

PEMBROKESHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

County Executive Committee Meeting 27th March,
At Agriculture House, Winch Lane, Haverfordwest at 8:00pm

Attendance: 33 people according to the attendance book

Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman, Miss Katie Davies, extended a warm welcome to everyone and noted that it had been a busy couple of months since the January meeting. She congratulated clubs on their successes with the entertainment competitions along with the Welsh Public Speaking day. Clubs are performing talents in their halls etc, and were encouraged to support each other. The Wales Public Speaking Competition was another excellent day with some great achievements. She hoped that members were having a rest following a busy period!

Apologies for absence

These were received from: Richard Lewis, Adam George, Rebecca Voyle, Alwyn Evans, Tom Bevan, Nicola Owen, Sarah Greener, Betsan Williams, Charles George and Gaynor Hancock

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 24th January, were read and signed as a true record.

2. Matters Arising

- a) Letter to NFYFC regarding the cancellation of AGM
Katie mentioned that officials have discussed this and we have made contact with NFYFC about sending the letter and they suggested that as Delme Harries, NFYFC BOM Chairman was in the county, it may be better that he came to an exec meeting to pick up any concerns direct from the members. Delme was present at the meeting and answered any questions and concerns from the members, with the main concerns raised regarding communication and YFC being a member led organisation.

3. Correspondence

- a) Prostate Cymru Letter
A letter had been received from Prostate Cymru informing Non and the Pembrokeshire YFC Big Adventure team of their nomination for Fundraising Team of the Year and an invitation to the Ambassadors Lunch in Cardiff. Katie wished Non and the team the best of luck.
- b) South Wales Welsh Black Stock-judging competition day poster

4. To receive the following reports

- a) **NFYFC Council**
Delme presented information regarding the NFYFC Levy, detailing the proposed increase. The increase was discussed and there was no amendment to the motion put forward by the committee. It was agreed to circulate all amendments once received by the County Office

for clubs to discuss, and an extra Executive meeting to be held on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30am, before the Rural Affairs Meeting.

Katie stated that she is now co-opted on the NFYFC Council, and that we need to appoint a new representative. Aled Thomas, Tiers Cross YFC, was proposed and seconded, with all in agreement.

b) Competitions Sub Committee Meeting

Iwan George gave a report following the recent competitions meeting, and highlighted the following points:

- The entertainment competition was reviewed, with members happy with the current format. It was suggested to have a food van at the prelims and final. The draw for the order or appearance for the final should be done in the presence of members. The Ice Cream was a great success and no expenses had been claimed by the judges.
- The Welsh Public Speaking day was reviewed and members felt the date needed to be looked at. Officials will consider this when putting the Calendar of competitions together.
- The Pre Rally and Rally day competitions were discussed with Edna discussing the Chief Stewards proposal, and will come back with a second draft later at this meeting.
- Draw for the Indoor Sports semi-finals were made
- The Sports Day was discussed and it was proposed to look into Ysgol Caer Elen as a venue.

Members were happy for officials to put forward a draft Competitions Calendar in the June Competitions meeting, and was agreed to adopt this report.

c) Board of Management

Karen Jones gave a report following the recent Board of Management meeting, and highlighted the following points:

- Our new treasurer Caroline James was present at the meeting, and was welcomed and thanked for taking on the role.
- The entertainment competition was successful and a good result financially.
- The Queen, Attendants and Male Ambassador are organising a Outdoor Cinema evening, and encouraged everyone to support.
- Rally tenders were received and approved
- The office has had a clear out and rearranged. Some officials spend a weekend have a sort out and tidy up.
- We are still waiting to hear back regarding CIO and no actions have taken place yet. It was discussed and agreed that the current president stays on for an additional year and a president elect be elected at the AGM.
- Field Day dance was discussed, and was agreed to put a ticket allocation in place based on number of members eligible to attend, due to high level of interest and some clubs having no tickets.
- It was agreed to purchase a new Water boiler and promotional equipment/materials.

It was agreed to adopt this report.

5. Rally Day Timetable

Edna Davies went through the Chief Stewards' proposal, having taken on board the comments and feedback from the competitions meeting. She stated that the crowning ceremony has been moved to the earlier time of 11.00am instead of 11.30am, and must go on time. The timetable was approved and agreed by all.

6. County Show Working Party

It was discussed and agreed to contact the show before we hold the meeting.

Katie mentioned that the Show have secured sponsorship to hold a Tug o' War competition, and wanted Pembrokeshire YFC to be involved. Concerns were raised as clubs have stopped training by the summer and that members are very busy during that time of year and heavily involved in the show in different ways. Clubs were not willing to commit. It was agreed that YFC should not run the competition, as the Show have suggested, and they contact the Welsh Tug o' War association, which run the YFC competitions. It was suggested for the show to open the competition to all, and not limited to Pembrokeshire YFC.

It was mentioned that we need to make the most of the area we have during the Show, and members to go back to clubs and think of ideas of how to utilise the area.

7. County Youth Forum

The Youth Forum is not meeting this evening, as they held an evening at Hangar 5 earlier in the month. There was a great turn out of junior members at the evening. It was reminded that the Junior Ball will be held on Friday 3rd May at the Snooty Fox, and members to take back to clubs and encourage junior members to attend.

8. Any other business

a) Royal Welsh Choir

It was asked to advertise the next choir practice which will be held on Sunday 28th April 2019 at Letterston Hall, and would be great to see more members involved.

b) Defibrillator Training

This will take place on Wednesday 3rd April at Agriculture House. Please contact the office to book your place.

c) Knockout quiz final date

Competing clubs to discuss a date and contact the office with suggestions

d) Outdoor Cinema evening

This event was advertised, and all present encouraged to support this event

9. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th June 2019 at 8pm
The meeting was closed at 9:46pm.