

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

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & Development Committee held on Thursday 28th
October, 2010 at 7.30pm at Coleg Powys, Newtown.

PRESENT

Roalnd Davies, County Chairman, Teresa Isaac, County Vice President, Awel Jones (Four Crosses), Christine Jones (Four Crosses)

PART ATTENDANCE

Lorraine Stokes

FD/14/10/11 APOLOGIES

Sonya Wedge, Helen Morgan, Llidiartywaen YFC

FD/15/10/11 Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting dated Thursday 9th September were read and signed as a true record.

FD/16/10/11 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- FD/02/10/11 - Election of co-opted members: Katy Watkin is willing to stand. Gary Wright has been co-opted onto the Activities Committee. The members present decided to ask Catherine Fairclough to co-opt and if she was unable to stand, Jonathan Pryce was chosen to be invited to stand.
- FD/06/10/11 - Glasu Funding. At the September meeting members were asked to think of project suggestions. The committee decided to put this on the agenda for the next meeting as attendance was low.
- FD/09/10/11 - Concerns about Llangurig Membership
The Chairman explained that at a County Officials meeting was held on 13th October where the issue was discussed. Following a number of attempts by Llangurig members to 'get the club going' in recent years, it was decided to let Llangurig 'run its course' for the time being whilst the keenest of its members enjoy their time in YFC at alternative clubs.
A selection of past Llangurig YFC members (currently of membership age) will be written to, by the office to explain the situation and to request that in a couple of years, when they are over membership age that they could help revive the club by providing support and guidance.

- **FD/12/10/11 - Accreditation**

At the last meeting, the committee looked into accreditation options and an interest was shown in the Millennium Volunteers Scheme. In order to provide more insight into this scheme, Jean Garner, PAVO Volunteering Officer was invited to speak on the subject at the last Executive Committee Meeting.

The scheme involves no costs to the Federation. It is currently available for members aged 16-25, (although PAVO are looking into extending the age bracket to include people from the age of 13).

Jean explained the two options that were available to obtain the accreditation certificates:

Option 1: Montgomery YFC could obtain the accredited certificates for volunteers through the Powys Volunteering Centre.

Option 2: Montgomery YFC could become a delivery partner. Funding is available for this option, but this would incur greater volumes of paperwork for the office.

The Executive Committee were in agreement with the principle that this scheme should be implemented and the decision was made to take the matter back to the F&D Committee in order to define which route should be taken as to the delivery of the scheme.

The Committee decided that it would be a good idea for County Officials to discuss the concept when they visit their allocated clubs. It was also suggested that the Chair of Youth Forum and Young Member of the Year and any other Young Officials of Membership age should start to implement the scheme.

FD/17/10/11 Correspondence

Cambrian Mountains meeting invitation - Roland Davies offered to attend on behalf of the County.

NFYFC Training booklet - 'The Curve'. The committee agreed that it would be beneficial to send a copy to each club.

FD/18/10/11 Treasurer's Report - (Sonya Wedge)

In Sonya's absence, the following report was read:

Insurance

Invoices for Clubs will be sent out in due course, please make your Club Treasurers aware that this invoice will be sent out soon and that this needs to be paid as soon as possible. Apologies for the delay.

Charity Commission

This is an ongoing problem at the moment but after Kenya I will be meeting up with the County's Accountant to discuss this and work out the next step. Will keep you updated when I know more.

Sage

When Lorraine is next out of the office in November for a few days, I will be having the laptop to update Sage and catch up with implementing the invoices and hopefully be receiving Sage training also to then pass onto the office. Due to the problems that Katy faced last year, we

need to ensure that invoices are regularly inputted onto Sage, I shall work with the office and we'll ensure that something is put into place.

Grants

Texts went out to Club Treasurers to text me their e-mail addresses so that I can ensure that they receive Grants information when I find out about them. Those treasurers that have not let me know their e-mail addresses yet and would like to be kept in the loop with grants - please text/e-mail me your e-mail address (after 31st October please).

Trust Fund

Just to remind members that the Trust Fund is underused - this is available for all clubs to apply for money towards training costs, club camera, clothing etc (speak to the office to get an application form and to find out what exactly you can apply for etc).

The committee raised their concern about the invoices to clubs and urged for them to be sent out to clubs as soon as possible.

FD/19/10/11 Publicity Report (Helen Morgan)

In Helen's absence, the following report was read:

Since the last F&D meeting, a report has been put in the County Times with the results from the Field Day, and also a picture of the Montgomeryshire Ladies Tug of War representatives after they competed in the National Finals. There should be a piece on the trip to Kenya while we are away, and a follow up piece when we return.

I am at the moment trying to find as many contacts as possible for local newspapers and publications, as well as more National press.

It was recently discussed at a County Officials meeting that clubs need to be encouraged to put forward news from the clubs to me, to put in the papers, also the possibility of having a monthly or bi-monthly slot in the County Times. Lorraine has forwarded me club contacts and I will work on this when I get back from Kenya. In the meantime if any one has anything they wish me to put in the papers, please send to the office, or to me at

helenmorgan321@btinternet.com

Also if anyone has any contacts for publicity, especially local press (Seren Hafren etc) I would be grateful for these.

FD/20/10/11 To receive Wales Training and Promotions Committee Report

No one present to give report

FD/21/10/11 Membership Update

The County membership figure to date was reported as 541

FD/22/10/11 Training

The training needs of the Federation were discussed and it was decided that Food Hygiene and First Aid Courses would be beneficial.

FD/23/10/11 To make arrangements for the 2011 National AGM to Blackpool

Two leaders were elected: Roland Davies (County Chairman) and Gerallt Evans (County Vice Chairman).

The committee agreed that the two leaders should be offered the trip package for half price.

FD/24/10/11 YFC Developments

Copies of the County Operational Plan were distributed and the committee reviewed and amended the actions.

FD/24/10/11 Any Other Business

The new QES system (barcodes and scanners to record attendance figures) requires a club to trial the system out on. The committee suggested Dolfor or Tregynon as they are close to Newtown and are quite large so any problems can be ironed out earlier in the process.

Roland signed a form to certify the resolutions for all bank Mandates of Montgomery YFC.

As there was no other business the Meeting was Closed @ 9.34pm

Signed _____

Date _____