

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

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Thursday 26th November, 2009 at The Monty Club, Newtown at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Gary Wright, County Chairman along with ** members.

IN ATTENDANCE: Claire Owen (Menter Maldwyn); Helen Roberts (National Chairman)

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all members to the second County Executive of the 2009/2010 YFC year at a new venue.

Gary Wright went on to comment that since the last meeting the Federation has had a very couple of months. He noted that a successful Eisteddfod had been held at Caereinion Leisure Centre and congratulated Llanfair Caereinion YFC on winning the Eisteddfod.

He also commented on the successful Field Day that was held in Maesllymystyn early in October. He commented on the ideal location.

An Autumn Dance had been held at Machynlleth Rugby Club.

Gary also mentioned the forthcoming events in the pipeline for the federation, including of course the Senior Members Mystery Trip; the Winter Fair in Builth Wells; the Public Speaking and the Member of the Year Competitions in Celtica, Machynlleth and of course the County Dinner to be held at The Elephant and Castle, Newtown on the 4th December.

Claire Owen of Menter Maldwyn was introduced to the meeting as providing the simultaneous translation for the evening.

The committee were then asked to please switch off all mobile phones.

E/10/09/10 YMDDIHEURIADAU / APOLOGIES

A number of apologies were received and recorded. Please see attendance register.

E/11/09/10 COFNODION O'R CYFARFOD DIWETHAF / CONFIRM MINUTE OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 24th September at Coleg Powys Farm, Newtown were taken as read, accepted and signed as a true record.

E/12/09/10 MATERION YN CODI O'R COFNODION / MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the last minutes.

E/13/09/10 GOHEBIAETH / CORRESPONDENCE

3 letters had been received for the attention of the committee.

NFU - Annual Conference

A letter had been received from Kevin Owen of NFU Cymru inviting a YFC representative to the NFU National Conference & AGM to be held on the 23rd & 24th February 2010 at the Birmingham Hilton Metropole. It was noted that the NFU Montgomeryshire County Branch will cover the cost of accommodation and transport. After much discussion it was decided that this was a great opportunity and that our County Chairman, Gary Wright should attend this event.

BASGEDI 'DOLIG / CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

A flyer had been received asking the YFC to support Young People who are leaving care in Powys this Christmas by helping to provide hampers of essential items and gifts to support Young People over the Christmas Period. All members and friends were asked to bring along one item to the Public Speaking Competition to be held at Celtica, Machynlleth on the 6th December.

LLIDIARTYWAEN YFC

A letter was read out from Llidiartywaen YFC with regards to the County Dinner on the 4th December 2009. The Club has got a previously arranged Eisteddfod Concert on the same evening, and the Club were asking the Executive Committee whether members of the Club would be able to get a ticket at a reduced price allowing them to attend only the dance. It was decided that on this occasion, members of Llidiartywaen YFC would be allowed to attend the dance only at a cost of £10. The Dress Code, Black Tie would be the same.

E/14/09/10 I DDERBYN ADRODDIADAU / TO RECEIVE REPORTS

a) Gweithgareddau / Activities - Steve Francis

Activities Chairman, Steve Francis highlighted what was discussed at the previous sub committee meeting.

A dance had been held at Machynlleth Rugby Club where a profit of £301 was made. Steve was asking why this event was poorly attended? Was it due to the location?

A successful Field Day had been held at Maesllymystyn by kind permission of the Jones family. Again a good profit had been made and it was noted that it was an excellent venue.

A County Quiz had been held at the Monty Club in Newtown, where a profit of £300 was made. It was noted that this was a well supported

event but perhaps an earlier start of 7pm should be considered seeing as it is a weekday event.

Steve noted the discussion that had taken place at Wales YFC with regards to the Drama / Panto and Entertainment Competitions and how it was going to be separated from the Public Speaking Competition and how they were looking into having two venues - one in the North and one in the South. Two options for the public speaking were put forward: - to run the competition at the Wales AGM or to hold it on the same weekend as the Sports Competition.

Steve mentioned that the County Dinner would be held at the Elephant & Castle on the 4th December 2009.

b) Cyllid & Datblygiad / Finance & Development - Roland Davies

A report on the recent F&D sub committee was given by Roland Davies, Committee Chairman.

Roland noted the profits that had been currently made in the recent events that the County had made; namely the Quiz and the Field Day. It was pointed out that the takings from the County Dance held in Machynlleth were down on recent years.

It was noted that funding was being looked for to help with the funding of the year book; to buy a new county camera and to help fund the Youth Forum.

Training Opportunities and current membership figures were also discussed.

Helen Roberts noted that Farming Connect had money available for training courses and that they would fund 80% costs. It might be worth looking into this for Carcass Judging and Hedgelaying Skills.

c) Eisteddfod - Awel Jones

In the absence of David Oliver, Committee Chairman, Awel Jones, Committee Vice Chairman read out a report following the Eisteddfod.

It was noted that a successful day had been held and a high standard of competition had been shown, which was proven when Montgomery went on to compete at the Wales Eisteddfod and came away with so any prizes.

A recommendation for next year's committee was to consider a cut off point for charging to come into the Eisteddfod. It was noted that there were a few comments made that those extras coming to help with the choirs had to pay to come in. It was suggested that clubs should pay for these extras.

d) Pwyllgor Rali / Rally Committee - Andrew Davies

In the absence of the Committee Chairman, Rob Brymer Griffiths, Andrew Davies commented on what was discussed at the previous meeting. It was noted that Glanmiheli had confirmed that it was ok for the County Rally to be held at their farm. A site meeting would be

needed. The competitions have been decided upon - Wales competitions and 6 others.

e) Fforwm Ieuencid / Youth Forum - Kathryn Savage

In the absence of the Committee Chairman, Catherine Bennett, Kathryn Savage noted that the Youth Forum had had a very successful trip to Mickey Millers.

f) Pwyllgor Discovery Committee - Kathryn Savage

The AGM of the Discovery Committee was held on the 1st October at the Exchange. The following were elected as officials:-

Chairman: - Kathryn Savage

Vice Chairman: - Elen Haf Evans

Secretary: - Nicola Walker

The Committee held a Race Night which raised £510.

It was noted that there were a couple of outstanding Texas instalments.

A promise Auction is planned for the 20th March 2010.

g) Materion Gwledig / Rural Affairs

It was noted that the Rural Affairs Committee had an upcoming trip to West Machinery in Preece on the 14th December.

h) Cyngor Cymru / Wales Council

It was noted that Nicola Walker attended Wales Council where she was elected as Vice Chairman of the Training & Promotions Committee. The elected Wales Charity for the forthcoming year is Kidney Wales.

i) Cyngor Cenedlaethol / National Council - Rhiannon Rees

It was noted that Helen Roberts was elected as the Chairperson of National for the forthcoming year. It was noted that Helen is the first national chairman from Montgomery and the first chairman from Wales in over 15 years. Helen stated that it was an honour for her and that we only have to ask her for help. Helen stated that National Federation has been restructured and there is a new Chief Executive in place. Helen went on to explain about the Hop Scheme that National runs from Stoneleigh.

NFYFC have got a new website which includes Club and County News.

The National AGM this year will be held in Torquay, the theme for this year's fancy dress will be Going on Safari. It will be the usual Black Tie on the Friday night and Club Shirts on the Sunday. Rhiannon Rees is the National Events Chair so she has been busy preparing for the AGM.

j) Management - Emyr Jones

Emyr noted that the advert for the organisers post had gone out to the County Times; Shropshire Star and Daily Post. The lateness of the advert was noted and it was pointed out that the deadline could not be

extended. The applications are going to be shortlisted on the 9th December and interviewed on the 17th December.

k) Stockjudging

It was noted that the stockjudgers had recently won a cup won £12,000!

l) YPV Meeting - Andrew Davies

Andrew reported on the recent meeting that was held concerning the Young Peoples Village. Andrew noted what had been decided for the entertainment for the week of the Royal Welsh Show. A package had been decided upon to include a Ministry of Sound DJ.

Sunday night - Welsh night - BBC Cymru

Monday night - Ministry of Sound

Tuesday night - Beach theme - R1 DJ

Wednesday night - Big name band.

Andrew Davies proposed the adoption of the evening's reports and this was seconded by Rhiannon Rees.

E/15/09/10 CFFI LLANGURIG YFC

It was noted that Gary Wright and Roland Davies attended the New Members Evening.

E/16/09/10 UNRHYW FATER ARALL / ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Office is moving

PCC are reshuffling and the County YFC Office is moving to the Office Space next door.

Future Venue for Executive Committee

Discussion on where future Committee meetings should be held took place. It was noted that the meetings should be held away from a pub. We should try and steer away from the Drunken Yob image. We should look into other locations to hold the Executive Committee including Plas Dolerw and Buttington Cross. It was decided to hold it at the Monty Club the next time and look into locations for further meetings.

Life Members Concert

It was noted that the life members had organised a YFC Carol Service and concert to be held at the Baptist Chapel, Newtown on the 20th December at 7pm. It was noted that all clubs within the county would be involved with this concert.

Yearbook

Gerallt mentioned that the first meeting of the Yearbook Committee is to be held on 2nd December. There are currently 4 members sitting on this committee.

Christmas Light Switch On

It was noted that no further information had been received with regards to the switching on of the Christmas lights in Newtown. The weekend that they are due to be turned on clashes with the Senior Members Mystery Trip.

Public Speaking

The Office has not received all entry forms for the Public Speaking Competition. It was asked could Llanfair and Dolfor please return their forms as soon as possible.

Nicola

Nicola has recently had an operation in her knee. It was at the Clubs discretion whether they wanted to send cards and gifts etc.

Severn Challenge Meeting

Roland announced that there would be a Severn Challenge meeting at the Black Boy, Newtown on Friday 11th December.

Chairman’s Challenge

Following on from Nicola’s skydive last year, Gary suggested that he should do one this year. He was open o suggestions.

Fines

Roland announced that he had paid his fine for not wearing at tie at the previous meeting. It was pointed out that Gary was not wearing his Chain of Office at the meeting nor was he wearing it at the Eisteddfod and a fine should be enforced.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was declared closed at 9.23pm.

Signed:

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