

Finance & Development Committee
Thursday 15th April, 2010
Coleg Powys Farm, Newtown

A meeting of the Finance & Development Committee was held on Thursday 15th April, 2010 at Coleg Powys Farm, Newtown at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Gary Wright (County Chairman), Kerry Jerman, Elin Yewdall (Co-opted member), Richard Jones, Shaun Rees, Clare Jones, Awel Jones, Nerys Fychan, Richard Roberts, Andrew Davies, Katy Watkin (Member's Treasurer), Gwynfor Thomas (County President).

IN ATTENDANCE: Lorraine Stokes (County Organiser)

FD/44/09/10: YMDDIHEURIADAU / APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Jeni Jones, Dafydd Jones and Berriew YFC.

FD/45/09/10: COFNODION O'R CYFARFOD DIWETHAF / CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes from the last meeting held on Thursday 18th March were read out and were confirmed as a true record.

FD/46/09/10: MATERION YN CODI O'R COFNODION / MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. In FD/38/09/10, the yearbook made a loss, not a profit as stated.
2. The profit received from the Fancy Dress Dance was £1010.40.

FD/47/09/10: GOHEBIAETH / CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

FD/48/09/10: TREASURER'S REPORT – KATY WATKIN

(a) CHRISTMAS AND APRIL FOOL'S DANCE REPORT.

Katy noted that the profit for the Christmas Dance (as noted in FD/46/09/10) was higher than the profit from the April's Fool Dance, which was £617.27 with photocopying and printing costs still to be taken out too. She reported that the text messages being sent to members before the events was helping to publicise the events, as the number of people attending the dances was increasing.

(b) DRAMA FESTIVAL

Although Katy has not received the final bill from Theatr Hafren, it was noted that the cost from the festival was £6804. Due to poor attendance it looks like the festival will not break-even, although the final figure that the County will owe the Theatre still has to be confirmed. Concern was raised to the loss of money for this festival, as it is the first time the County have ever made a loss with the festivals. Some of the reasons for the poor attendance was that a lot of relatives of members wait until clubs do local performances in more local venues. Also, there were a lot of members this year who were getting into the audience for free through the back, which would have brought a lot of extra income in if they had paid for their ticket. It was suggested that the Drama Festival is moved to a smaller, cheaper venue in the future to accommodate smaller audiences. Some suggestions for this were the

theatres in Llanfyllin and Welshpool and the amateur dramatics theatre in Newtown. The School in Llanfair Caereinion was also suggested.

(c) FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Members of the committee were asked to come up with some fundraising ideas for the County. The ideas were:

- To walk the Owain Glyndwr's Way.
- To bike or walk around every club in Montgomeryshire.

The fundraising could also be part of the 'Chairman's Challenge' and good publicity would help people from all around the County to become aware of the event.

Andrew Davies noted that the WCVA could possibly run a course for the County to help organize fundraising events.

FD/49/09/10: PUBLICITY REPORT – GERALLT EVANS

(a) YEARBOOK

Gerallt began by apologising for messing up the quote with the yearbooks, meaning that the yearbooks had not all been sold during the drama festivals. Due to the lack of books being sold, he suggested that perhaps in the future, the County should send a Word Document to Powys County Council to show all of the events that had taken place over the year.

(b) COUNTY TIMES

Gerallt noted that he was unaware that the County had the opportunity for a fortnightly slot in the County Times, but told members that there was not enough information received from Clubs to have a fortnightly slot. However, he told the committee that whatever photos/news was sent to him, he forwarded it to the County newspapers. It was suggested that perhaps there should be more Wales YFC and more NFYFC news/events reported in the local paper.

FD/50/09/10: NATIONAL AGM

The final arrangements for this year's AGM have been put in place, with final invoices and AGM info being sent to all members attending tomorrow (Friday 16th April). The T-Shirts have been ordered and the buses and accommodation have been confirmed. However, this year the hotel has required full payment in advance, which has stretched county funds, meaning money has been transferred temporarily from the Development account to cover the full amount. This will be paid back once the remaining balance has been paid by those attending the National AGM.

FD/51/09/10: WEBSITE REVIEW

It was reported that Lorraine (County Organiser) is going to receive training from Gerallt and Richard Glover-Davies to be able to update the website. Gerallt reported that the website is having around 900 hits a month. Members suggested that the photos on the welcome page should be updated, as some of them are 2-3 years and are now very out of date. It was also suggested that clubs should have the password for them to update things onto the website, so that they can update their pages and perhaps a forum could be set up on the website for members to discuss issues affecting the County, although there were some concerns surrounding privacy issues with this idea.

FD/52/09/10: TRAINING

Members discussed the need for training for Club officials and County competitions. It was suggested to possibly put on a health and hygiene course for members that want to do the

cooking competition in the Rally. Also, it was announced that Tregynon YFC were having an evening concerned with training on trusting and governance, which the County officials were also going to attend.

FD/53/09/10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) 'CHALLENGE TIM'

This year, the Wales YFC Chairman, Tim John, wants a challenge from every club from the County. Members of the committee suggested that he join our County Chairman's Challenge.

(b) It was announced that every County Official has now been appointed 2 clubs to watch over and would be coming to visit their respective clubs soon.

(c) It was announced that Bro Ddyfi YFC have been getting involved with the BBC with the election and would be on Radio Cymru every Tuesday and Thursday for the next 2 weeks.

(d) The County Chairman, Gary Wright, has been invited with some of the other County Officials to meet the Queen when she attends the new livestock market in Welshpool on the 28th March.

With no further business, the meeting was closed by Gary Wright , County Chairman, at 9.00pm.

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