

**MDIAD CLYBIAU FFERMWYR IEUAINC MALDWYN  
MONTGOMERY FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS**

Minutes of the Activities Committee Meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at  
7.30pm, Coleg Powys Farm, Newtown.

**Members Present**

Steven Francis (Tregynon), Elen Haf (Bro Ddyfi), Clare Watkin (Sarn), Gareth Williams (Trefeglwys), Iwan Jones (Trefeglwys), Gerallt Jones (Llanbrynmair & Carno), Mathew Price (Llanbrynmair & Carno), Gwynfor Thomas, Rhodri Evans (Dyffryn Banw), Ifan Bebb (Dyffryn Banw) and Lorraine Stokes.

**A/24/09/10 Apologies**

Apologies were received from the following people:

**A/25/09/10 Confirm Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were read by the attending members. There were no matters arising and the minutes were signed by the chairman as true and correct.

**A/26/09/10 Correspondence**

- a) A letter received from Cathrin Rowlands (Trefeglwys YFC) regarding Public Speaking was reviewed by Committee members. The letter urged members to consider:
- The possibility of County Training (instead of at club level)
  - Moving the competition date
  - Methods of disciplining clubs/members for withdrawing from the competition at last minute.

Particular emphases was on; the need to review the senior section of the competition.

The matter was discussed and it was decided that a 'focus group' should be set up to target the possible revision of the entire YFC calendar in order to rearrange competition dates to fit better around all Wales competitions as this was a major factor influencing attendance. The 'focus group' should also aim to revise the whole Public Speaking competition.

'Focus Group' member nominations included:

Steve (Tregynon YFC), Rhianon (AbermuleYFC), Stewart (Dolfor), Ifan Bebb (Dyffryn Banw), Gareth Williams (Trefeglwys)

- b) The proposals from the Wales YFC Performing Arts Festival (Entertainments/Pantomime/Drama) were looked at. Venue nominations for the Performing Arts Festival were proposed as follows:
- Howe (Mid Wales)
  - Aberystwyth Arts Centre: Neuadd Fawr
  - Theatr Hafren, Newtown

It was agreed that the proposed day of Public Speaking for Wales at the Royal Welsh Show Ground, Builth Wells was appropriate.

### **A/27/09/10 Comments on the County Field Day and Stock Judging**

#### a) County Dinner & Dance

All agreed that the evening was very enjoyable and the awards were a good feature. The food was not great but it was decided the quality was fair for the amount of money spent. The venue for this event was good in a central location. There were no life members present and the event made a loss.

For a future occasion it was decided that a guest speaker would be welcomed and the quality of service could be improved. It must be ensured that life members are better informed next time

#### b) Public Speaking & Member of the Year

Reference was made to the letter received from Trefeglwys YFC.

It was decided the venue was very suitable although some rooms were a quite small. The price was an improvement compared to the charges of Gregynnog. Directions may be required for future events held at this venue.

#### c) Senior Members Trip

The matter was discussed and it was agreed not to have a mystery trip and it was requested for the committee to bring along destination suggestions for the next meeting.

#### d) Christmas Fancy Dress

Dates need to be checked for this event so that a venue booking can be made in good time. Moltos in Welshpool was ruled out as a suitable venue. The 2009 dance had a last minute change of venue to Crystals in Newtown, where a profit of £1000 was made. In review, better advertisement within clubs could have improved this figure. £

### **A/28/09/10 Review of the Wales YFC A&I Committee agenda**

It was noted that the Royal Welsh competitions have changed. The Wales YFC A&I Committee have suggested either ceasing the display competition and replace it with another or change the rules. A rule change proposal was put forward which was for clubs to possibly do the competition on the day: clubs to be provided with materials and a box and allocated a set time in which to complete a display.

It was requested that committee members should ask their club members for suggestions to bring along to the next meeting.

### **A/29/09/10 Trainers for the Welsh & English competitions weekend**

#### a) Welsh – 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – Merionnydd

It was agreed that Dyffryn Tanat would use the same trainer they had for county, or find one themselves since they had a full team going there.

Bro Ddyfi were going to ask either Iestyn or Aled Griffiths to help, but Aled is now Judging in the Welsh finals.

#### b) English – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – Brecon

Dolfor and Trefeglwys members agreed to find trainers their own trainers.

### **A/30/09/10 County Field Day & Stockjudging 2010**

The date will be decided on after the executive meeting (25/02/10).

It was questioned whether it would be best to hold the fencing competitions the week before. No final decision was made on this. It was suggested to possibly move the date of the Field Day to April 2011. Welshpool market was proposed as a venue. This event will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.

**A/31/09/10 Easter Dance**

The Easter Dance 2010 will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> April at Crystals in Newtown, joint hosted with Radnorshire YFC. Possible fancy dress themes were discussed and “fools” was the most popular suggestion.

**A/32/09/10 Any Other Business**

- c) It was decided that during the intervals at the Drama, the opportunity would be taken to promote the collection in aid of the Kenya trip. A name the Giraffe fundraiser will take place.
- d) It was put forward that In future if the dates of the Drama performances change, clubs must be informed directly straight away and not to rely on them finding out through the post.

***F&D committee joined the meeting for the following points.***

- The committee agreed on a proposal brought forward by Roland Davies to show the DVD of the Severn Challenge on the finals nights between the last performance and the results. There will also be a cheque presentation.
- Committee members were requested to bring ideas for AGM shirts to the next meeting.
- Nicola and Gerallt were nominated and agreed to organise a card and some flowers for Bonwen’s birthday.

**With no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm.**

**Signed:..... Date:.....**