers enjoying the wide range of entertainments.

Feedback received from teachers and carers has been very positive.

A huge effort from everyone involved, but the smiles and laughter make it all worthwhile.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Blythen

Thanks were extended to Hywel Davies, Fishguard YFC and the staff for ensuring there was a YFC presence.

YFC Exchangees

3 Hosts for Exchanges

A discussion followed regarding the hosting of International delegates. It was noted that hosting can be expensive and all clubs were asked to inform county or the host club if they could assist in any way by taking the visitor for a day or if the clubs had a club night they may be interested in. It was agreed that the hosting would be selected at random with clubs who have previously been asked not being asked again this year.

Wales YFC Stewards YPV Monday Night

Nia

Helen Hodges -has volunteered because she's vice president of Wales and would like an opportunity to give something back.

Alice agreed to act as the 3rd steward.

4 Stewards for the Top of the Pops -

Nia

Helen

Dill

Sam volunteered to stewards the Top of the pops competition.

4. To receive the following reports of the 2016 County Rally:

(a) Chief Rally Steward - Dylan Williams

Dylan Williams provided the following report.

Pembrokeshire YFC Federation County rally 2016

Chief Steward of the county rally this year I would like to congratulate the members and officials of the movement on a very successful day. The competitions were all well supported by the clubs and they competed to very high standard. Site preparation on the Friday evening before rally, went well with good support from all clubs. Positioning of the staging, performance area and seating was carried out swiftly and proved adequate for the day. The area just inside of the Parkhouse building was again partitioned off, to house the judges and stewards dining area. This worked well and proved convenient for the users of the facility. The partitioning for this area also doubled up as mounting space for the fashion competition, which saved space in the building and also showed off the members' work more effectively. A few preparatory steps that was overlooked on Friday night was the placing of signs to mark VIP parking for the guests, judges and sponsor's, also there were no hurdles left out by PAS staff for the entrance area and tug of war arena for rally day. These were requested by the county organiser and chair of the events committee but failed to appear by Friday night. At this point I would like to thank Mr Andrew Davies for his help in locating the hurdles and when they could be collected from storage, and also Mr Rob Summons for his help in transporting numerous items during rally day with his telehandler.

On rally day some competitions had to begin ahead of schedule due time tabling clashes, but once they commenced they ran smoothly. The arm bands used to identify the competitors worked well, and speeded up the commencement of each section.

Car parking was managed throughout the day by the gate stewards. I felt during the morning rush we did need a lot more people especially around the VIP parking area and also to direct the majority of vehicles on to the runway for parking. I would suggest that the use of club members on a rota system be reinstated.

The Rally queen crowning ceremony this year went well with the Queen and attendance arriving in style, with County Male Ambassador at the helm of a Richards Bros Vintage Coach (nice touch Sion!). The entrance and walk way to the stage area during this time was not as congested as last year, due to the picnic tables being placed outside and normal tables and chairs used outside stewards dining area.

Use of the cattle ring for the Tug of war competitions, worked very well, and was enhanced this year by the availability of a PA system located on the entrance of the cattle ring. This meant that the competition was easier to manage and even though the junior tug of war section was a new addition to rally day it did not impose too much on the allotted time.

The final competition of the day, It's a Knock out, also held on the cattle ring and used the PA system. It ran smoothly and was completed in a good time but I felt that the support for the competition by spectators was a little low as the majority of them returning to the Parkhouse Building. A suggestion for this completion would be to locate it nearer to

the Parkhouse Building, maybe clear the forestry area of vehicles and use the grassed area along the front of the Pavilion building.

Overall the stewards worked efficiently throughout the day in getting the results to the recorders, and results were posted quickly on the results board. Post award ceremony and clearing up of the site in the majority went very well. The four successful clubs were allocated zones of responsibility to clear up. These were as follows

Zone 1 Stage and seating around the performing area.

Zone 2 Removing the grey panelling around the judges and stewards refreshment area and behind the club exhibit areas.

Zone 3 the tables and remaining seating in the Parkhouse building.

Zone 4 Litter and rubbish and clearing up the sheep hurdled area for the entrance and cattle ring

In general the successful clubs were very pro-active in carrying out the allocated duties and Zone 1 and 2 did get completed in a reasonable amount of time. Zone three was completed soon after with all tables and chairs secured on pallets and the club members did consult with the chief stewards when their zone was completed. Zone 4 were the rubbish bins and they were cleared throughout the building and re-lined before re-use during the dance. The hurdled areas were packed on to pallets again the club responsible consult the chief steward to see whether their zone was clear. This pro-active approach by the successful clubs meant that there was a relatively quick turn-around which helped the team set up for the rally dance

My recommendation for the next rally day is as follows

1 The reinstatement of the club members parking stewards for the peak times on rally day

2 A member of the Pembrokeshire Agricultural Society ground staff to be present at beginning and end of the day for telehandler and other duties.

3. If possible could a PA system to be available for the tug of war Prelims on the Monday evening prior to the rally

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members for electing me to the role of Chief Rally Steward for the 2016 county rally. I have enjoyed the experience and would not hesitate in taking up the role again if requested.

Dylan Williams

(b) Assistant Chief Rally Steward & Competition Chief Steward - Edna Davies & Delme Harries

Edna Davies on behalf of herself and Delme Harries gave the following report:

A great rally day with everything running smoothly and as much as possible to time.

Huge congratulations to all who took part and to those who came out as winners at the end of the day and good luck to all representing Pembrokeshire YFC at various events in the coming months.

Thank you to all involved in the setting up the site and in clearing up at the end of the day ready for the dance.

A couple of things we would like you to consider for the future:

- Disabled parking area.
- Should we have car parking stewards for a few hours in the morning?
- Need more stewards on gate and on the signing in desk up to 10.30am.
- Trophies - should we consider a fine process - any trophy that is returned, late, unclean and not engraved by a certain date that there will be a £10 charge? If we agree on a change to this rule it has to be added to the rally day general rules.
- Need to have a bit more space between the flower competition tables and need to consider the rules when it states viewed from all sides when setting up the flower area.
- Consider that the Stars in their Eyes trophy is for in the future - winning club overall, highest individual or highest marked in either section.
- Should we have some anonymity when judges are judging various competitions?
- Need to ensure we have dedicated area for generation game.
- Can we review the stage competitions again? Can we have some competitions which are completed prior to Rally and others performed on Rally Day this will then give all clubs a chance to compete on Rally Day in the stage competitions. e.g. if we have 5 stage competitions we run three in their entirety on rally day and 2 pre rally - this will save judges having to give up a night and a day and also allows clubs to prepare better for Rally Day and consider the time table
- Timetable is agreed in Exec and should not be changed.

We need to keep the rally fresh and exciting for competitors and the public and perhaps the county need to consider setting up a rally working group to review comments for this year and previous year's rally and discuss a re-fresh of the layout of the site, rules, etc. Could consider stewarding rotas etc.

Thanks to all the County Officials, Rally officials and Nia and Sian for all their hard work and support.

(c) County Organiser - Nia George

Nia gave the following report.

It had been another good rally both in standards in competitions and weather.

We once again held prelims for some of the competitions and these proved to be excellent nights both socially and financially. A very big thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the various prelims and stock judging competitions prior to rally day.

Trophy returns - this can only be described as a complete and utter farce. We gave a date by which the trophies should be returned and only a couple of clubs took any notice. With the build-up of the final week we were still chasing for cups and to add insult to injury the cups being returned were not all gleaming as we saw on rally day. Myself and Sian are extremely grateful to Edna Davies

our comps steward who took the trophies of our hands and ensured they were all looking their best ready for presentation at the rally.

I would like the committee to consider imposing a financial penalty on the clubs for failure to return by the given date as I personally feel that losing rally marks punishes the wrong people. I would suggest £5 per trophy for the first week and £10 for the second week. I hope that you will discuss this at the end of this report.

Car Parking - It was quite refreshing not to feel that we were putting pressure on Members to steward the car parking although free reign did bring its own set of issues. We were also under quite a bit of pressure due to not enough gate stewards which I have already addressed with Cara and will revise for next year. I would like to discuss the idea that each club put forward 2 names of ex members / Parents or leaders who might help around car parking and gate duties to keep the traffic under control. I also notice that we have no designated area for disabled parking and will prepare signage and a relevant area ready for next year.

I have also received a few comments regarding the rally site itself. Many past members use rally day as a reunion and although wonderful to see it can cause bottle necks in certain areas of the Parkhouse. I find that we don't utilise the space to its full and agree with the suggestion of having a working party to discuss the layout and best use of the facilities on offer.

The Rally Dance worked well but I feel we need to do more promotion of the event around neighbouring counties and there were no major problems. A very, very big thank you to Tom Bevan for taking it on once again and all other stewards who all worked so very, very hard on the night both at the gates and behind the bar.

Finally, a very big thank you to the chief, assistant and field stewards and to all competition stewards and judges and also to Sian at the County office for all her help and support.

Alice extended her thanks to Dylan, Edna Delme and the staff for all their hard work. A discussion followed and it was agreed that the general rules should be amended to include the rule that ALL rally cups must be returned to the office by the 1st May or the Friday before if it falls on a weekend or bank holiday. Any late cups will incur a £10 fine and any cup not cleaned will also incur a £10 fine.

It was agreed to continue without car parking stewards but it was suggested that better signage would be helpful as well as more YFC Signage. It was suggested that this could be potentially a competition at the winter fair for members to make appropriate signs. It was also asked that the location of each competition be added to the programme so people knew where to go to watch various events.

4. 2017 County Rally:

- (a) Date : 27th May 2017
- (b) Venue : Parkhouse, County Showground
- (c) Rally Dance : Tom Bevan to arrange
- (d) Disco & Band : Tom to arrange

5. 2016 Royal Welsh Show

There had been a problem with the woodwork results as the judges had given an extra mark to south Pembs. The marks had been added accordingly but the place card had given them 1st position instead of 2nd. Hermon will therefore progress to the RWS. There was also a joint placing in stockjudging. Dill Williams county president drew Amy Wallace from Clunderwen to represent in the stockjudging. Letters had been circulated to all other teams inviting them to represent county at the RWS

6. 2016/2017 County Competitions Programme including Dates, Rules and Judges

Unfortunately, the Wales Competitions Programme has not been released as yet so it was therefore impossible to plan the county calendar. Some dates are already in from previous meetings and it was agreed that last year's corresponding dates would be adopted this year as far as possible.

Katie also requested that names be submitted for possible Wales's judges as well as county judges.

7. 2016 County Eisteddfod.

Eisteddfod judges are in hand and we are awaiting confirmation of the booking for Preseli. It was noted that perhaps contacting the school office.

8. E. R. Phillips Award.

A discussion was held on how to run the E.R. Phillips award at the County Show this year as it would be the only competition that would remain at the show. It was agreed that all entries would be received at the office one week prior to the show on the Monday

and the result announced during the reception. It was agreed that an email be sent out informing clubs of the date for entries for the ER Phillips Award.

9. Recorder for Championship Trophy.

Mair Evans to be invited to act as recorder for championship trophy.

10. Mini Winter Fair

2nd Weekend in November - Whitland Mart.

11. Any Other Business.

Wales Council - starting at 1pm

There will be no County Bus for the sports but Eirlys Davies requested that teams be allowed to hire the astro turf in Fishguard for training at a cost of £24.50. It was agreed.

A cup had been donated to the county by Mrs Wendy Phillips to be presented to Angharad Edwards the best Chairman Under 26 in the Welsh Public Speaking. County President Dill Williams made the presentation.

Please collect mailing from office before you leave

12. Date of next meeting. - Wednesday 12th October.

Meeting Closed at 9.57pm