

PEMBROKESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

Minutes of the County Executive Meeting held at Agriculture House, Haverfordwest at 8pm on Wednesday 27th April 2016.

Present

Mrs Dill Williams (President); Mr R Summons (County Chairman); Miss Alice James (County Vice-chairman); Mr Alun Griffiths (Immediate Past County Chairman), Arwel Jones Wales YFC Vice- Chairman; Helen Hodges (Chairman Board of Management), Mrs E Davies, Mrs P George, Mrs G Hancock, Mr D Williams, Mrs K Jones, (Vice-presidents); Mrs E Davies, Mrs M Evans, Mr M Williams (Hon. Members); R Bushell, Tom Bevan, (co-opted) Miss K Davies (NFYFC Council Member); Nerys Roberts (Brawdyhayscastle) S Morgan Williams, Sophie Thomas, (Clunderwen); C Vaughan, L Davies (Eglwysrwrw); J Luke-Evans, J George, , H Davies (Fishguard); E Morely, (Hermon); C Warlow, R Griffiths, P Williams Caryl Bevan, Rhys Bevan Berwyn Warlow, (Llysyfran); H Phillips (Templeton); A Sharpe, A Thomas (Tiers Cross); Nia George (County Organiser)

Apologies

Alwyn Evans, Non Thorne, Chris Davies, Sophie Davies, Tania Hancock, Nicola Owen, Victoria Hancock, Angharad Scourfield.

Chairman's remarks.

In declaring the meeting open Richard welcomed everyone along and extended a special welcome.

Congratulations to everyone in the Welsh Public Speaking day held at Hermon especially to Hermon YFC who won the overall Welsh Public Speaking.

The Horse Racing night held by Alice James and her attendants went really well and a fantastic £3000 has been raised for Pembrokeshire YFC.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported show president Dennis Rees with his recent quiz night, it was a great night and it was lovely to see so many teams representing clubs and county.

Eisteddfod Ddwl in conjunction with Menter Iaith Sir Benfro was a successful night with members from clubs having fun. For the 7th year in a row Hermon were the winners.

Congratulations to everyone who represented the County at the recent Wales YFC Public Speaking Day. The Welsh language speakers secured 2nd place and English Language speakers won the overall competition. Thank you to all trainers and helpers.

We are extremely grateful to the James family at Gelli Olau for hosting this year's field day. It was a fantastic turnout with a good number of entries. Congratulations to Eglwysrwrw 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 was announced as the first Male Ambassador for Pembrokeshire.

Wales YFC held their Field Day on Saturday 23rd April at Monmouth Livestock Centre, hosted by Gwent YFC. Richard congratulated all the members who travelled to compete especially The Efficiency with Safety who were 1st the ATV Challenge coming 3rd, Charles George on coming 3rd in the senior stockjudge and Rhys James for coming 2nd in the Junior Stockjudging and the Mock Auction Team on coming 2nd.

Richard then asked if Mr Arwel Jones Vice chairman of Wales YFC would like to present the cup to the Llysyfran Efficiency with Safety Team.

Arwel Jones thanked Richard for the welcome and apologised on behalf of Wales YFC for the results of the Efficiency with Safety not being released on the day of Field Day and therefore for the delay in presenting the cup. He noted however that there had been an increase in the numbers of teams competing and he felt this was a very important step forward in what he believed to be a very important yfc competition.

Richard thanked Arwel again and invited him to stay for the duration of the meeting. He also congratulated the Lllysyfran Team and wished them the best of luck in the competitions day in Stafford on the 2nd July.

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 24th February 2016 (enclosed).

These were taken as read and signed as a true and accurate record.

2. Matters arising

Landsker Singers

It has been raised that the Landsker singers have a concert on the same day as the English Public speaking day. As many members, past members and supporters are members in the Choir and also help with stewarding it was asked to consider changing the public speaking to the week before. It was also noted that the field day had already clashed with them.

Action: To arrange the Public Speaking day for the 4th December at Pembrokeshire College.

3. Correspondence.

TENDERS

Richard explained that tenders had not been received in the Board of Management for the Rally day catering and it had therefore been agreed to discuss them at this meeting.

LHP WAGES

Richard noted that Cara was currently working alone in the NFU and was finding it difficult to arrange constant dates for payment of wages. She had asked if the county would consider paying LHP to provide the service which would result in prompt and consistent pay dates for the staff. The cost would be £10 per calendar month. It was agreed that LHP take over the paying of wages.

STEPHEN THORNTON VALERO

An email had been received from Valero agreeing to sponsor the movement once again this year but that they were able to offer £5000.

4. To receive and adopt the following reports:

(B) County Board of Management Meeting (09/03/16)

Helen Hodges moved for the adoption of a report of the above meeting. She referred to the following:

Correspondence

Bills have been received regarding the Drama competition from Rob Thomas, Ysgol Y Preseli for £510, S Doherty £647 for Drama, £645 Ysgol Bro Gwaun, £216 Ysgol Y Preseli, £370 Tasker Milward. A discussion followed regarding the Tasker Milward bill due to lack of heating, but as the hours were less it was agreed to pay.

Cara congratulated the county at the success of the drama noting that it had been very successful financially. Taking costs previously mentioned the income was up on previous drama competitions to £2600.

Cara also noted the increased income from the pub quiz.

Membership - Currently 432 compared with 478 last year. A discussion followed regarding retention and new members. It was suggested that a higher charge be made for non-members to tickets for events. A proposal was made that any non-member be charged an extra £5 on ticket prices, and for this to be enforced at club level with a profit difference being kept by the club.

Rally Tenders.

Fast Food – Dragon Mobile had already been engaged following their rolling tender

Ice Cream – It was recommended that a tender from Elfan Williams be accepted for Ice Cream.

Catering - As no tenders had come forward it was agreed for tenders to be brought to the Executive Committee Meeting.

Fundraising.

Alice James informed the meeting of a fundraising night to be held at Nantyllyn Llandisilio on Good Friday to raise money for Pembs YFC. There will be racing with a twist as well as an auction. Sponsors are being sought and anyone interested can speak to Alice or any of the attendants.

Richard Summons informed the meeting that his chosen charities for the year will be Wales Air Ambulance, Paul Satori Foundation and Pembrokeshire YFC.

He will be arranging a hypnotist night and Promise auction on the 14th of May. Tickets for £10.

Ball in a Hall & Queen's Ball.

It was agreed that the Ball in the hall this year will take place at Martletwy Club room. It will be a formal evening with tickets available at £7 for members and £12 to non-members.

Staff Matters.

Helen informed the meeting that they have to enrol Nia for a pension by May 2017 however they are not obliged to enrol Sian.

Mileage sheets and Toil sheets have been prepared for Nia and Sian and Helen will get these to the office next week.

Helen noted that a committee could be put together to discuss Employment matters.

Helen suggested that emails would be sent out to the board of management members on suggested members for the committee and a vote be taken on who the Board would recommend be invited to sit on the committee.

Junior member results

A question was raised regarding the publication of the results of the junior member competition. A number of the Board members felt that this was not right.

It was agreed that in future

Only the winner and reserve would be announced in both Junior and Senior Member competitions.

(C) County Competitions Sub-Committee Meeting (6/04/16)

Alice James moved for the adoption of a report of the above meeting. She referred to the following:

1. Correspondence.

Cardigan Show is hoping to hold a Sheep Shearing Competition and want to invite the winners from Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire to compete in the Competition. Eglwysrwr to compete on behalf of County.

2. To review County Drama

The Judge was grateful. Alwyn noted that the Judge was very good. It was however felt not to use Taskers again.

Having the slope closed had been a success and had worked well. Glad to say it wasn't really needed due to the fantastic support at the final.

3. 2016 County Rally

(a) Rally Day Guests. Was agreed

(b) Opening Ceremony and presentation of awards – with the addition of Male Ambassador to give out awards.

(c) Flowers: Queen and Male Ambassador.

(d) Horse Boxes: Dylan to source Horse Box.

(e) Photographer. – Miss Helen Hodges

4. To decide on which competitions and number to county for NFU Shield (list enc.) – It was agreed that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the competitions should count.

5. To decide on competitions to count for the Championship Trophy.

It was agreed not to add any competitions this year.

6. Order of Appearance was drawn for pre rally competition

To decide on representatives to Wales/ NFYFC Competitions.

Any clubs winning will be expected to represent the County at Royal Welsh.

Any Other Business.

Letter to be sent to Wales YFC voicing concerns that judges must be trusted to choose topics, names to come back from counties and include that in the reading competition the page as guidance

Aled Harper raised the Rally Timetable. It was agreed that the timetable had been passed by Exec and would not be changed again.

Postcode of Farm for Field Day to be circulated to clubs

Concern from Hermon YFC regarding English Just a Minute. Why were there non-members competing?

It was decided that -The team must consist of members from the teams who have competed on the day.

Trophies to be returned and clean by the date – 14th May prior to rally.
Wales YFC is looking for a new Finance and Management Chair.

(D) Any other meeting attended by an YFC representative)

Rural Affairs Committee Meeting

Ros Bushel presented a verbal report thanking Tom Jones from Martletwy who had been their guest speaker at the last meeting of the Rural Affairs Committee. Ros noted that it had been a very interesting talk regarding the bursary he had won to travel to Canada to study genetics. Ros noted it had been very interesting to hear that cows there had a daily shower.

Discussions were in hand regarding the next trip which they plan to visit Somerset / Taunton - with potentially a visit to the Glastonbury site, Muller and farms affected by flooding. – 27-29th October.

At present there are no plans to have a social rural affairs evening like the one held in Llawhaden.

James George is the new chairman of the rural affairs committee with Simon Snape as vice. Members were reminded that the attendance at meetings counts towards the Bill Black Trophy.

The report was adopted

5. To appoint members of the County Show Working Party.

County Chairman
County Vice Chairman
President & President Elect
Junior Member
Senior Member
Queen and Attendants
Male Ambassador
Chairman of each club or a representative
from each club
Anyone else who is interested

6. County Youth Forum

Ffion Phillips chairman of the Youth Forum in a verbal report congratulated Rhys James Lllysyfran Pembrokeshire YFC's new Junior Member.

Ffion noted that the Junior Ball at the Snooty Fox had been a successful event enjoyed by all and that they hope to continue the ball in future.

Caryl and Aled from Ceredigion have been in touch to organise a youth forum get together in Llangrannog.

The youth forum is keen to collate a survey to find out what members want and how to generate more members to yfc. They are also looking at creating posters and pamphlets to promote the movement. Due to many people being unable to attend on the 22nd June the youth forum have decided to rearrange their next meeting.

The youth forum has discussed having a senior member or leader to sit on meetings.

The youth forum wants to undertake a project to film at various events and hopefully create a promotional video.

The report was adopted.

It was suggested that the male ambassador could sit in on youth forum or the senior member. This to be reviewed again in September.

7. Any other business.

Eirlys Davies sports co-ordinator informed the meeting that the sports will be on the sports will be held on the 3rd, 5th and 9th June with the Pool and darts on the 8th July. She asked that expressions of interest be submitted by the 13th May.

Catering

Nerys Roberts said the Queen and attendants would sort out catering for the event.

Vicky Hope – Tractor Run

Nerys Roberts suggested having the Tractor run in September / October as the county show is busy with people competing and showing.

It was agreed to speak to Vicky regarding possible dates in September and move on from there.

Alice James

Congratulations to Alice James on her recent man of the match award and reaching the Welsh Cup Final.

Chairman's Board

Richard commented on the board being filled in up to date.

Help and support for 14th May – Justin Sleep

Richard asked if anyone wanted to help or donate any prizes for the 14th May he would be grateful. He informed the meeting that tickets were £10 and the evening would start at 8pm.

NFYFC

Katie informed the meeting that a Levi increase of 3 % would be proposed at the AGM. She explained that they will be putting the levi up but are trying to do it in small chunks rather than in bulk. Katie asked which way the executive would like to vote. It was proposed to agree to the proposed increase.

Eglwysrwr YFC – Tractor Run and Barn Dance

As part of their 60th year celebrations Eglwysrwr YFC are arranging a Tractor Run and Barn Dance On 25th June at Pantygarn, Eglwysrwr

Rally Dance

Members were asked for proposals for a band for Rally Dance. It was unanimously agreed to invite Room 42.

Wales YFC Field Day

Llysyfran Club Chairman wished to express their disappointment at the way announcement of results were handled at the Wales Field Day. Caryl Warlow noted that she appreciated Arwel Jones Wales Vice Chairman making the effort to attend the meeting to present the cup but she noted that the results had been promised on the Saturday night. Caryl expressed concerns that the Gwent federations were aware of the result and knew that they had placed second. After being told that the results would be published on Saturday night Lllysyfran members and friends had patiently waited for results only to find that no results were posted.

Arwel Jones Wales YFC Vice Chairman responded noting that the scorers usually are asked to stay for an extra hour after the results have been announced but unfortunately on this occasion the scorer had to leave due to the lateness of the competition finishing. Arwel noted that therefore No scores had been totalled. He also noted that it was gone 7pm when everything finished and he was not prepared to keep staff who had already been working all day there for longer than necessary.

Caryl Warlow recognised that it was late on the day but noted that a note on social media explaining this would have been appreciated. Caryl Warlow said that members were frustrated by not being able to find the promised results and as a last resort had contacted a Wales Officer to try and get information. Again no-one from Wales communicated any messages to the club. Arwel responded by explaining that both he and Vicky were aware that the field day had overrun quite considerably and by 7pm had taken the decision to sign off all Wales officers and staff. He noted that he did not feel it was fair for staff or officers to be contacted later in the evening and that any issues should have been directed to the proper channels. Arwel also said that it was a really positive to have an increase in the numbers competing in the efficiency with safety and that it was a very important competition for Young Farmers. Caryl Warlow expressed their disappointment again after a member was contacted directly by the competition chair. Caryl said that surely if they as a club cannot contact a Wales Officer then a Wales Officer should not have been able to contact a member directly. Caryl asked what the proper channels were. Arwel said he would discuss this with Vicky and a procedure would be put in place on how to contact Wales following an event and how Wales should contact members or clubs.

A discussion on contacting members directly followed and it was agreed that members should not be contacted directly.

Dill Williams, County president noted that she had attended the Wales Field day and noted that the machinery for the efficiency with safety was late arriving meaning the competition was late starting and she herself had been told on two occasions that the results would be announced that evening.

A discussion followed and it was agreed that a letter would be sent from Pembrokeshire YFC to the Competitions steering group to be discussed at the next meeting in June.

Richard also noted that he felt that rules for competitions need to be left alone once they have been announced as changes are difficult for counties to track and are sometimes amended too late for changes to be made.

Richard thanked Arwel for his time and for answering some of the questions.

8. To confirm date of next meeting **Wednesday, 22nd June 2016 at 8.00p.m.**

Meeting Closed at 10.11pm