

Mudiad Clybiau Ffermwyr Ieuainc Maldwyn
Montgomery Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

Minutes of the Executive committee meeting held on Thursday 24th September at Coleg Powys Farm Newtown at 7.30pm.

Present : Gary Wright, County Chairman along with 36 members.

In Attendance : Claire Owen (Menter Maldwyn)

Chairmans' remarks

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year, and he introduced the new Officials, and County Officials present to the floor. The Chairman informed everyone that the County had had a busy Summer attending the Royal Welsh & Three Counties shows. A successful County Quiz was held at the Monty Club in Newtown on the previous Tuesday, and had attracted 60 teams. The Chairman congratulated everyone who took part in the Severn Challenge. The Chairman concluded by encouraging all the clubs to be vocal, and attend meetings to express their views, and requested that everyone sign the attendance register. It was proposed that in the absence of a County Organiser Mrs Janet Rowlands take the minutes of the meeting.

Claire Owen of Mentur Maldwyn was introduced to the meeting, as a provider of simultaneous translation for the evening.

E01/09/10 Apologies

A number of apologies were received and reported.

E02/09/10 Confirm Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 18th June were taken as read, Accepted and signed as true record.

E03/09/10 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

E04/09/10 Correspondence

A letter had been received from Nia Lloyd thanking everyone for the gifts Presented to her on Rally day . She stated that her new job was going Well, was different, but challenging, she said that working for YFC was Not a job but a way of life. Nia concluded by encouraging anyone to visit Her at Builth.

E05/09/10 Election of Co-opted Executive committee members.

There had been 12 members last year, and it was proposed that the County Officials be re-elected along with the Powys County Council reps. The propositions for the remaining 4 posts were as follows:

Rhiannon Rees proposed by Andrew Davies and seconded by Stephen Francis

Helen Roberts proposed by Gwynfor Thomas and seconded by Katy Watkin

Jonathon Price proposed by Stuart Jones and seconded by Roland Davies

Mark Savage proposed by Roland Davies and seconded by Iwan Jones .

E06/09/10 To Receive reports and Elect representatives to Committees.

FUW- No report Tom Davies as retiring Chairman of the Rural affairs committee was proposed by Katy Watkin.

CLA : Richard Mountford was proposed by Andrew Davies.
NFU Gareth Williams Trefeglwys was proposed by Janet Rowlands & seconded by Iwan Jones.
RABI ; Roland Davies was proposed by Stuart Jones
MENTUR MALDWYN :Gerallt Evans was re-elected
MONTGOMERYSHIRE SHOW : Andrew Davies
RWAS : Gary Wright was re elected.

Activity Report : Given by Stephen Francis the current Chairman .Sports- Monty club was thought to be a good venue for the pub sports, and it was suggested that they, and incorporate this with a dance for next year. Field day was in hand with the Rural Affairs committee organising the stock judging element and the Activities being responsible for the catering. Drama festival rules or adjudicators had not been finalised. Public speaking – Reverting back to a one day competition. Celtica had been put forward as a preferred venue and the initial inspection had proved positive. Gregynog was second choice. Judges had been proposed. County Diner – a formal themed evening, with a proposed date of 4th Decemeber to be held at the Elephant & Castle Newtown. Autumn Dance at the Rugby Club Machynlleth on 23rd October- theme Cowboys & Indians . Fancy Dress – theme Uniforms scheduled for 27th December at Molto’s Welshpool. 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.

Finance & Development :Given by Roland Davies. The committee had outlined objectives for its members Treasurer for the year, and had been given a publicity report by Gerallt Evans, where he had suggested increasing the promotion of the YFC in Secondary schools. Gerallt informed the meeting that the Severn Challenge had received TV coverage. The website was being updated and help was needed with this task, any volunteers to contact Gerallt. The clothing range was to be marketed more aggressively this year with a presence on the website.934 members had joined Montgomery YFC last year. Club Officers and stock judging training had been arranged. YFC Concert had been scheduled for 22nd November in the Newtown Baptist chapel. The Mayor of Newton had invited the YFC participate in the switching on of the Christmas lights.

Discovery Committee: Given by Sonia Wedge, who reported that the committee Were disappointed with the attendance at the recent race night, but on a positive note she commented on the support and helpful welcome from Mai the host at the Monty Club. 35 place were available on the Gap Kenya tour next year, and 18 had already been taken . The tour would incorporate helping out in a village school & hospital, and would end with a Safari. The cost would be approximately £300 plus flight. Sonia concluded by inviting everyone along to the Discovery Committee AGM the following week.

Rural Affairs:No report as had not met this year to date.

Eisteddfod : report presented by Awel Jones. The last meeting gave the final approval to the competitions and rules. The Judges and stewards names were

finalized, and further sponsors had been approached. The committee were informed by Robi Wood of Guildsfield YFC that the chair was in the early stages, but progressing. Next meeting would be 8th October at Guilfield.

Year Book : Gerallt Evans gave a report stating the committee of Kathryn Savage , Heather Humphries, & Dafydd had not met to date. Gerallt stated that he was looking for financial assistance for next year, to help with the escalating costs of the publication.

Rally Committee: Report given by Rob Brymer Griffiths the elected Chairman. Vice Chair was Andrew Davies, with Jessica Walters Davies elected as Secretary and Danny Evans as Treasurer. The first committee had taken Place wit a report received form Gareth Williams the retiring Chairman. Co-opted members had been elected, avenues discussed with Glamiheli being fist choice. The next meeting was scheduled for 19th November at the Blackboy Newtown.

Management Committee: Given by Emyr Jones, who stated that the committee had met one month ago, with the addition of one new member, Mr. Rhys Roberts chairman of HGC. He explained that they were still looking to appoint an Organiser, and the County Officials had been scheduled to meet Chris Jones from PCC in early October. . The post of County Organiser had now been advertised internally within the Council. The meeting was then asked to elect a chair for the management committee and Emyr Jones was re-elected. The County Chairman, County President , County vice chairman, and retiring County Chairman were all elected back on to the committee, along with the Co-opted members Mr Rhys Roberts and Mr Chris Lloyd, and PCC representatives.

Mr Andrew Davies nominated Mr John Davies of PAVO to be co-opted as another external representative and it was all agreed by the meeting. Emyr Jones concludd by thanking all the members for their work during the year.

Stock Judging Mr Gron Bunford informed the meeting that the stock judging teams had had an extremely successful year taking the overall trophies at both the Three Counties and Royal Welsh Show.

Youth Forum : Given by Catherine Bennett the new Chairperson. New ideas included trips to Cardiff to watch the rugby, and a Mickey Miller trip. A fancy dress football match was planned to raise funds, and it was hoped to seek grant aid to purchase balls & bibs. The Youth Forum was to be advertised on the website, through posters and facebook. The committee had selected books for the junior reading competition. Andre Davies had attended Youth Forum training at Llandrindod Wells, and he had suggested to the organizers that they repeat the course at a weekend, in order that youth Forum members could attend.

Beth Watkin proposed and Stuart Jones seconded the motion that all reports be adopted.

E06/09/10 Wales & National Agenda. The Chairman asked if anyone wanted anything added to the Wales agenda for 3rd October . It was suggested that the points raised about the YPV at the last F& D committee be taken to the committee. The Chairman commented on the Wales AGM that had been

very poorly attended with only 41 members present at Tenby. No agenda had been received from National.

E07/09/10 Election of Wales Sub committee representatives.

The Chairman explained that travel expenses were available from Wales YFC, and encouraged everyone to claim their expenses. The following representatives were elected.:-

TP : Gary Wright, Roland Davies, Andrew Davies, Gerallt Evans

Activities: Stephen Francis, Elen Haf, Kathy Jones, Melissa James.

Eisteddfod: Fflur Pughe who will be next years; chair, Mr David Oliver, Awel Jones Beth Watkins.

Rural Affairs: 3 Representatives to be elected at the Rural Affairs AGM

Youth Forum: Catherine Bennett, Whitney Jerman, Marcus Vaughan
Richard Lewis

E08/09/10 Report from Trustees: None present. Andrew Davies proposed that Nicola Walker be elected as a Trustee and it was unanimously agreed.

E09/09/10 Club Twinning

Following the draw the following clubs have been twinned for 2009-2010
It was agreed that as there was an uneven number the last twinning would have the extra club attached to the twinning.

Vyrnwy Valley & Llanfyllin

Dyffryn Tanat & Caradog

Berriew & Sarn

Four Crosses & Dyffryn Banw

LLidiartywaen & Guildsfield

Llanfair & Dolfor

Llanbrynmair & Carno & Llangurig

Abermule & Aberhafesp

Trefeglwys & Tregynon & Bro Ddyfi (3)

The chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

