

PEMBROKESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

County Executive Meeting Wednesday 29th March 2017

Present: Alwyn Evans (County President), Alice James (County Chairman), Non Thorne (County Vice Chairman), Eirlys Davies, Polly George, Karen Jones, Dylan Williams (Vice Presidents), Ros Bushell, , Tom Bevan (Co-opted), Mair Evans, Edna Davies, Mostyn Williams (Hon Member) Dill Williams (Immediate Past County President) Richard Summons (Immediate Past County Chairman) Katie Hall (NFYFC Vice Chair) Katie Davies (NFYFC Rep) Christina Williams, Stephanie Morgan, Dan Roblin (Clunderwen) Lisa Davies, Delun Evans, Steff Jones, Sion Morgan, Matthew Jones, Harri Davies (Eglwysrwrw), Sam Kurtz, Hywel Davies, Jill Luke-Evans, James George (Fishguard) Steffan Evans, Dan Griffiths (Hermon) Eleri George, Carl Evans, Lawrence Hancock, Tania Hancock (Keyston), Owain Lewis, Daisy Lewis (Llawhaden) Pippa Bevan, Rhydian Bevan (Llysyfran), Martha Perkins, Fay John (South Pembs), Hannah Phillips, Matthew Davies (Templeton), Joanne Davies, Lucy Kiff (Tiers Cross) Nicola Owen (Pembs Agri Society)

Alice James County Chairman declared meeting open and welcomed everyone along. Alice noted that since we last met up it's been time for entertainment firstly with two successful Welsh and English County Rounds were judged Ifan Gruffydd place Llysyfran 1st in the Welsh Section and Judge Laura Blundall Gilbert placed Fishguard 1st in the English Section. Alice went on to congratulate the individual trophy winners as listed below.

Best Actress; Welsh: Ffion Phillips, Hermon English: Marged Simons, Llawhaden

Best Actor; Welsh: Tomos Lewis, Hermon English: Nick Belton, Keyston

Technical Achievement: Llysyfran YFC

Most Promising Performance: Chris Davies, Clunderwen

Best Costumes: South Pembs / Templeton

Best Act: Hermon YFC

Arwel Morgan Trophy: Llawhaden

Most of all Alice wished to congratulate all who competed and ensured that Pembrokeshire YFC put on a fantastic feast of entertainment.

Also at the finals night the results of the Situations Vacant were announced and – Congratulations were extended to Dan Griffiths Hermon, the Junior member was announced as Cerys Jones, Brawdyhayscastle and the Senior member was awarded to Jill Luke Evans Fishguard. We also had the result of the cubed exhibit won by Tiers Cross YFC.

A good crowd of members and supporters went on to Port Talbot. Llysyfran and Fishguard did us proud with both teams placing 3rd in their competitions with Jill Luke Evans and Delun Gibby nominated for best actress and Charles George winning Best Actor. Cerys Jones also represented the county in the Junior Member Competition and Jill Luke Evans Fishguard came in the top three in the Senior Member Competition.

We recently held our Welsh Public Speaking Day at Hermon Hall and once again judges were impressed by the standard of our speakers. It was a great day with the overall trophy being won jointly by Fishguard and Eglwysrwrw.

Congratulations to Yasmin Lewis from Keyston YFC who has been named as this year's County Show Lady Ambassador. We look forward to working with you and welcoming you to the YFC Marquee during show week.

Alice noted that competing continued with a dancing competition at Llawhaden hall. She explained there were two styles of dance to choose from which were cheerleading and Street dance. The judge was very impressed with all the entries and couldn't believe the technical ability on display. However, the judges' decision was final and she placed Hermon 1st in the street dance and Fishguard 1st in the Cheerleading. Good luck to them as they join the Public speakers in both English and Welsh at the Wales finals on the 1st April.

Also there was a fab night at the Snooty Fox for the Junior Ball and it was great to see so many people present and enjoying thanks to Rhys and Jack for arranging it all.

We're honoured tonight to welcome the Vice chair of NFYFC Katie Hall joining us this evening. Alice welcomed Katie to the meeting.

Apologies for absence.

Rebecca Voyle, Helen Hodges, Gaynor Hancock, Ffion Phillips, Marged Simons, Jack Davies, Annie Peters, Richard H Lewis

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 25th January 2017 (enclosed).

Matters arising.

Nia would like to apologise for the auto correct typo in the welcome notes sent out in the last minutes.

At the last meeting it was agreed that clubs would support the tour of Pembrokeshire. Despite emailing all secretaries several times we still have no names and are being asked to provide them as soon as possible. Only Tiers Cross has responded.

Thanks to Joanne Davies and Lucy Kiff who have volunteered to do the cookery demonstration at the haverfoodwest day.

2. Correspondence.

(a) Llinos Penfold – Gwobrau Shwmae

An email has been received from Llinos Penfold confirming that the 2017 Gwobrau Shwmae will be held again this year following funding confirmation from Ras yr Iaith. They are keen for Pembs YFC to donate a prize once again this year and asking us to confirm as soon as possible.

They are asking once again for us to discuss what we will be awarding this year and would like the wording to be submitted along with three nominations for the award as soon as possible. It can be for an individual or a group of people who have some impact on the Welsh language within the county. It can be an award for members or leaders. It can be awarded to a particular project or event or for particular contributions in the county.

There will also be an outstanding contribution award for a person who promotes the Welsh language on the evening and we are invited to submit any suggestions we may have of someone who works hard to ensure the language has its place in the movement and beyond. For their contribution to the Welsh Language Alice James, Charles George and Katie Davies have been suggested.

(b) Letter Geraint James – RWS – County Feature 2019

Committee wish to have strong presence with 2 members from each club. Non explained that young people need to be heard. It was agreed that all clubs would try and ensure that 2 representatives from their club would attend the meeting along with county representatives.

(c) Correspondence re: Public Speaking

(i) Letter Llisyfran YFC

(ii) Letter Templeton YFC

(iii) Letter Steffan Jones

Moving on to correspondence Alice referenced three letters that had been received in relation to Public Speaking and in particular Team Selection and who is eligible for the squad. Alice read the three letters to the delegation.

Steffan Jones responded to his own letter "why do we have a judge?" if a group of trainers will end up choosing the team.

Dill Williams noted that she was County Organiser when the matter had been discussed previously. It had been discussed at length and it had been decided that the trainer will select the team.

A comment was made that the judge's selection was therefore irrelevant and that there was no relevance to a county competition. It was also suggested that it wasn't respectful of the judge and their views.

Tania Hancock noted that she had spoken to the judge since the competition. He had stated that he would not like to pick the team and was fully aware of the way the team selection was made and had no issue with it.

Many members both of this year's squad and previous teams noted the calibre of Public Speakers we have within the county and noted that we are very lucky to have trainers who have won at Wales and National Level.

Steffan Jones noted that in other competitions such as stock judging we don't have trainers and it is always the individual winners who go forward to represent the county.

He also noted that a member competing for his club on winning automatically expects to go forward to Wales and even national level or to at least be given the opportunity.

Richard Summons commented that they were valid points; and yes other competitions are different. However he noted that Trainers have done a lot to help members.

The Record of trainers for Pembrokeshire was noted and the considerable success they have had at both Wales and National was praised.

A suggestion was made that the 5 highest placed Speakers should make up the winning team.

A point was raised that Junior reading and speaking Trainers have always gone for the winner and that there is a tendency to think there's a difference between younger and older members but that it is evident that older members wish to be treated fairly.

A question was asked if the judge might be invited to choose the team going forward and then have the trainers train that team.

Karen Jones noted it's the system that has been in place for years and pointed out that it is the meeting who decides who trains. Karen also noted that not every dinner suits the individuals in the squad and therefore adjustments are made accordingly to put together the best possible team. Karen noted that they are comfortable with their selection. She also added that Rhiannon is judging at Wales which put them in a Unique position this year due to the fact that they know the judge and her style.

Members noted that there is a big difference between county and going through in Public Speaking and whilst the standard is extremely high at county the training put in prior to the Wales competition takes it to the next level. Jill valued the opportunity to compete at Wales

Steffan asked how team selection of the team can be achieved from two informal meetings over a bar meal, without any discussion of topics or public speaking and even after topics had been received no preparation was done regarding the actual competition.

It was proposed for things to be kept the same but with an audition where all squad members prepared a piece before being considered for selection

It was proposed to keep the trainers and the system of selection as it is but with preparation involved as part of selection process and that every individual cup winner as well as all members of the winning team be invited to be part of the squad.

Alice noted that all Trainers, leaders stewards and staff offering time, advice, help and support need to need to be respected across the board. She noted that any communication between trainers and members or parents needs to be appropriate and that randomly contacted trainers or staff at inappropriate times would not be tolerated.

The best Speaker Cup has been returned to the county as Steffan no longer felt it was appropriate for him to keep it. Many members asked him to reconsider as it was a fantastic achievement to have won the cup at county level.

Alice referred everyone in the room to a Clause in the anti-bullying policy which notes that any form of bullying will not be tolerated and asked members to remind their members of this. Alice thanked all the trainers for their hard work and congratulated them again on their continued successes

How much we appreciate all our County Trainers.

3. To receive and adopt the following reports:

- A. NFYFC Council - In moving for the adoption of a verbal report. Katie Davies again referenced how nice it was to have NFYFC vice chairman Katie Hall in attendance. Katie drew attention to the Federation having the option of becoming an incorporated organisation, through a special motion to be discussed at the AGM. Katie noted that ideas for competitions for 2018/19 Programme are to be discussed at the June meeting.

Katie noted there was a proposed the Performing Arts rota due to the AGM being in Blackpool with Entertainment and Drama swapping to accommodate the size of teams - Pembrokeshire discussed and agreed this.

Sports - for 2018/2019 to raise the age group for participants in NFYFC sports of teams 14 years to 26 year of age. Membership statistics since 2013 have indicated members aged 10 - 14 years have had very little participation if any.

Katie went on to discuss the upcoming Annual Convention in Torquay and noted

- *That the steering group support the promotion of positive behaviour ahead of the annual convention to be held in Torquay in April*

Katie also noted that a PowerPoint presentation had been circulated regarding behaviour. County chairman Alice James agreed that the PowerPoint would be shown to delegates before they got on the bus to attend the AGM.

Annual Convention

- Ideas for venues for 2020 - key considerations are hotels (no of beds in resort/town) and hotel costs plus a venue with capacity for approx. 6,000

Please contact Erica Attwood for more information or with venue suggestions

That the PD steering group members opted for the 2017 Selection Day to be face- to-face interviews with the option of using Skype

The PD steering group members will begin to look for ideas for under 18 travel opportunities

The Youth Forum members will continue to support the Yellow Wellies Farm Safety Campaign by running the Farm Safety Curve training in their club and by attending shows to support the campaign

Katie Hall NFYFC vice chairman thanked the Executive committee for welcoming her along and noted that the council were keen to be allowed to change their status as an organisation and that it was therefore important for members whether or not they were attending the AGM to return their voting cards.

- B. Competitions Sub Committee meeting -

Non Thorne moved for the adoption of a printed report of the above meeting and highlighted the following points. The committee proposed not to have a Judge at the Final Night. Eisteddfod Competition - to be held on the first Saturday of Half Term. A dairy stock judging section will be held as part of the rally this year. A proposal has been put forward for a cup to be presented for the club with the highest number of points per member. Non noted that we will now be seeking a donation of a cup or trophy.

- C. Board of Management Sub Committee Meeting - In moving for the adoption of a printed report Karen highlighted the following points: Finance Packages for potential

sponsors will be designed to try and combat the lack of funding from the council. Karen also outlined the proposal for a Patrons scheme to boost funds. Karen referred to the accounts for 15/16 and put forward a proposal for the accounts to be passed by the Executive committee.

D. Any other meeting attended by an YFC representative - none to report.

4. Rally Day Timetable

Dylan Williams gave a report and outlined a proposal for the Rally Day and Rally timetable. Moving to the two versions we have collated for the timetable I'd like to first discuss our suggestions for the Rally layout following endless calls for a refreshing or revamp of the rally site during Rally day. Here too we have two options to propose.

Option 1 -

To use a large suitable trailer that can be located outside the Shed with seating in front that will be where the main crowning ceremony will take place. Weather contingency plan to have the staging blocks set up and laid out in the Pavilion so that should we need cover the ceremonies can go there. This means that both areas can be set up and ready for the various ceremonies all day. The dancing square may be located in the far end of the Parkhouse building and the rooms would move to where the staging is currently.

Option 2 -

Move the staging and dance area to the bottom block of the Parkhouse shed. Bring in a large trailer for the ceremony with a dance area in front of for competitions. Seating all around. Move the rooms from flat against one wall to being grouped half way up the Parkhouse building.

We would suggest keeping the food areas the same with lunches for judge's stewards and guests being served in the same way as in previous years allowing people to still enjoy in the surroundings of the rally.

Following feedback from last year and a request from members of the show we would ask that all clubs provide a steward to be on hand between 8.30am and 12 noon to help with the gate and car park stewarding. These do not have to be members in fact leaders and past members would potentially be more effective in the role. This will ensure that people are parking within designated areas and those areas for disabled parking and easy access can be arranged more effectively.

We would also suggest using the rally signs as decorations for the day spreading them around the rally site instead of grouping them together in a straight line.

We also suggest more signage leading up to gate 3 clearly marking the entrance to the rally.

Moving on to the rally timetable and the two suggestions we have proposed.

The first printed on the green sheet incorporates all dancing and all singing competitions.

For this to work the start times on the competitions are non-negotiable and members wanting to compete in floral art, woodwork and or cookery would therefore be unable to compete in the solo competitions. However it would allow all competitors in the dancing and singing an opportunity to perform on rally day. We have also set an earlier start time for the floral art competition as feedback in previous years has been that people are waiting for the sections to open to be able to view the flowers and cookery sections.

Following discussion we also found that people are drawn out to watch the tug of war and this can hold up competitions in the main building. By moving the TOW competitions to the end of the day this would give chief stewards and field stewards the opportunity to set the stage in preparation for the presentation of awards and possibly help recorders as they would only be waiting on a final result from the TOW

before being able to present the final results allowing us to move forward with the ceremony sooner.

If this is the adopted version this would leave:-

Live Commentary

Lip sync Battle

Dragon s Den Style presentation

This is your life

As pre rally competitions in addition to the stock judging and NFYFC floral

Competitions.

Our second proposal on the yellow sheet again has the Floral art section starting at a slightly earlier time to free up competing members.

However we use the opening ceremony as a warm up to the crown up ceremony and these kicks off the rally.

In this version we have incorporated all of the solo singing on rally day with the groups section of the singing and the dancing being held as pre rally competitions

Again we would keep the TOW as the end of day competitions with the closing procedures starting soon after the end of the TOW to allow results to come out sooner.

This would mean that

All group singing

All dancing

Live Commentary

Lip sync Battle

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As pre rally competitions in addition to the stock judging and NFYFC floral Competitions.

To recap our proposals:-

Rally Layout

Option one - Stage and ceremonies outside on a suitable trailer with Pavilion set up as a weather precaution if needed.

Option two - Stage to move to the bottom end of the Parkhouse building with other competitions working up towards the other end.

Proposed timetable

Version 1 Green Sheet - All singing and dancing incorporated on rally day with strict start times for each competition.

Version 2- Yellow Sheet - Group singing and dancing competitions completed as pre rally competitions with no performances on rally day.

Option 2 - Layout

Version 1 Timetable - proposed and approved.

5. County Show Working Party

A Request has been received from PAS for - extra stewards on Cattle and Sheep with entry and Lunch provided.

It was agreed that a meeting of the County Show Working Party will meet to discuss proposals for the County Show on the 14th June.

6. County Youth Forum

In moving for the adoption of a verbal report county sidekick Cerys Jones gave the following report:-

Jack Burchmore welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Youth Forum Ball - Feedback was generally positive. However, it was felt that the Snooty Fox was too expensive and perhaps another venue may be looked into for the next Junior Ball.

Youth Forum Activities -

Car Wash to take place on the 9th July at Canaston Bowl - List of items to be provided will be sent out to clubs such as Buckets, Water Drums, Sponges, Soap, and Signs etc. Members and cars. Senior Members to be asked one from each club.

Frisbee Golf to take place on 5th April - Would senior members be able to come? £4 per person 6pm - weather dependent.

Meeting at County Hall - Next official meeting will be held at the Council Chambers - on the 28th June if possible.

Nia noted that this had already been booked

4. Rhys James thanked everyone for all the support.

5. To confirm date of next meeting. - 28th June 2017

Alice James congratulated Cerys Jones on being selected as the new Junior Member and wished her well in the role.

She went on to invite County President Mr Alwyn Evans to judge the cupcakes that the youth forum had had fun decorating during their meeting. Results were as follows.

1st and 2nd Cerys Jones

3rd Jack Burchmore

7. Any other business.

Alice noted that as county officials we are working on an idea to visit all 12 clubs in the county to meet with their officials and leaders. As we've decided that communication is key we hope to meet with you to have a chat get ideas etc. We have got in touch with Keyston Chairman Carl Evans to Pilot the idea but will be in touch with more of you in the not too distant future.

Tom noted Haverfordwest Town Centre Soap Box Derby 30th June.

8. To confirm date of next meeting **Wednesday, 28th June 2017 at 8p.m.**

SIGNED :

DATE: