

PEMBROKESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS
County Competitions Meeting Wednesday 9th January 2019

Present: As per Attendance book.

Apologies for absence - as per attendance book.

Chairman's remarks.

Iwan welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2019 and looked forward to an exciting year ahead. He congratulated Owain on being appointed as the new County Organiser and thanked Nia for her hard work and wished her well in her new role with Wales YFC.

It has been a busy autumn with a numerous number of events and competitions being held.

The first competition was the Eisteddfod where Fishguard took a clean sweep of the trophies. A number of members went on to represent Pembrokeshire in the Barry for the Wales YFC Eisteddfod, where another successful day was had which saw Pembrokeshire take 3rd placed overall - congratulations to everyone that competed.

The Mini winter fair was another successful day which saw Clunderwen finish the day as winners - congratulations to them. Thanks were extended to all the members that went on to represent Pembrokeshire in Builth which again saw a number of successes.

Again this year Pembrokeshire was well represented at the international selection day. Jessica Balfour, Joshua Davies, Hannah Phillips, Rhys James, Tomos Lewis, William Boulton, Eleri George, Katie Davies, Dan Roblin and Aled Thomas were all successful and will be representing Wales and Pembrokeshire on their travels over the next 12 months. Congratulations to them all

The English public speaking day at Pembrokeshire collage was another day of outstanding competition which saw Llawhaden come 1st overall - congratulations to them and all other individual winners.

Other events since the last meeting included an excellent night at Gwastad Chapel for the county carol service. It was nice to get the Christmas jumpers out, some excellent singing and some words of wisdom from Rev Huw George. Thanks were extended to everyone who supported the evening and to Katie for organising it.

Thanks were extended to everyone who had been involved in setting up, behind the bars and clearing up in the early hours of the morning. Pembrokeshire Queens ball is quickly getting the reputation of the best ball which is great as it is such an important fundraiser for the county.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th October 2018** (enclosed).
These were read and signed as a true record with one amendmend that the name of the Cube steward should be Ionwy Thorne.
2. **Matters arising** - Welsh Entertainment - Mr Dylan Williams was put forward as Chief Steward not Mrs Eirlys Davies.
3. **Correspondence.**
There were none.

However, members were reminded that the Wales YFC Agri Conference was to be held on the following Saturday in Gelli Aur. Only 3 names from Pembrokeshire had been entered and members were encouraged to support the event. CCF were sponsoring the conference.

Pembrokeshire are due to be hosting the Wales Eisteddfod in 2021 - any responses on this to go to Hannah Phillips.

4. **Winter Fair review:** The Chairman said that we had been lucky with the weather and it had been a successful day. Discussion took place regarding the use of Stock-judging Cards that if Wales tighten up on the numbers of cards allowed should the county do the same. Members were encouraged to do this. Junior members to be encouraged to use cards not own note books.

Pallet recycling rules need clarification. One club had brought own pallets which wasn't in the rules. Rules need to be abided by and is the same to everyone. The county President explained that it was his fault but said that all the pallets were split evenly but some members had moved them around.

The County President did pose the question whether the county wants a Winter Fair next year. Due to difficulties some suggestions were offered - Should the Beef stockjudging be held earlier in the week rather than going off site on the day. This would make the day run quicker and also it was suggested that judges have the chance to explain to members why the animals had been placed in a certain way.

Clubs to take back these suggestions for discussion and bring back comments to the next Competitions in March.

5. **2019 County Entertainment Competition.**

Confirmation of venue for both English and Welsh competitions and the judges for the Welsh competition was confirmed.

We are still awaiting for an English Judge. Members were asked for suggestions of names - Connie Fisher, Dai Baker (Pen Y Bont), Jerome Flynn were suggested and also contact other counties for more names.

The rules for an accompanist was clarified - the county rules are different to the Wales rules, however, it was agreed that the county should follow the same ones as Wales to ensure continuity. Wales Rules states: "Live musical accompaniment MUST be by an in-age YFC member(s) with valid membership card (not Associate Member) and can be sited on or off stage." Taped sound effects/music is permitted. (Wales YFC cannot be held responsible for efficiency or quality of any sound system in any hall used)

Llawhaden YFC requested to the committee that Owain Lewis be allowed to compete for Llawhaden. All clubs agreed in principle but to be discussed further in BOM.

Prior mention that County Officials compère the evenings rather than chairman / President of NFU/FUW/PAS. It was agreed to support this however the representatives from the organisations be invited to the evenings.

Tiers Cross members requested clarification on the - 'start-finish' comments found in the guidelines. It was suggested that this needs to be looked at and clarified.

Draw for the Welsh Entertainment - Theatre Y Gromlech, Friday February 8th.
Hermon, Fishguard and Eglwysrwr.

Draw English Entertainment: Ysgol Bro Gwaun

Wednesday, February 13th - Martletwy, Brawdyhayscastle, Llysyfran and Clunderwen

Thursday, February 14th - Keyston, Fishguard and Tiers Cross

Friday, February 15th - Hermon, South Pems/Templeton, Llawhaden

6. Field Day

We are still awaiting confirmation of venue for County competition. The initial letters to judges have been sent. Additional letters to confirm the venue will be sent in due course.

Suggestion of names for judges for Wales Field Day which will be hosted by Pembs YFC to be discussed by clubs and brought forward to the Executive committee. We are waiting for confirmation from PAS with regards to holding The Wales Field Day on the showground. A brief report on the recent report was given.

7. 2018 County Eisteddfod.

A review of the 2018 Eisteddfod was given and many comments were forthcoming. It was requested that a copy of the words for the crowning song be available to those on stage that don't know it. One of the longest competitions of the day was 'A Song from a Musical' - it was suggested to split this competition to an Under 18 in the afternoon and Under 26 in the evening. Both get 1st placings but the judge to select the overall winner. Discussion took place whether to hold prelims for some competitions or limiting entries per club per competition to 2. It was agreed for clubs to discuss this and bring their views to the March competitions meeting.

Moving some of the competitions had made it difficult. This had happened because one of the judges was late in arriving. Comments were made that it was pleasing to see members and non -Welsh members competing and such positive feedback had been received from the judges.

Comments were made regarding the rubbish and mess that had been left at the end of the day and a request for clubs to take responsibility for their rubbish.

A suggestion was made whether it would help to have a set changing room.

Comments were made that audience were allowed in during a competition - this slowed things down.

It was also asked whether there is a need for an hour break. maybe ½ hour would be enough or whether Judges could have a break during the Crowning Ceremony?

A review of the English Public Speaking competition. Mrs Edna Davies gave a report.

She extended thanks to all stewards and commented that the day had run well.

Having the Junior's results early at lunch time helped and the juniors were able to leave. It was suggested that there should be a separate room for the Recorder.

The presence of a Food Van had worked well and they had also had a successful day.

Members asked for the date to be moved to another weekend and not to clash with the Queen's Ball weekend. Members need to discuss this and make a decision for next year.

Edna wished good luck to those going forward to compete at Wales YFC

Members were reminded that in the June meeting the dates will be decided.

A request was made to move the Welsh Public Speaking Day to the 3rd March as currently it is planned for March 17th which is one week only before the Wales finals.

Mrs Eirlys Davies was able to confirm that the hall in Hermon was available and the judges were all available also.

8. 2019 County Rally on 25th May.

Clubs were reminded that an expression of interest for Rally Competitions to be in the office by 1st March to give Stewards time to discuss and prepare the rally timetable and have it ready to be approved in the March meeting. The relevant forms to be sent to clubs.

A) Rally Day catering, ice-cream, confectionary, fast food tenders.

It was agreed to invite suggestions for tenders - an open tender.

In the Tug of War competition to keep the same as last year with Cegin Cawl Potch

B) To elect Rally Chief Stewards - it was agreed to keep the same as last year.

Chief Rally Steward: Dylan Williams

Assistant Chief Rally Steward: Delme Harries
Competitions Chief Steward: Edna Davies
Chief Recorders: Rebecca Voyle and Stephen Phillips
Recorders: Jane Richards, Jan Mathias and Dill Williams

(C) Pre-Rally competitions: Dates, Venues, Rules, Judges, Stewards.

It was suggested that clubs look at the rules and bring information to the Executive meeting on January 30th. Members were requested that when names are suggested that they also provide contact details.

(d) Rally day competitions: Rules, Judges, Stewards, general arrangements.

It was suggested that clubs look at the rules and bring information to the Executive meeting on January 30th. Members were requested that when names are suggested that they also provide contact details. A copy of the Rules would be sent to clubs ASAP.

(e) Rally Dance.

Members agreed to have a Rally Dance.

Mrs Eirlys Davies reminded members that they would need to find another Security Firm - it was agreed that BOM discuss this. Rock Security would be finishing in 10 days time. Eirlys thanked Pembs YFC for all the opportunity over the last 10/12 years. Iwan thanked Rock Security and Eirlys and Bill especially for all their work and expressed how grateful we are for all their hard work and support.

9. **Draw for Indoor Sports:** - Fishguard V Llysyfran
Templeton V Martletwy
Brawdyhayscastle V Eglwysrwr
South Pembs V Keyston

10. **Draw for Knock Out Quiz:**
Tiers Cross V Keyston
Hermon/Eglwysrwr V Llysyfran/Fishguard
All these competitions to be played by County Competitions meeting in March.

11. **Sports Competitions:**
These rules have been circulated in packs.
Everybody agreed to continue with the same format as previous years and to ask Sports Co-ordinators to arrange. It was agreed that the county teams to go onto Wales Sports Day.

12. **Contributions to teams representing the county in the Wales Entertainment Final.**
It was agreed that a donation of £150 be given to the clubs - this is the same as previous years.

13. **Any Other Business.**
County 80th Dinner on January 25th a request was made to promote this event. It was hoped that all clubs would bring a table. A request was made if any clubs had display boards available that the county could borrow.

19th Jan - Wales Sub-Committees. A reminder for all representatives to attend these meetings and if they were unable to try and get a replacement to attend.

County Quiz The date for this is 25th February at The Snooty Fox. Basket meals would be available. Mr Paul Canning had confirmed that he could be quiz master.

Membership cards -Members were reminded to get membership cards into County Office on time and to remember that Sian is on her own in the office.

Drama draw 2020 It was requested that next year the Drama Draw to be done earlier than the January competition committee.

Bingo Lingo night Keyston YFC Friday March 1st - members were asked to support this event and to put in their Calendar. The Guest Bingo Caller would be Gaynor Hancock.

Ballroom Dancing - Hermon YFC agreed to compete at Wales level. They mentioned that they were struggling to have enough boys and requested could they do a County Team, and ask others. Everyone agreed to this.

14. To confirm date of next meeting - Wednesday 6th March 2019.

The meeting closed at 10:10pm

The Executive would start at 7:30pm and the Youth Forum would be the same night as Executive meeting.

MEMBERS WERE REQUESTED TO BRING SUGGESTIONS FOR JUDGES, STEWARDS ETC, TO THE MEETING FOLLOWING DISCUSSION IN YOUR CLUB. LIST OF COMPETITIONS PRINTED ON THE REVERSE OF THIS PAGE.