

PEMBROKESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

County Executive Meeting 26th October 2016

Present: Dill Williams (County President), Non Thorne (Vice County Chairman), Alwyn Evans (President Elect), Richard Summons (Immediate Past County Chairman) Gaynor Hancock, Karen Jones, Eirlys Davies (Vice Presidents) Ros Bushell (Co-opted) Mostyn Williams, Mair Evans, Edna Davies (Hon Member) Joshua Phillips, Stuart Jamieson (Brawdyhaycastle) Dan Roblin, Christina Williams(Clunderwen) Sian Medi Davies, Lisa Davies (Eglwysrwrw), Hywel Davies, Sam Kurtz, Jill Luke-Evans (Fishguard) Steffan Evans (Hermon), Carl Evans, Lawrence Hancock, Tania Hancock (Keyston) Marged Simons, Owain Lewis (Llawhaden) Rhydian Bevan(Llysyfran), Katie Davies (NFYFC Rep.) Martha Perkins (South Pems), Lucy Kiff, Joanne Davies, Jack Davies (Tiers Cross)

Alice James declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone along. Since the last meeting, the county had held another successful officials training night with many clubs sending chairman, secretaries and treasurers along to Narberth Rugby Club to receive guidance in their new roles. Alice also noted that a training night for leaders is also due to be held at the next week at the Glen, Haverfordwest. Alice also thanked Llysyfran YFC for hosting another successful Harvest Service and expressed how lovely it was that all 12 clubs were represented at the service. She thanked the club for organising the event and for providing a wonderful spread following the service in the club room. Congratulations were expressed to Fishguard YFC on winning both the homework trophy and the overall shield at the County Eisteddfod and to Llysyfran YFC on winning the overall light Section. Warm congratulations were also expressed to Naomi Nicholas on winning the chair at the Eisteddfod and to Pippa Williams on winning the newly introduced Crown. Alice wished everyone who would be representing Pembrokeshire in the Wales Eisteddfod at Swansea, on the 19th November, the best of luck.

Apologies for absence

Steph Morgan, Rebecca Voyle,

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st September 2016

Minutes were signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising

A question was asked regarding the need for clubs to hold EGM's to elect further representatives but it was explained that a resolution must be passed at the AGM first. It was agreed that further information would be circulated once we have it.

3. Correspondence

Letter - Nan Warlow - Life Member

A letter was read from Life Member Miss Nan Warlow congratulating the members and the county for all their successes and in particular in the discussion held at the previous members. She underlined the importance of the movement being run for the members by the members and thanked the county for the Executive committee minutes which she enjoyed reading.

Adopt Policies

An update to the bullying policies were adopted

Poultry Competition

Nia noted that rules have been circulated from Wales regarding a Poultry Trussing and jointing competition that will be held at the Wales YFC winter fair. The competition is direct entry to Wales YFC and competitors will be asked to pay an entry fee of £2 to compete.

Letter Llawhaden YFC

A letter was received from Llawhaden YFC members and leaders expressing their disappointment that work they had sent for the homework section of the Eisteddfod had not been entered to the competition. Furthermore the letter noted their disappointment in the way their complaint had been dealt with by the County Organiser.

Following the letter Nia responded to the points raised in the letter and noted that both she and Sian had checked the computer systems in the office and were unable to find an email containing the work referred to.

A discussion followed on how work is entered for the competition and also regarding the deadline for entries.

It was agreed that a meeting of county officials would be held prior to the next board of management regarding staff Matters.

4. To receive and adopt the following reports:

A. Wales Council and Sub Committees

In moving for the adoption of a verbal report Alice James congratulated Katie Davies on being elected chairman of the Competitions sub-committee at the Wales YFC AGM in Gregynog. Congratulations were also extended to Nerys Roberts who has become the new chairman of events and marketing. Alice noted that Arwel Jones was elected chairman with Laura Elliott of Glamorgan vice. Dai Jones will continue as President. Alice explained that council were informed that the opportunity has arisen to buy the YFC building lease and that negotiations are ongoing. ~As a result of Katie's election as chair of the competitions committee Alice will sit on competitions as Pembrokeshire Rep alongside Non but there is a vacancy for a representative to sit on events and Marketing. Alice asked that any interested persons speak to Nia. It was also noted that as Katie sits on council as committee chair there would need to be a third rep for Pembrokeshire. Alice again asked for a volunteer to speak to Nia if only to attend the next meeting on the 21st January.

The report was adopted.

B. County Competitions Sub Committee

Non Thorne moved for the adoption of a printed report of the above meeting. The draws for the next rounds of the knockout quiz and the indoor sports took place.

Pub Quiz was discussed and it was unanimously decided to invite Karen, Rhiannon and Pete to be invited back as quiz Masters. It was agreed to change location to the Rugby club in Haverfordwest with Snooty Fox as a reserve location.

An update was received following the August meeting noting that judges were booked as far as English Public Speaking.

Feedback was received regarding the Dancing competitions, Clay Pigeon Shooting and Cubed Exhibit

A number of clubs have shown an interest in entering the dancing clay pigeon shooting and Cubed Exhibit therefore it was necessary to have a county competition. It was proposed to hold the Cubed Exhibit during the finals of the Entertainment at Fishguard School.

Due to the detailed rules it was proposed to have a selection of judges to cover the relevant judging areas and names were proposed.

Mrs Edna Davies has decided to retire as junior public speaking trainer in both the English and the Welsh Competitions therefore we need to propose new names. Non thanked Edna for her hard work and congratulated her on the many successful years as a trainer.

Katie Davies was proposed to take over the English section.

Arwel Evans was proposed to take over the Welsh Section with Sue Phillips named as a reserve.

Chief Stewards

Nia asked if we could continue with the same system as last year for the Public Speaking days with 2 chief stewards for the two sections. It was agreed to ask Edna Davies to take on the English section and Eirlys Davies to undertake the Welsh section.

Sign – Wales YFC have mentioned a sign competition with a £100 donation to make a sign advertising the Winter Fair. It was discussed and agreed to invite Templeton to undertake the competition. If they were unable it was agreed that the 2nd in the competition be approached.

Sports Co-ordinator Eirlys Davies asked that as there was no cup presented in the touch rugby and Frisbee competitions during the sports that it would be a nice gesture to present certificates at the County AGM to those teams especially as they involved juniors. Nia noted that the certificates had been done and were ready in the office.

C. County Rural Affairs Committee

In moving for the adoption of a verbal report Ros Bushell noted that James George had been elected chairman of the Rural Affairs committee for the coming year. Graham Johns was thanked for his hard work over the last two years. Ros outlined the details of their forthcoming study tour and urged delegates to get their payments to the county office ASAP.

Their next outing had been discussed and it had been agreed that a visit to Treddiog to see the Robotic milking system followed by Sunday lunch would be their next visit.

Ros noted that she had decided to step down from the role of secretary of the committee and that members had been asked to think of a suitable replacement to take on the role.

A suggestion had been made to have another rural affairs social. Members were asked to bring ideas to the next meeting.

The report was adopted.

D. County Board of Management

In moving for the adoption of a printed report Helen Hodges announced that Karen Jones would be the new chairman of the Board of Management. Helen congratulated Karen on her appointment and wished her the best of luck for the next 3 years. Karen reading from a printed report highlighted that the Ball in a Hall made a small profit and that it had been agreed to continue with it as a social more than a fundraiser but to bring back a theme for the evening. Cara's report showed that funding has been received from Valero to the tune of £5000 but won't show in this year's accounts. 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

The AGM guest speaker was proving difficult but Stephen James was available and it had been agreed to invite him.

Karen outlined the proposed resolutions:-

(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.

(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.

Karen noted that the charges for the entertainment competition had been discussed and agreed:-

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.

Karen noted an increase to the chairman's reimbursement had been proposed from £250 to £300.

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

The report was adopted.

Alice on behalf of the county thanked Helen for all her hard work during 6 years as board of management chairman and congratulated Karen Jones in her new role.

E. County Harvest Festival

In moving for the adoption of a verbal Report Llysyfran member Katie Davies noted that the Harvest Festival was hosted this year by Llysyfran YFC and a lovely service was had at Gwastad Chapel Llysyfran with all 12 clubs represented. The Rev Dennis Wight officiated and gave a timely and relevant address with county and club officials taking leading roles and items performed by the club. Refreshments were provided by the club in the clubroom following the service. Donations were received for PATCH and the collection money was donated to the Catrin Vaughan Foundation and the Eliza Donnelly fund.

F. Any other meeting attended by a YFC representative

5. To receive report from County Link Persons:

a) International Link Person

Alice informed the meeting that Angharad Edwards international Links Person has arranged an international evening for tomorrow night due to the application deadline being at the end of this week. Travel information was sent out at the beginning of the year. Each club have been asked to prepare information on a specific country. There will also be an introduction to what the travel programme is and a few examples of previous trips. We will be collecting forms in on Thursday as they need to be signed by county on Friday before being sent to Wales on the weekend.

6. To adopt revised meeting timetable (Enclosed)

Following a discussion between county officials a revised meetings timetable was circulated. It was also suggested that the AGM and Exec AGM be combined to one meeting. The revised calendar of dates was adopted.

7. 2016 NFYFC Annual General Meeting

Nia noted that the search had started for a hotel for the AGM in Torquay and once more information was available it would be passed on to members. A suggestion was made that a payment structure be set up so that members could pay for the trip in bits rather than one big payment at the end. It was also noted that the £50 deposit would then mean that the member was then liable for the total cost of the trip.

8. Youth Forum report

Cerys Jones the county Youth Forum sidekick informed the meeting that the youth forum had had a productive meeting where they had discussed the lack of interest and availability for the scarlets trip meant they had to rearrange and possibly cancel it out of the programme.

They had decided that a visit to county hall would be a great idea but ideally to hold it on the same evening as a county meeting to help with lifts etc.

Rhys will be planning the youth Forum ball and dates have been discussed. Youth Forum to support Rhys with the planning.

County Exchange trips - it was discussed to try and get in touch with Carmarthenshire to arrange something for the summer.

The youth Forum are keen to hold a Car Wash with dates and times tbc

Frisbee Golf to be arranged for the 5th April 2017

It was agreed to arrange Laser Tag for a date in July but date to be confirmed.

The Forum had discussed ways of getting more people to attend the forum meetings and a bake off had been discussed with members decorating cupcakes to be judged at the end of the meeting by a county official.

To generate more members YFC needs to get in touch with school. Maybe a link on the website explaining more that we are not just for farmers also examples of the varied type of people who attend young farmers.

Giving younger members more roles and responsibilities and maybe pairing a younger member with an older member to lessen pressure of taking on a role.

County to advertise the skills available through young farmers and possibility of using YFC officials as a reference.

Cerys moved for the adoption of the report.

Alice thanked Cerys for the report and congratulated the youth forum on bringing some great ideas forward.

9. Any other business

11/11/2016 - Iron Duke - PUB OF THE MONTH

Clunderwen YFC has arranged Pub of the month which will be held at the Iron Duke on the 11 November. Everybody welcome.

10. To confirm date of next meeting will be Wednesday 25th January 8pm

Signed _____ Date _____