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MONTGOMERY FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS**

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Development Committee held on Thursday 2nd June,
2011 at Coleg Powys Farm, Newtown at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Awel Jones, Nerys Fychan, Menna Breese, Teresa Isaac, Janet Rowlands,
Helen Morgan, Gerallt Evans

FD/55/10/11 APOLOGIES

Sonya Wedge, Andrew Davies, Roland Davies, Cathrin Rowlands,
Christine Jones.

FD/56/10/11 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 14th April, 2011 were reviewed and
signed by the Chairman as a true record.

FD/57/10/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Wales YFC: 'Your YFC, Your SAY'

Wales YFC had written to all counties to inform that at the next Wales Council
meetings in June, the topic of age ranges in YFC will be voted on. The options
that are to be voted on are: A) 10-26 B) 13-26 and C) 13-30.

At the previous F&D meeting, the committee agreed for the information to be
sent out to all clubs for discussion and for them to submit their suggestions to the
office by Thursday 26th May 2011.

The committee reviewed the opinions that were submitted from clubs and
narrowed the choices down to:

- A) 10-26
- B) 13-26

These options are to be put forward to the County Executive Committee to be
voted upon.

FD/58/10/11 CORRESPONDENCE

Wales YFC had e-mailed to inform all members that the deadline to apply to the
Welsh Livery Guild was looming. Members present were asked to relay this
information back to their clubs.

The Discovery Committee had sent a letter to inform all members that the
opportunity was still open for members over 18 years of age to sign up for the
exchange with Cornwall YFC. The next discovery meeting is on Thursday 23rd June
at 7.30pm at 'The Exchange', Newtown.

FD/59/10/11 TREASURER'S REPORT

a) With Sonya's absence, no report was given.

b) TO DECIDE ON CLUB SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2011/2012

With the increase in the National levy of 5%, it was agreed to increase the current
subscription rates by £1 per age category, bar Associate members. Therefore the
proposed subscription rates for 2011/2012 are:

10-14yrs	£14
15-19yrs	£18
20-26yrs	£22
Associate Membership	£10

FD/60/10/11 PUBLICITY REPORT - Helen Morgan

Helen informed the committee that Rally reports had been sent to The County Times, Shropshire Star, Cambrian News, Shropshire Farmer, Farmers Guardian, Daily Post. The Oswestry Advertiser had also contacted Helen for information. Janet Rowlands suggested sending information to the FUW paper, which Helen agreed to look into.

The new camera is working well and lots of pictures were taken at the County Rally.

It was suggested to look into a grant for the website to enable pictures to be uploaded easier. In the meantime, a link is to be put onto the website to a Flicker or Google Picassa account. Helen agreed to look into the concept.

FD/61/10/11 TO REVIEW THE COUNTY OFFICERS EXPENSES

The committee proposed for the County Officials of 2010/2011 to be awarded honorariums of the following amounts:

Chairman	£190
Vice Chairman	£140
Members Treasurer	£140
Publicity Officer	£140
Safeguarding Officer	£140

The committee discussed that for next year, it would be beneficial to have a list of job descriptions, to help differentiate the varying work loads so that they relate better to the pay given. The new Senior Treasurers post will also have to be considered next year.

FD/62/10/11 MEMBERSHIP

Membership figures for the last 3 years were circulated. It was requested for the office to provide a breakdown for all County representatives to take to club AGM's so that they can report on the membership patterns and inform them of any changes.

Clubs are to be encouraged to maintain membership figures and to pledge to them that help is at hand if they require it. Clubs should be contacted if problems are identified.

FD/63/10/11 TO DISCUSS THE WALES TP SUB COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO RAISE RELEVANT ISSUES

The committee commented that they liked the new logo and website which was more user friendly.

Concern was expressed that too much involvement with the Urdd may jeopardise YFC membership as YFC members may decide to join the Urdd, not many would be interested in being a member of both movements.

FD/64/10/11 COUNTY TRAINING

A) Field Day

The competition list was read out and areas of training requirements were identified:

Stockjudging - Helen reminded the Committee that following last year's County training it was decided that trainers would visit club training evening's on request as younger members would be more encouraged to attend. The office is to inform clubs of trainers contact details.

ATV - To offer members a training session on a Saturday in September (max 6 members, min 3). Names are to be submitted no later than 7 days prior to the scheduled training day.

First Aid - members are to be signposted to courses that are already running. Members are to be informed about how to obtain funding for such training through Farming Connect.

B) Other Training

The Club Officials training was reviewed that was held at Argae Hall on Thursday 26th May, Conducted by Rhiannon Rees. It was very poorly attended with only 2 treasurers and one chairman in attendance. Two apologies were received. The treasurers in attendance said that they had found the session useful. The committee decided that for next year it would be worth holding the session in March and for this session to be promoted at the September training. The March session is to have a broader theme (not just preparing for AGM's) and needs to provide the opportunity for a Questions and Answers/Surgery feature.

FD/65/10/11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

All members present were reminded to ensure that their clubs return their nominations form for County Officials to the County Office no later than Friday 3rd June. They were also reminded to ensure that their Club AGM's are organised well in advance of 1st September 2011.

With no further business the meeting was declared closed at: 9.17pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....