

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

Minutes of the Activities committee held on Thursday 29th October 2009 at 7.30pm at Coleg Powys Farm, Newtown

PRESENT: Stephen Francis (Committee Chairman), Elen Haf (Committee Vice Chairman), Cathy Jones (Minute Secretary),

PART ATTENDANCE: Gwynfor Thomas (County President, Gary Wright (County Chairman), Katy Watkin (Members Treasurer), Derwena Davies (County Vice President)

A/14/09/10 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Berriew YFC, Caryl Pughe, Nicola Walker, Janet Rowlands

A/15/09/10 CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2009 were signed as being a true record.

A/16/09/10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Co-opted Members

It was reported that Ms Nicola Walker had accepted the invitation to sit as a co-opted member on the committee but Mr Robbie James had declined the offer but reminded the committee that he would be willing to help in any way that he could. Further nominations were requested and the following suggestions made:

- i. Osian Williams, Dyffryn Banw
- ii. Tudor Watkins

Autumn Dance

Thanks were expressed to those who stewarded the evening and Income and Expenditure figures were distributed for information (attached). It was noted that there had been no trouble at the event but numbers had been down on previous years. A suggestion was made that the location may have been a contributory factor to this and it was noted that Oswestry had been the more popular venue in recent years.

Suggestions were made for ideas for the future including; a Bavarian themed night and a mystery pub crawl on a larger scale over a larger area using buses.

Quiz Night

A £300 profit was reported from the evening and it was agreed that it had been a great success. The venue was good and had been very supportive although it was noted that an earlier start may be required next time as it had been quite late finishing this time. It was also agreed that a better sound system will be required in

future as those at the back of the room had noted difficulty hearing what was being said.

Senior Members' Trip

The committee were reminded that places were still available (8 at that time) for anyone wishing to attend but that the closing date for deposits by the office was the following day.

Xmas Fancy Dress

To be held on 27th December 2009. No response has been received from Moltos at this time. It was suggested that something more than a pub crawl and dance may be required to attract people but it was decided to elicit further suggestions at the next meeting.

Public Speaking

It was noted that there was no Welsh speaking judge suggested for the Junior Member of the Year competition and so the following suggestions were given:

- i. Mrs Bronwen Harding
- ii. Mrs Elin Yewdall

A/17/09/10 CORRESPONDENCE

Newtown Christmas Carnival

Mayor Joy Jones has requested that Montgomery YFC enter a float in the procession and provide entertainment during the festivities. It was decided that due to the already full calendar at this time of year the event would be advertised to clubs but there would be no emphasis made on taking part in any way.

Radnor Federation Chairman's Ball

To be held on Saturday 21st November 2009 at the Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells.

A/18/09/10 TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE COUNTY FIELD DAY AND STOCKJUDGING

Review of Field Day & Stockjudging

The venue was good although observations were made that it ran a little late. It was commented that it would make a good rally venue also. The day was judged to be a success overall but it was noted that the fencing competitions took longer than previously thought.

Wales YFC Winter Fair

To be held on the first weekend of December.
Stockjudging to continue to be organised by Mr Gron Bumford.
Decorated Tree Competition - to be advertised to clubs and on the website to elicit interest in entering the competition.

A/19/09/10 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE WALES ACTIVITIES & INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Wales YFC English & Welsh Competitions Weekend discussion paper distributed. It is their intention to introduce an all day programme over one weekend in one venue. No real concerns were expressed, although it was noted that under the proposals there will be no Mid Wales venue at all.

It has been suggested to hold the Public Speaking competition at the AGM weekend but this would mean a 9 month wait between competing at County level and competing at Wales level. The issue of members going over age between the two competitions to be raised at the next committee meeting.

A/20/09/10 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY DINNER WORKING GROUP

The committee were informed that the Elephant and Castle in Newtown had been booked for the event on the 4th December. The menu is to be 3 courses at a cost of £14 per person. The theme is to be 'James Bond' and a live band and disco have been arranged. Tickets will be available from Monday at a cost of £25 each and each club is to be allocated 10 tickets initially with a waiting list for others to be run on a 'first come first served' basis.

A/21/09/10 FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING AND MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Plas, Machynlleth has been booked for 6th December. Rules to be sent out to clubs on Monday.

Names were requested to be put forward to steward the various events and were given as follows:

Member of the Year - Junior:	Dafydd Morris
Member of the Year - Senior:	Rosie Davies
Welsh Junior Reading:	Katy Watkin & Caryl Pughe
Welsh Junior Public Speaking:	Tudor Watkins & Sian Davies
Welsh Intermediate:	Sian Ruth & Becky Owen
Welsh Senior:	Aeron Pughe & Einion Vaughan Jones
English Junior Reading:	Nicola Walker & Robbie James
English Junior Public Speaking:	Jonathan Pryce
English Intermediate:	Mark Savage & Helen Griffiths
English Senior:	Gwynfor Thomas & Richard Evans

The venue will have food available for competitors and the committee's catering co-ordinator will arrange catering for the judges.

A/22/09/10 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2010 DRAMA COMPETITION

Adjudicators

No responses had been received at this time.

Kate Howells, Drama teacher at Welshpool High School, was suggested as an English Judge for the competition but it was felt that there may be a conflict of interest as she may be too close.

MCs

Were decided as follows:

Senior Mmember of the Year
Junior Member of the Year
Gwynfor Thomas, County President
Gary Wright, County Chairman
Roland Davies, County Vice Chairman
Katy Watkin, Members Treasurer
Gerallt Evans, County Publicity Officer
Stephen Francis, Activities Committee Chairman
Elen Haf Evans, Activities Committee Vice Chairman
Catherine Bennett, Youth Forum Chairman
Emyr Jones
Nicola Walekr
Aeron Pughe
Elin Yewdall

Stage Managers

The following names were put forward:

Gareth Jones, Pete Slade, Nick Jones, Neil Tuffin, Chris Clayton, Janet Rowlands, Derwena Davies, Jonothan Price, Emyr Jones, Teresa Isaac, Mark Savage, Robbie James

Chief Stewards

The following names were put forward:

John Rowlands, Derwena Davies, Janet Rowlands, Linda Savage, Gwynfor Thomas, Angela Francis, Roland Davies, Gerallt Evans, Emyr Jones

Door Stewards - Will be confirmed nearer to the time.

Refreshments

To be organised by the catering co-ordinator.

Guest refreshments to be organised with clubs, Activities Committee, Vice Presidents, Youth Forum, Finance and Development Committee.

The bar in the Theatre is to be open.

Guests - Agreed to do as had been done last year.

Ticket Allocation - to be as follows:

Club allocation for performance night:	60
Club allocation for finals night:	16
Producer tickets for final night:	2
Allocation to the public per night:	12
Allocation to the public final night:	4

Number of clubs to perform each night: 3

Sale of Tickets - Box Office to open 2 weeks before the competition week.

Producers Session - To be arranged for the week before the performances.

Timing - To be discussed by the Executive Committee.

A/23/09/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None Declared

As there was no other business the meeting was declared closed at 9.07pm.

Signed:

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