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MONTGOMERY FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS**

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & Development Committee held on Thursday 9th
September, 2010 at 7.30pm at Coleg Powys, Newtown.

PRESENT

Menna Breese, Philip Dancer, Alun Bebb, Awel Jones, Christine Jones, Andy Morgan, Richard Roberts, Sonya Wedge, Lucy Gethin, Cathy Green, Jonathon Davies, Beth Watkins, Andrew Davies, Helen Morgan, Gerallt Evans, Derwena Davies

PART ATTENDANCE

Roland Davies, Lorraine Stokes, Teresa Isaac

All members were welcomed to the meeting by County Chairman Roland Davies. It was stressed to all the importance of attending all the meetings and if members can't attend it is important another representative from the club should attend instead so that the views of clubs can be heard.

The role of the Finance and development committee was explained to members and it was explained that the committee works partly in conjunction with the Training and Promotions Committee at Wales Level.

FD/01/10/11 APOLOGIES

Non Received

FD/02/10/11 Election of officials

The following officials were proposed and seconded by the committee

- a) **Chairperson** - Gerallt Evans
- b) **Vice Chairperson** - Andrew Davies
- c) **Minute Secretary** - Beth Watkins
- d) **Co-opted Members** - Katy Watkin and Gary Wright

From this point the meeting was chaired by the new Chairperson Gerallt Evans

FD/03/10/11 Confirm minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read out and were signed off as a true and correct record.

FD/04/10/11 Matters arising from the minutes

Andrew Davies informed the committee that the application date for the Youth Bank has changed to the 8th October 2010 and that all applications need to be received by this date.

There were no other matters arising from the minutes.

FD/05/10/11 Correspondence

An E-mail had been received from Wales YFC regarding Scotland Youth Camp leaders. This was read out to the committee and members were urged to contact the office if they had an interest.

FD/06/10/11 Treasurers Report (Sonya Wedge)

a) Financial Report

CURRENT BALANCE

The current balance as at 4 August 2010 is £11,115.75.

O/S INVOICES

Theatre Hafren - Lorraine is querying this
PCC Invoice - This can be paid

INSURANCE

Two invoices have been received from NFYFC for the YFC year 2010/2011.

- The first invoice is for the Levy
- The second invoice is for members' insurance cover

For 2008/2009 it was agreed that the County should pay 20% of the invoice with Clubs to be billed equally for the remaining balance. It was agreed to do the same for 2010/2011.

The committee agreed to go ahead with last years figures, as in the letter that came with the invoices it stated that with regards to the insurance payable, the amount is less than last year due to a one off discount that the NFU Mutual has applied to the policy in celebration of their Centenary year, but we would need to budget for a higher amount next year.

GRANTS / FUNDING

Lottery Funding

Katy Watkin is looking into Lottery Funding for a camera for the Publicity Officer - this is still ongoing. Katy will now put Sonya down as the contact for this.

Glazu Funding

Nia had managed to secure a grant from Glazu, but this money was lost as the project was not carried out. This was a history project to produce a book.

If the county want to re apply for this funding, which can be up to £25,000, they will need to come up with a project idea before applying. One idea that was discussed was that the Federation is 72 years of age at the moment and maybe a project could be carried out to celebrate the 75th Anniversary in 2013. Another idea was to apply for the grant to get proper signs made for the rally etc rather than the hand painted one's that the county use at the moment, it was felt that this would improve the image of the YFC.

Members were urged to think about other suggestions and bring them to the next meeting.

Corporate Sponsorship Committee

Letters have gone out to businesses asking them if they'd like to put an add in each of the programmes throughout the year.

So far Welshpool Market have responded to take up the offer.

Once annual sponsorships has been established, more accurate budgeting can be calculated to each event.

County quiz

Last year the quiz was sponsored by Bunnars. If the County secure a Sponsor for the year, then I am assuming this would therefore cover the sponsorship of the quiz - but I don't know how long it will take to secure our main sponsor?

It was suggested to ask The Monty Club to sponsor this.

CHARITY COMMISSION

The committee was informed that all Clubs are now re-instated with the Charity Commission but require returns for 2009/2010. The accountant is on Holiday at the moment and Sonya will speak to him regarding this and what we as a county need to do next.

b) Role of Treasurer

The role of county treasurer was discussed and it was decided that the role should include the following points;

- Finding grants to get as much money into County as possible
- List of debtors to each meeting
- Charity commission
- Youth capital grants
- County camera

FD/07/10/11 Publicity Report (Helen Morgan)

a) What publicity is needed

It was discussed and agreed that we have as much publicity as possible. It was agreed that it's very important that all the good work that the county and clubs do gets publicised to raise the YFC profile as much as possible.

It was suggested that it would be a good idea to put packs together to go out to clubs about the importance of publicity. Also this pack would include details of how to go about publicising things and it would also have contact details for Helen. It was noted that the YFC coverage in the County Times has improved a lot and that they now send their own photographer to county events.

It was agreed that the role of treasurer would include;

- Taking photos at all events
- Publicising club/county news
- Keep website updated along side the county office
- Edit yearbook
- Feed back regularly to the meeting

b) Marketing

Clothing

It was discussed that the clothing range is not very effective at the moment with clothing not being sold to members. It was noted by members present that the majority of clubs all have their own club clothing range and is there need for a County range.

A suggestion was made that clubs could be encouraged to incorporate the Montgomery logo into their club shirts. Members were asked to think about other suggestions or ideas in readiness for next meeting.

FD/08/10/11 To discuss Wales Training and Promotion Committee

The Agenda for the next meeting was discussed and the following members were elected as representatives onto the committee;

- Andrew Davies
- Sonya Wedge
- Helen Morgan
- Nicola Walker
- Roland Davies

FD/09/10/11 To receive end of year membership figures

The end of year membership for 2010 stood at a total of 908 members which is a slight decrease from last year. This was discussed by the committee and was thought to have something to do with it being a drama year.

Members were urged to promote YFC as much as they can and get as many members into there clubs as possible.

It was decided the committee will look at membership figures closely throughout the next year with regular updates at every meeting.

The committee were concerned about the membership figures for the Llangurig club which for the year 2010 stood at 0. It was noted by the committee that 2 years ago a lot of work had been put into the club by the county officials at the time to get the club back on it's feet. It was discussed and decided by the committee that enquiries would be made from the YFC office into what's happened and we will look at it again at the next meeting.

FD/10/10/11 To make arrangements for the Autumn Training

a) Field Day

The committee were informed that ATV training and First Aid training is available in readiness for the field day competitions but to date no names have come into the office. Members present thought that this may have something to do with it being early in the year and clubs are not meeting yet.

Members were asked to think of suggestions for future training and we will review it next meeting.

b) Club Officers Training

The committee were informed that Argae Hall has been booked for Thursday 16th September.

The format of the evening was discussed in depth with the committee noting that the evening does need a new format but for this year as were limited on time we will stick with the same format as the past years with the training being done in group of Chair Persons, Secretaries and treasurers.

The committee decided that the information hand out packs given on the evening need to be smaller and simpler this year. The committee also agreed to have templates of agenda/balance sheets on the YFC website to help members fulfil there roles.

The people that were suggested to help with the training are as follows;
Chairperson - Gary Wright, Roland Davies, Gwynfor Thomas
Secretaries - Lorraine Stokes, Nicola Walker, Janet Rowlands
Treasurer - Katy Watkin, Elin Yewdall

The committee would like feedback from clubs/members in readiness for next years training of what they expect and to what format they would like the training delivered.

Training for club leaders was discussed and Andrew informed the committee that this can be delivered by PAVO free of charge, this needs to be publicised to clubs.

FD/12/10/11 Committee Priorities

Accreditation

Members were informed that in the Service Level Agreement between Powys County Council and Montgomery YFC is that we should improve on the amount of accredited certificates that members can achieve through the movement (competition certificates are not acceptable as they are not endorsed). A meeting was recently held between County Organisers in Powys, PAVO and the Powys County Council curriculum development officers. Andrew was present at the meeting and he informed the committee of the following accreditations that members could be eligible for;

- ROA (record of achievement) at a cost of £2.40 per certificate
- OCN at a cost of £20 per certificate
- Duke of Edinburgh at a cost of £450 per certificate

Another accreditation that may be suitable for YFC members between the ages of 16-24yrs is a project called 'Millennium Volunteers' and this is free to members. The committee felt that this maybe more suitable for our organisation and should be publicised to members.

FD/13/10/11 Any other Business

Members were told that the Wales AGM is to be held in Wrexham on Saturday 11th September and tickets for the dance are available on the door.

Andrew informed the committee that Penstrowed YFC is in the process of being restarted. At present 1 event a month is being held with the hope that the club will re open in January 2011.

Andrew asked everyone who hasn't already done so to complete the youth questionnaire.

As there was no other business the Meeting was Closed @ 9.26pm

Signed _____

Date _____