

Competitions Meeting 6th March 2019

Minutes

Chairman's remarks.

The Chairman, Mr Iwan George welcomed everyone to the meeting, and welcomed Owain to his first meeting as county organiser!

So busy start to 2019 started with 80th anniversary dinner a great night was had. Great to see many current and past members and officials coming together for an enjoyable night. Thanks to Crug Glas for excellent food and venue, thanks to Mr Will Prichard for being guest speaker for the evening and to everyone who donated to the raffle. Also thanks to Katie and Sian for organising the event and everyone else who helped in any way.

February was a busy month with entertainment, first we had the welsh entertainment finals where Eglwysrwr, Hermon and Fishguard put on an excellent night of entertainment, where Fishguard were victorious, with Charles George winning Perfformiwr gorau and Ffion Thomas won the perfformwraig orau. Thanks to Ysgol y Preseli and staff for the use of the venue, Nia Clwyd and Dyfrig Davies for adjudicating, and to all stewards for their help.

The following week we had the English entertainment feast with 10 clubs taking part. Having watched all performances, it was great to see such variety and talent from the county's members with every performance deserving of their place on stage I really enjoyed watching! Keyston, LLawhaden, Llysyfran and Fishguard went on to the final where a full house saw four excellent performance with the technical achievement going to Llysyfran, best costumes going to LLawhaden, best individual performance going Catrin Raymond of Fishgaurd YFC, Lawrence Hancock & Danny Belton Keyston winning best act, most promising performance went to South Pembs & Templeton and best overall performance went to Llysyfran YFC. Congratulations to you all. Thanks to Ysgol Bro Gwaun and staff for the venue, to Mrs Jackie Davies for adjudicating and to all the stewards who helped keep each night running smoothly.

I would like to wish Fishgaurd and Llysyfran the best of luck as they go on to represent Pembrokeshire in the entertainment finals in Newtown this weekend.

We also had the Senior and Junior member of the year competition which was held at Agriculture House. This year's Senior member of the year, taking over from Tania Hancock, is Angharad Edwards of Llysyfran, and Junior member of the year, taking over from Teleri Warlow, is Sioned Phillips of Hermon. Massive congratulations to you both and best of luck as you represent Pembrokeshire in the wales finals in Newtown on Saturday.

The same night the situations vacant was held and this year it was Poppy Lewis LLawhaden who came out on top, so congratulations and best of luck as you go on to represent Pembrokeshire at wales level.

We had a fun night at our annual pub quiz night with Mr Paul Canning as question master, was an excellent night with 19 teams taking part nice way to unwind after all the hard work of entertainments. Thanks to the Snooty Fox for letting us host it at their venue.

Sunday we held our welsh public speaking day in Canolfan Hermon, another great display of public speaking was had with Llysyfran taking home the overall. Thanks again go to all judges and stewards for their hard work. Best of luck to all members who will represent Pembrokeshire in Welsh and English at the Wales YFC Public speaking day in Llanelwedd.

Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Laura Shanklin, Vicki Crawford, Amy Thomas, Jason Davies, Rhys Jones, Catrin George.

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 9th January 2019

These were read and signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising

Field day venue can now be confirmed as The Mount Farm, Solva, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Robert Richards, with Food sales to the public offered to Keyston YFC.

3. Correspondence

There was none

4a. To review County Entertainment Feast

- Members were happy with the current format.
- It was suggested that we have a food van at all prelims and finals
- It was noted that Car Parking Stewards were not needed. Agreed to review this nearer the time next year once we know the situation at Fishguard School.
- It was mentioned that the draw for the final order of appearance was not done in presence of members in the hall as is done previous. It was agreed that it would be done in this way to show transparency, and fair to all clubs.
- Members felt that the Water Boiler used for the Tuck shop is unsafe and dangerous. This would be brought to Board of Management, and purchasing a new boiler looked in to.
- The Ice Cream at the final evening was a great success, and enjoyed by all, as well as bringing in additional income.
- The admission cost of the final evening was discussed, with some feedback that £6 per person was a lot for families and young children. Also, many audience members arrived for the last performance of the evening and not charged admission. These points to be reviewed by the Board of Management.
- Judges feedback was great, they had enjoyed the experience, and very grateful for welcome and hospitality received. No claim of expenses have been received from Welsh and English Judges.

4b. To review Welsh Public Speaking Day

- Members felt that the date needs to be reviewed, with it being very close to entertainment this year. It was suggested holding the competition in early January. Agreed to look at in June Competitions meeting when Calendar of Competitions is reviewed, and for officials to draw up a draft calendar proposal.

5. 2019 County Eisteddfod (Dates, Venue, Judges)

- Suggested to move later in to early November. In the same way as Welsh Public Speaking day, proposed to review in June Competitions meeting.
- The following judges were proposed:
 - Music – Meirion Richards and Nia Clwyd
 - Recitation – Dafydd Hughes
 - Light Section – Ifan Jones Evans or Dai Baker
 - Homework – Ceri Wyn Jones

6. To decide on which competitions and number to count for NFU Shield (list enc.)

17 highest placed competitions

7. To decide on competitions to count for the Championship Trophy (list enc.)

Remove County Show from list as no competitions held there.

8. Order of appearance - Pre Rally/Rally Day competitions

Edna set out the Chief Stewards proposal. A discussion took place regarding the Blindfolded Obstacle Course and was agreed to hold at Clarbeston Road on the same evening as the Pre Rally Cookery. It was proposed to hold 2 Pre Rally Competitions and Llawhaden Hall on the Friday 17th May was suggested. A number of suggestion were made and taken on board by the Chief Stewards who would review and provide second draft by the Executive Meeting.

9. To decide on representatives to Wales/NFYFC competitions

In previous years it has been agreed that all clubs who win at the rally are then invited to compete at royal welsh and that all clubs undertake the competition knowing that if they win they will represent the county in the next round.

If they have a legitimate reason for not being able to compete at the next round of competition the club **must** notify the county office as soon as possible following the rally so that arrangements can be made for the second placed club to represent the county.

County officers have previously offered their help to clubs to give a different take on things and improve going forward to Wales. If clubs feel that this works, the same would be offered again this year.

10. Draw for Indoor Sports semi-finals

South Pembs or Keyston v Fishguard or Llysyfran

11. Sports Day

Alice James, Sports Co-ordinator discussed the Sports Competitions this year. It was agreed to hold all competitions this year, and was proposed to look into Ysgol Caer Elen and see what facilities they have to offer. Wales are introducing two forms of ID and parental consent for all sports competitions. It was agreed to adopt this at a County level.

A discussion took place regarding the Rugby 7's competition and it was suggested that we hold this as touch instead of contact. It was agreed that we have a first aider available at every pitch, and to consult Gary Phillips, the selector and trainer for his views. Alice and Alun to look into locations and dates for competitions.

12. Any Other Business

- a. Knockout Quiz final
 - Keyston v Llysyfran
 - Date proposed was Friday 12th April and proposed Question masters – Stephen Phillips Llawhaden or Cennydd Jones Ceredigion
- b. Outdoor Cinema Event
 - This event was advertised and members to take posters and promote
- c. Field day dance is to be held at Clarbeston Road Hall on Saturday 6th April
- d. Dates of knockout quiz and Indoor sports to be reviewed in June Competitions meeting when calendar is discussed
- e. Sioned Phillips, Youth Forum leader would like an entertainment trophy for the best performer under 18 for the Welsh Entertainment and the English Entertainment. It was mentioned that we would either need to approach sponsors or provide a perpetual trophy.
- f. The Pembrokeshire NFU Conference has been rearranged for the 21st March 2019
- g. Clarification of the Female Tug of War Weight is 560kg, instead of 580kg previously.
- h. Field day Sheep Stock judging is Commercial Breeding Ewes, not Butchers Lambs. Members to inform trainers of change.

13. To confirm date of next meeting.

Wednesday, 12th June 2019 at 8.00p.m

Meeting was closed at 9.23pm