

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2010

PRESENT:

Clare Jerman, Gareth Williams, Matthew Price, Phil Jones, Julie Owen

A/15/10/11 APOLOGIES

Andy Morgan (Llanfyllin), Nicola Walker (Co-opted member), Gary Wright (Co-opted member), Elen Haf Evans (Bro Ddyfi), Geraint Thomas (Llanbrynmair & carno)

A/16/10/11 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The committee is in agreement that the minutes are a true copy. File copy signed.

A/17/10/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising

A/18/10/11 TO ELECT OFFICIALS

As no Chairman was elected in the last meeting, proposals from the floor were asked for. Phil Jones proposed Gareth Williams and was seconded by Matthew Price. Gareth accepted.

Vice Chairman:

Gareth Williams proposed Ifan Bebb as Vice Chairman and was seconded by Julie Owen

Co-opted Members

Nicola Walker & Gary Wright have accepted to stand although they were currently in Kenya on the Discovery trip, so sent their apologies.

Under A/04/10/11 Quiz Night

Comments:

- Well run evening
- Good to have a bar
- Plenty of room
- Good chance for new/younger members

Under A/12/10/11 Autumn Dance

Profit from the dance was £260.73. It was thought there was not enough people there, mainly due to a large birthday party held on the same night. It was discussed if the format could be changed, maybe a quiz night but this would detract from the county quiz night in September.

A/19/10/11 CHRISTMAS DANCE

A date of 27th December was decided at the last meeting:

Venue: It was decided to ask Crystals if they're not having it open themselves. If not we would ask the Elephant in Newtown

Theme: It was decided to do Christmas Pub Golf

Price of admission: £6 non-members, £5 members if in the Elephant but £7 for non-members if in Crystals

Stewards (Members of the Activities Committee):

1 Gareth Williams	3 Julie Owen	5 Sonya Wedge
2 Clare Jerman	4 Ifan bebb	6 Matthew Price

A/20/10/11 Senior Members Trip

Very poor response. It was decided that the cut off deadline would be Monday 8th November after doing some advertising at the Eisteddfod. Lorraine will book a bus for around 30/32 seats.

A/21/10/11 CORRESPONDENCE

E-mail from the 'Leaving Care Team', Powys. The principle was agreed and it was decided to ask each club to donate a shoebox full of things for the appeal.

NFYFC Competition - Prince of Wales Trophy.

It was decided that we should enter the competition and each club should let Lorraine know how much money they have raised in the 2009/10 academic year and provide charity receipts if possible.

A/22/10/11 COUNTY FIELD DAY AND STOCKJUDGING COMPETITIONS

Field Day & Stockjudging

Stockjudging feedback:

- Good venues but the stock judging pigs and beef on different farms on the same night didn't work as the judges were waiting for too long. It was suggested that next year each competition be held on separate nights.

Field Day feedback:

- Excellent venue. It was suggested we hold it there every year. There was less mess created, parking was a lot easier in wet weather as opposed to a field. Although the layout of the competitions was an issue, with the cubed exhibit too far away from the rest of the competitions.

It was suggested that in future the Cubed exhibit and the Jazz dancing become part of the Eisteddfod instead and have the "Decorate a Christmas Tree" as part of the Field Day.

a) Wales YFC Winter Fair

The club decided that the competitors should be chosen as follows:

Beef Stock Judging	}	To placed competitors from the Field Day
Lamb Stockjudging		
Lamb Carcass Judging		

Decorating a Christmas Tree - Ask the Youth forum - Lauren Lewis and Ella Powell from Dolfor put their names forward

Lamb Trimming - Ask the winners of the competition at the 2009 Rally. If not, ask 2nd place.

ATV Competition (x 2 entries) - Dolfor came 1st & 2nd at the Field so ask them.

A/23/10/11 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE WALES ACTIVITIES AND INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Gareth Williams attended the meeting and made the following comments:

The meeting went a bit round in circles. They decided on sports competitions. There were issues with these as not all go through to national which some Counties cared about and others didn't. However, there will be a wide range of competitions.

Montgomeryshire will be on the results night of the Entertainment festival in Swansea on 12/13th March with a Welsh performance. Tickets go on sale 1st November.

Themes for forthcoming Royal Welsh's are:

2011: Celebration

2012: Weddings

A/24/10/11 COUNTY DINNER

Arrangements so far:

Argae Hall, Friday 3rd December.

JLJ Catering booked.

The attendees decided on the following food:

Main course: Beef

Sweets: Profiteroles and the meringue with fruit

Jonny Williams, Radnor YFC County Chairman has been invited to speak and he has accepted. The committee suggested few ideas they would like him to talk about:

His experiences at YFC and give him a few stories about YFC officials that he can make jokes out of.

A/25/10/11 FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING AND MEMBER OF THE YEAR

It was decided that all competitions would go forward to the overall trophy

Stewards appointed for each competition.

Member of the Year

Senior	1. Gareth Williams
Junior	2. Catherine Bennett

Public Speaking

English	Steward	Time keeper
Junior Reading	1 Julie Lewis (Trefeg)	2 Linda Rees
Junior Public Speaking	1 Rhiannon Jones (Trefeg)	2 Shirley Lewis (Geufron, Trefeg)
Intermediate Brainstrust	1 Helen Morgan	2 Mark Savage
Senior After Dinner Speaking	1 Nicola Walker	2 Rhiannon Rees
Just a minute	1 Gary Wright	2 Diwenna
Welsh		
Junior Reading	1 Katy Watkin	2 Lynne Baker (Llidiartywaen)

Junior Public Speaking	1 Fflur Pugh (Bro Dyfi)	2 Carole Pugh
Intermediate Debating	1 Aeron Preston	2 Tudor Watkins (Llanbrynmair)
Senior Brainstrust	1 Elen Yewdal	2 Bedwyn Fychan
Just a minute	1 Arwel Griffiths	2 Pennant Jones

Catering

It was decided to ask the Activities Vice President, Ifan Bebb to co-ordinate the Catering for the Judges and Stewards along with Catherine Rowlands (Trefeglwys)

A/26/10/11 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2011 ENTERTAINMENTS COMPETITION

Monday 21ST - Saturday 26th February

a) Adjudicators

It was suggested that these decisions should be made a lot earlier in the year as it a a lot to ask for someone to give up a whole week to judge for us.

It was thought that having 2 judges would make the competition fairer and easier for the judge.

The committee thought of some options but as there was very few people present it was thought that the Executive committee should make the final decision.

English: Kat Bond (Llanwnnog, producer of Newtown Drama Group), Mary Davies (Richard Glover-Davies sister) Penri Roberts, Delmi Harris

Welsh: Nigel Owens, Aled Elidyer, Elin Rees

b) M.C's

The committee agreed that the County Officials & Members of the year should MC each evening

c) Stage Managers

Richard Evans, Nicola Walker, Gareth Jones (Gwynfor Thomas & Gary Wright as alternatives)

d) Chief Stewards

Elin Yewdal - Welsh night	Teresa Issac
John Rowlands	Diwenna
Paul Philips	Helen Griffiths

e) Door Stewards

It was decided to suggest door stewards at the next meeting when it would be announced what night each club is on stage.

f) Refreshments

This can be arranged following the draw.

g) Guests

It was decided to keep the guest-list the same but instead of offering 2 complimentary tickets and then offering the chance to buy any other nights, it was decided to just offer them the 2 complimentary tickets. Guests are:

- County Councillors,
- Chairman of P.C.C,
- P.C.C Heads who deal with YFC,
- MP's & AM's,
- High Sheriff of Powys,
- YFC Life Members,
- President & Vice President,
- Wales Chief Exec., President and Chairman
- Event Hosts
- Competition Co-ordinators
- NFYFC

h) Ticket Allocation

Everyone on the committee was happy to do the same as usual and allocate every club 60 tickets and 16 each for the finals night. Two additional producers tickets are also given to each club for the finals.

The following rule was agreed upon by the Executive Committee on Thursday 29th April 2010:
If a member or team fails to attend a Public Speaking competition that they have entered at County level, where involved in a competition where another person/club is reliant on their presence, without giving apologies before a strict deadline, the entire club that they represent will be penalised by removing their right to obtain complimentary tickets for the final night of the Drama Festival.

**A written apology of absence must be received by the County Office:
before 5pm Monday 6th December.**

This information has been distributed to all clubs on competition rules and entry forms.

On the last night members of the public can only buy 4 tickets.
Other nights only 12.

Clubs per evening to perform

English: 3 on every night except the results night whereby there would be 2 on (dependant on number of entries)

Welsh: all on one night

Order of performances

It was decided to have the English competitions on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and results on Friday and the Welsh on Saturday

i) Sale of Tickets

On sale to the public: It was decided that we should stay with the usual date of the last Saturday in January (in this case: 29th January)

i)

Producers Session

This has been scheduled for Sunday 13th February.

A/27/10/11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Philip Jones brought up a concern from the National Field day in Stoneleigh fencing competition. Under the ground they were fencing on were wires and cables, the post they were given were illegally tanilized, the ground was very unlevel making it unfair and the posts were the wrong size as stated in the rules, meaning the team brought the wrong equipment with them. He would like to put in a formal complaint which the committee agreed with.

Gareth wished everyone luck in the Eisteddfod and the meeting was closed at 10.12pm