

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

Minutes of the Activities committee held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 7.30pm at Coleg Powys Farm, Newtown

**PRESENT:** Stephen Francis (Committee Chairman), Elen Haf (Committee Vice Chairman), Gemma Davies, Abbey Morgan, Bethan Watkins, Kathryn Savage, Gareth Williams, Ffion Evans, Richard Evans (County Vice President), Derwena Davies (County Vice President), Nikki Gethin, Laura Roberts, Lucy Jones, Clare Watkin, Melissa James, Stuart Jones, Ifan Bebb, Robin Jones, Danielle Evans and

**PART ATTENDANCE:** Gwynfor Thomas (County President) and Gary Wright (County Chairman).

In opening the meeting all members were welcomed to the first meeting of the new YFC year by County President, Gwynfor Thomas.

Those present were informed of the role of the Activities Committee and how it works in conjunction with the Activities and International Committee at Wales YFC. He urged all representatives to attend meetings and to air the views of their Clubs.

The election of officials took place with the following elected to serve the committee for the year 2009/2010.

Chairman	Mr Stephen Francis, Tregynon YFC
Vice Chairman	Miss Elen Haf Evans, CFFI Bro Ddyfi
Minute Secretary	Miss Cathy Jones, Llanfyllin YFC
Co-opted Members	Mr Robbie James and Ms Nicola Walker
Catering Co-Ordinator	Miss Elen Haf Evans (as Committee Vice Chairman).

At this point the new officials then took over the running of the meeting.

**A/01/09/10 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from David Gethin, Caryl Pughe, Christine Jones, Bryony Wilson, Sian Emberton and Llanfair YFC.

**A/02/09/10 CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009 were read, accepted and signed as being a true record.

**A/03/09/10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Under A/63/08/09 - County Quiz

The committee were updated on the fact that the County Quiz will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September '09 at the Monty Club in Newtown at 7.30pm.

The committee agreed to invite Mr Gary Wright (County Chairman) to act as Quiz Master with Mr Gwynfor Thomas (County President) to support.

**A/04/09/10 CORRESPONDENCE**

None received.

**A/05/09/10 TO RECEIVE A REPORT AND COMMENTS ON THE COUNTY SPORTS**

The following comments were put forward by the committee:

### Pub Sports

- The Monty Club as a venue was very good.
- Suggestion that next year's pub sports could be incorporated with a fundraiser/dance

### Ten Pin Bowling

- The use of Newtown as a venue was deemed a success - noted staff at UStrike had been very helpful and accommodating.

### Wales Sports Day

- Hockey was the only sport not entered at Wales YFC level this year.
- Overall deemed a success to have all on one day.

A suggestion was made that the federation should also return to a 1 day event for the sports but it was decided that this may limit the number of competitors available for each sport.

## **A/06/09/10 TO DISCUSS THE AGENDA FOR THE WALES ACTIVITIES AND INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**

Members were informed that the following agenda items were due to be discussed at the forthcoming Wales A&I committee,

- A review of the Royal Welsh Show,
- A review of the Wales Sports Competitions,
- An update of the Overseas travel opportunities,
- To confirm arrangements for the Winter Fair,
- To consider arrangements for the Competitions programme for 2009 / 2010
- To consider the competitions programme for the 2010 / 2011 including host counties,
- To elect officials for the committee.

Members commented that the Royal Welsh Show competitions ran well this year and there seemed to be more emphasis on and interest in YFC competitions on the show field this time. Also, the changes to the Young People's Village were deemed a success.

Members suggested putting forward outdoor bowls as a new sport but it was noted that in the past there have been difficulties getting new sports approved at Wales level.

Names put forward to sit on the Wales Activities and International committee were:

Stephen Francis	Melissa James
Elen Haf Evans	Cathy Jones

## **A/07/09/10 TO FINALISE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY FIELD DAY AND STOCKJUDGING**

Clubs were reminded that the closing date for entries would be Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September and that the competition rules have been sent out to clubs and are also available on the website.

### For information

The committee was reminded that training in stockjudging was to take place next week - names to be submitted to the office of those wishing to attend - and the committee were informed that ATV training can be arranged via the office if required.

The committee were informed that the Rural Affairs committee had made arrangements for the competitions and judges for each of the competitions but it was still the Activities committee responsibility to organise the catering for the event.

#### Catering

Elen Haf Evans agreed to co-ordinate the food for the day and Gray Wright informed the committee that he would be picking up the barbecue and the burgers for the event. Fflur Pughe to be approached regarding details of what was required last year and the same to be undertaken this year.

#### Preparation

Names were taken for assisting in setting up before and clearing the venue after the event.

### **A/08/09/10 COMPETITION RULES**

#### Drama

The committee were informed that rules for the Drama Festival have not yet been prepared.

#### Adjudicators

The committee were reminded that and judges for the competitions would need to be GODA registered. School drama teachers were discussed as an option. An option to use one judge for both the English and Welsh competitions was suggested but it was decided that it may be too much to ask of 1 person.

It was suggested to approach other federations for suggestions (Shropshire, Radnorshire and Brecon). Early suggestions included Llion Williams, Caernarfon and Mei Jones.

The committee were urged to bring suggestions for adjudicators to the next meeting.

### **A/09/09/10 PUBLIC SPEAKING AND MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

#### PUBLIC SPEAKING

The problems surrounding a venue for the competitions were discussed. It was decided that the 3 night system implemented last year was not as successful as past events and so it was decided to return to a 1 day event if possible.

It was agreed that cost would be the main deciding factor and so with 10 rooms required on either the first or second weekend in December the following options were decided upon:

1<sup>st</sup> choice - Celtica on a Sunday

2<sup>nd</sup> choice - Gregynog on a Sunday

If these were not available then the option of a 2 day competition at Cefn Lea would be explored.

The following names were put forward as possible adjudicators for the competitions.

#### Welsh

Junior Reading

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

Meinir Wigley

Anwen Orells & Elen Rees

Eirlys Lloyd

Liz Pugh, Headteacher, Ysgol Bro Ddyfi

English

Junior Reading  
Junior  
Intermediate  
Senior

Mrs Thurston, Llanidloes High School  
Donna Bufton  
Nina Bufton  
Phil Dudleston, Shropshire

**MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

The following adjudicators were suggested:

Junior

Gary Wright

Tim John, Pembroke YFC

Senior

Gwynfor Thomas

Delmi Harris, Pembroke YFC

After much discussion it was decided that the requirement to produce a portfolio for the competition should be continued as it is a requirement at Wales level.

**A/10/09/10 COUNTY DINNER**

Much discussion took place with regards to the Federation's Dinner Dance. A decision was made to return to a more formal themed evening.

Following much discussion the following suggestions were agreed.

- The event should include a three course hot meal,
- Coffee and Tea will not be required,
- Ticket price not to exceed £25,
- Dress Code - Smart and Formal,
- The Elephant and Castle should be approached as a venue,
- Entertainment - live band if budget allows. Suggested to hire a DJ from out of county for a change,
- A limited number of tickets to be allocated per club to ease any number issues,
- No guest speaker will be required but a short speech to be made by the county chairman or county president instead,
- Invited guests not necessary but Wales officials to be invited to purchase tickets if they wish.

Dates agreed were: 1<sup>st</sup> choice - 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> November  
2<sup>nd</sup> choice - 4<sup>th</sup> December

It was agreed to form a working group made up of the following members.  
Stephen Francis, Elen Haf Evans, Cathy Jones, Melissa James, Stuart Jones

**A/11/09/10 COUNTY DANCES**

A) AUTUMN DANCE

Date: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Venue: Machynlleth Rugby Club

Disco: It was agreed to use the DJ that the rugby club will provide.

Theme: Western/Cowboys and Indians

Entrance Prices: The entrance prices were confirmed as follows.

Members with a current membership card £5.00

Non Members £6.00

Stewards: The following committee members agreed to steward during the evening.

Stephen Francis,  
Gareth Williams,  
Elen Haf Evans,

Gary Wright  
Cathy Jones  
Katy Watkin

crawl

Pub Crawl: Elen Haf Evans and Caryl Pughe have volunteered to organise the pub which is to be a 3-legged pub crawl.

B) FANCY DRESS

The committee agreed to hold the Fancy Dress Party on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December in Molto's Nightclub, Welshpool. The theme for the evening will be 'Uniforms'. Venue to be booked and details of pub crawl to be made by Mr Gary Wright (County Chairman).

**A/12/09/10 COMMITTEE PRIORITIES**

It was agreed that the committee should have the following priorities for the forthcoming YFC year:

- Fundraising.
- Pub of the Month initiative to be a priority - Facebook group to be set in respect of this and the first event of this year to be organised at Argae Hall in October.

**A/13/09/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Wales AGM

Members were reminded of the Wales YFC AGM which would be taking place in Tenby on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The theme for the evening dance is 'The Beach' and a treasure hunt has been organised for Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Senior Members Trip

Is to be postponed to a later date.

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To take place in Machynlleth Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Race Night

Members of the Discovery Committee are to hold a race night in the Monty Club, Newtown on Friday evening (the 12<sup>th</sup> September).

Chairman's Ball

The committee agreed to try to get this idea going again for the summer.

As there was no other business the meeting was declared closed at 9.25pm.

Signed: .....

Date: .....