

PEMBROKESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

Minutes of a meeting of the County Executive Committee held on Wednesday 22nd June 2016 at Agriculture House, Haverfordwest.

Present

Mr. R Summons (County Chairman); Miss Alice James (County Vice-chairman); Alwyn Evans (County President Elect), Helen Hodges, Mair Evans, Edna Davies (Hon Member), , Mrs P George, Mrs G Hancock, Mrs K Jones, (Vice-presidents); R Bushell, Tom Bevan, (co-opted) Miss K Davies (NFYFC Council Member); Nerys Roberts (Brawdyhayscastle), Delun Evans (Eglwysrwrw), J George, , H Davies (Fishguard); Jess Durham, Victoria Hancock, Tania Hancock Eleri George (Keyston) Owain Lewis, Marged Simons (Llawhaden) C Warlow, R Griffiths, P Williams, (Llysyfran), Angharad Scourfield (South Pems) Sophie Davies, Aled Thomas (Tiers Cross); Nia George (County Organiser), Nicola Owen (Pems Agricultural Society)

Apologies for absence.

Dill Williams, Mostyn Williams, Non Thorne, Hannah Phillips, Mrs Eirlys Davies, Mr. D Williams, S Morgan, Sophie Thomas, C Vaughan, L Davies, J Luke-Evans, E Morley, A Sharpe, Christina Davies, Chris Davies.

Chairman's remarks.

Richard Summons declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone to his last executive committee meeting as chairman.

Richard thanked everyone who supported the chairman's charity event held at Clarbeston Road Hall and for all the donations received. From the evening alone we can say that the Wales Air Ambulance, Paul Sartori and Pembrokeshire YFC will each receive a donation of £1700 each from the fundraisers. The fund will be left open until September if there are any further donations.

Richard extended congratulations to Llawhaden YFC on winning the Pembrokeshire YFC Rally 2016.

It was a fantastic day and showcased the many talents Pembrokeshire YFC members have.

Richard Congratulated everyone who competed in the various sports competitions especially to Hermon on winning the Rugby, Fishguard on winning the hockey, Llysyfran on winning the football and wished them the best of luck to all those selected for Pool teams who will now represent Wales in the Sports Day in Aberystwyth on the 26th June.

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 27th April 2016

The minutes were read and signed as a true record.

2. Matters Arising.

Vicky Hope tractor run was suggested for the 28th August. It was raised that Clunderwen show would be that weekend. It was agreed that a meeting be held at the Bristol Trader to discuss another possible date and the details.

Owain Lewis and Marged Simons were present at the last meeting.

3. Correspondence.

Wales YFC - Sports Day

We have received an email from Nia Lloyd informing us that only two teams have entered the volleyball and we have therefore gained direct entry to the national final.

The day's Programme has been forwarded to everyone and there are hard copies on the table in the back if anyone would like a copy.

Wales YFC

The Wales 80th celebration was discussed which are to include a dinner and a concert at Llanarchaeron Ceredigion on the 17th and 18th September. We were invited to send names of possible acts for the concert and the Top of the Pops solo, Bechgyn Jemima, Alun Griffiths, Hywel and Sam, Keyston YFC Dancing and Hermon Dancing were named.

Wales YFC - CANAPES COMPETITION

The closing date for the Canapes Competition is the 4th of July, a great opportunity for Members. Rules have been circulated.

Wales YFC - Youth Forum

The Wales YFC Youth Forum has been set the challenge to gather 80 messages of best wishes for Wales YFC's 80th anniversary. The format is a short film which can be taken on smartphones or tablets. We would be very grateful for any suggestions of individuals out of each county to approach such as celebrities, loyal servants to the movement, public figures, founder members and youngest members etc. Can you send suggestions to me so that we can ensure that nobody is left out and every county is included. Names suggested included Ann Phillips Davies, Fflur James, Connie Fisher, Jonathan Thomas, John Davies, Kevin Phillips, Hywel James, Fiona Phillips, and Jamie Owen.

Wales YFC - 2016 - 2017 COMPETITIONS

Due to the loss of a staff member.

A list of all competitions to be ran by Wales YFC will be distributed to all County Federations by the beginning of next week.

Full rules of all competitions will be available by Friday 5th August, 2016

Wales YFC - OPERATIONS OFFICER

Interviews were held yesterday for the post of Operations officer for Wales YFC. Unfortunately, no appointment was made.

Wales will keep us informed of developments over the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, please address any queries regarding competitions to Ffion or Nia.

Wales YFC - COFFEE BAR STAFF

Wales YFC is once again looking for coffee bar staff for the Royal Welsh Show. An application form is available.

4. To receive and adopt the following reports:

(A) NFYFC AGM 26/04/16

In moving for the adoption of a verbal report Richard noted that once again a successful trip had been had to Blackpool with two buses. Richard informed the meeting that a vote to increase the levy was carried and that there would be a 3% increase. He noted that during the meeting that the amount of charity work done by NFYFC members was highlighted. Richard noted that the AGM next year would be held in Torquay.

On another note Richard wanted to draw the committee's attention to a problem with certain members during the journey to Blackpool and certain individual's behavior on the buses. Richard noted that it was not acceptable and it was unfair on other members who were affected as a result. A discussion followed and it was agreed that Richard would write to the members involved and inform them that they were banned from attending social trips and not allowed to travel on county arranged buses.

The report was adopted

(B) County Competitions Sub-Committee 8/06/16

In moving for the adoption of a written report Alice highlighted correspondence received from St David's Carnival Committee asking for use of the mascot. It was agreed that this be passed to Brawdy Hayscastle YFC as a club fundraiser.

Gwobrau Shwmae would once again be running this year.

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.

1. PAS - Funday

A letter of thanks was read from the PAS for the help received at the funday. 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

Rally Reports were received and Alice thanked all stewards for their reports and hard work.

A couple of things 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.

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.

1. 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

2. 2016 Royal Welsh Show

There had been a problem with the woodwork results as the judges had given an extra mark to south Pems. 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

3. 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. It was agreed to hold an extraordinary competitions meeting on the 30th August to agree judges for the other competitions and to discuss the competitions.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Recorder for Championship Trophy.

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

7. Mini Winter Fair

2nd Weekend in November - Whitland Mart.

8. 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.

The report was adopted.

(C) County Show Working Party 8/06/16

Alice James in moving for the adoption of a written report informed the meeting that it had been decided to concentrate on promotion rather than competition this year. It was agreed to use money from the government to create bilingual promotional banners, flag and board. Successful rally entries would be asked to present demonstrations at the

show.

The ER Phillips award would continue as noted above.

The report was adopted

(D) County Board of Management 15/06/16

Helen Hodges moved for the adoption of a written report highlighting the following points.

100+ Membership - she urged clubs, members and supporters to sign up to the county 100+ club and if possible sign up to direct debit payments on a yearly basis.

Helen noted that the Queens Ball would need a change of venue as the Parkhouse was not available. She noted that the cost would be increased considerably by using the Brithdir but that negotiations were ongoing.

Karen Jones, Michael Harries and Ros Bushel were nominated to be co-opted to board of management.

Helen moved for the adoption of the report.

Richard thanked Helen for her work as Board of management chairman for the last 6 years.

Nicola Owen offered her help and support in negotiating with the PAS

(E) Wales YFC Council 19/06/16

In moving for the adoption of a verbal report Richard Summons explained that the AGM due to be held in Tenby this year was causing issues due to unsuitable venues. He noted that the Wales AGM would be held on the 30th September -2nd October and information would follow although it may not be in Tenby.

Wales YFC has now been offered the opportunity to buy the whole building. Discussions are ongoing.

A space has become available for the European rally in July.

Membership is down 4.3% overall.

Levy discussions are ongoing with NFYFC and Wales are looking to make a formal agreement regarding return of 50% of the levy.

Wales YFC have been informed that S4C will not be filming the entertainment this year it was agreed that every county should write to S4C to express their disappointment.

The rules pack for the coming year are not finished yet due to staff shortage but will be sent out as soon as possible via dropbox.

Richard noted that Pembrokeshire were not the only county to send in letters following the public speaking and field day. A discussion had followed and a suggestion had been made to change the time allowed for each task in the EWS to 30 minutes at Wales's level. It was also noted that NFYFC were not planning to hold the competition in future. It was proposed that a morning and afternoon registration was needed. Chairman Vicky Hope had noted that it should be made clear to counties that complaints should wait until Monday morning as staff are not expected to deal with matters after a competition has ended. She also noted that counties had to take responsibility for signing in on time and turning up late for a competition is not acceptable.

There was a mistake in the football rules for the Wales Sports day and those who would be 27 years old would be allowed to compete.

The Wales Lamb rearing rules were set to change and anyone competing would need 3 lambs one of which will be killed to enter the carcass competition.

Expressions of interest for vice chair of committees to let Wales YFC know.

The report was adopted.

(F) Wales YFC Youth Forum

Eleri George gave a verbal report where she noted that the youth forum was prioritizing the 80th year at present.

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The committee have decided to turn down the proposal received from Aberystwyth University to take part in a weekend summer school on this occasion.

The committee agreed to use their booth at the Royal Welsh Show to draw attention to the Movement's 80th birthday celebration, and also offer milkshakes as a result of the continued support of Calon Wen.

The committee will hold their AGM during the same weekend as the main AGM as members enjoyed this opportunity last year and the numbers that attended the meeting last year also proved that it was a popular choice.

It was agreed to hold the meeting on the Saturday and Sunday when the weekend would include a visit, a meeting, social evening and a 'fun' day. We intend asking some of our experts to arrange the 'fun' day.

(G) Any other meeting attended by an YFC representative

There were no reports

5. County Calendar 2016/17

A printed academic calendar with dates for the year was circulated in A3 format. This will be updated as dates are confirmed. Also a printed list of county meetings was also circulated. Both will be available on the website.

6. County Youth Forum report

Eleri George in moving for the adoption of a verbal report informed the meeting that the Youth Forum meeting had been held on Monday night at Mc Donalds due to a few members being unable to attend. Ideas for fundraising for next year had been discussed and a possible car wash. The forum is also keen to hold some more social events and continue with the junior ball. It was also decided to make use of the new equipment in county to film different events and activities and create promotional material for the county. The report was adopted.

7. Any Other Business

Good luck to the Junior Public Speaking team, the Efficiency and safety team and the weathervane representing Wales at the Stafford Competitions day on the Second July

8. To confirm date of next meeting this will take place immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the County Executive Committee on 21st September 2016