

**MUDIAD FFERMWYR IEUAINC MALDWYN  
MONTGOMERY FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS**

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Development Committee held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>  
September, 2009 at 7:30pm at Coleg Powys Farm, Newtown.

**PRESENT:** Gary Wright (County Chairman), Roland Davies (County Vice Chairman), Katy Watkin (County Members Treasurer), Gerallt Evans (County Publicity Officer), Kerry Jerman, Phil Jones, Craig Pugh, Dylan Jones, Dafydd Jones, Aled Richards, Kirsty Benbow, Jeni Jones, Sara Jones, Jonathon Davies, Sonya Wedge, Lynsey Hughes, Nikki Hughes, Nerys Fychan, Richard Roberts, Kate Breeden, Rob Lewis, Awel Jones, Andrew Davies

**FD/01/09/10 APOLOGIES**  
Llanfair Caereinion YFC, Nicola Watkin.

**FD/02/09/10 CROESO / WELCOME- GARY WRIGHT**  
County Chairman Gary Wright welcomed everybody to the first meeting of the new year, and urged the new members to use the committee to air their clubs views. He stressed the importance of attending all of the F&D meetings, and asked if members were unable to attend, that they find a different club representative to represent them. He explained the role of the F&D committee and how it works.

He also explained that with the election of the new committee officials, normally the Vice Chairman of the County acts as Chairman, although members could do it differently if they wished.

**FD/03/09/10 I ETHOL SWYDDOGION / ELECTION OF OFFICIALS**  
The following people were proposed and seconded to become officials on the committee:

- (a) Chairman: Roland Davies, County Vice Chairman
- (b) Vice Chairman: Sonya Wedge, Sarn YFC
- (c) Minute Secretary: Kerry Jerman, Llidiartywaen YFC
- (d) Co-opted Members: Elin Yewdall & Teresa Isaac

Following the elections, Roland Davies took over the chair for the meeting.

**FD/04/09/10 CADARNHAU COFNODION O'R CYFARFOD DIWETHAF / CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**  
Roland Davies read out the minutes of the last meeting, and these were confirmed and seconded by Sonya Wedge and Kirsty Benbow.

**FD/05/09/10 MATERION YN CODI O'R COFNODION / MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**  
There were no matters arising.

**FD/06/09/10 GOHEBIAETH / CORRESPONDENCE**  
There was no correspondence received.

**FD/07/09/10 ADRODDIAD Y TRYSORYDD / TREASURER'S REPORT – KATY WATKIN**  
(a) Financial Report.

County Members' Treasurer Katy Watkin reported that due to the Severn Challenge, there had been no meeting with the retiring members' treasurer, Elin Yewdall, to hand over the accounts, therefore she would be unable to give a financial report this evening.

(b) Role of the Members' Treasurer.

Katy asked the Committee what they wanted from her as the County Members' Treasurer this year. Members came up with the following ideas:

- Find lots of money.
- To pursue grants for the YFC. Katy told members that she knew where grants were available from the government for the County, but due to her job she would be unable to attend these meetings due to conflicts of interest with her job, although anyone else on the committee could go to the meetings to represent her.
- To have a general update on the main account each meeting.
- To have an update on debtors to the County each meeting.
- To help Club Treasurer's and give them support with their accounts, if needs be.

**FD/07/09/10    ADRODDIAD SWYDDOG CYHOEDDUSRWYDD / PUBLICITY REPORT –  
GERALLT EVANS**

County Publicity Officer Gerallt Evans thanked members of the County who re-elected him for another year. He said that the County had had increased publicity this year from the County Times and the Cambrian News, as well as the Radio, and with the Severn Challenge some members of the County had even managed to get on the TV.

This year, he told members that he aimed to get more coverage from local papers, and would like Clubs to send items to him to publicise to more papers. However, pictures would be an issue this year, as the County does not currently own a camera, due to other people's cameras being used in previous years. He said that maybe this would be an opportunity for the County to apply to the trust fund for a camera?

(a) What publicity is needed?

Gerallt asked members what ideas they could come up with to try and publicise the County more to people, to get more new members. Members came up with the following ideas:

- Going round school assemblies to do talks/displays about what YFC is all about.
- Having displays up in schools/colleges around the County.
- Making leaflets that give a taste of what being a YFC member is all about.
- Handing out stickers at different events.
- Having Car Stickers.

(b) Marketing

County YFC Website

Gerallt told members that he is working his way through updating the new look website, although it is a lot of hard work. Comments were made that there was not a lot of Welsh on the website at the moment, and Gerallt told members that this was due to the fact that he was currently the only person updating the website. Nerys Fychan offered to help translate sections and it was agreed that more volunteers would be asked to help.

Comments were made that perhaps the usage of the website had gone downhill compared to a few years ago and that the website was seen as more of an information tool rather than a promotional tool. However, it was agreed that the website was good for downloading forms from, and downloading information for rally/eisteddfod/field day.

Gerallt asked members what they would like to be added to the new website. Members decided that they want the County Clothing Range on the Web. It was also proposed that perhaps we should make a promotional video for the County to put on the website.

#### County Clothing Range.

Members discussed the County Clothing Range and it was decided to try and market the clothing range much more this year, as not a lot had been sold this year. Members decided it would be a good idea to market the clothing range and other merchandise at all of the County Events, perhaps on mannequins, with prices on them so that members know how much everything costs. Perhaps members could take photos modelling the clothes, to make posters to blow up and stick up at the events. It was also agreed that if the County is still able to get all of the clothing range and the merchandise, an order form would be put up on the website where members could download it.

Another form of marketing the County logo could be making stencils that could be used for face paints at public events.

### **FD/08/09/10 I DRAFOD AGENDA "TP" CYMRU / TO DISCUSS THE AGENDA FOR THE WALES TP MEETING.**

Roland Davies told members the first meeting will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> September in Builth Wells, and that discussions would take place in the following areas:

- 2009/2010 Charity (to be announced in the Wales AGM)
- A review of the Royal Welsh Show and AGM
- Entertainment at the YPV and
- The election of Committee Officials for the coming year.

Members commented that the YPV was a lot better this year because it was under shelter and that the entertainment was a lot better this year – both GLC and Dave Pearce were very good, and that they hoped that the YPV would continue to improve in this way.

#### (a) Election of representatives.

The following were elected to sit on the TP committee for the coming four months:

- Gary Wright (County Chairman)
- Roland Davies (County Vice Chairman)
- Gerallt Evans (County Publicity Officer)
- Andrew Davies (Dolfor YFC)

### **FD/09/09/10 I DDERBYN FFIGYRAU AELODAETH DIWEDD Y FLWYDDYN / TO RECEIVE THE END OF THE YEAR MEMBERSHIP FIGURES**

Members were given the end of year membership figures. The total membership at the end of the year was 934, and County Chairman Gary Wright commented that this year he wanted to break the 1000 membership mark. Other comments made were that it was nice to see the Aberhafesp YFC membership over 20 members and that there were a few Clubs that seemed to be struggling with membership numbers.

**FD/10/09/10 GWNEUD TREFNIADAU AR GYFER HYFFORDDIANT AR GYFER YR HYDREF/  
TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AUTUMN TRAINING**

(a) Diwrnod Maes / Field Day

Training for the beef, lamb and pigs stockjudging will take place at Rhosfawr (Gron's farm) on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm. Please could the office have names of members wishing to go to the training into the office by next Monday morning. There has not been a lot of response so far as only Dolfor YFC have returned their Stockjudging form.

(b) Hyfforddiant Swyddogion Clwb / Club Officers Training

Club Officers training will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> September. Members decided that they would have one person to lead each group. It was agreed to ask the following to run each group:

Chairman group: Nicola Walker

Secretary group: Nia Lloyd

Treasurer group: Elin Yewdall

Members chose Argae Hall as the first choice venue for the training session, with the Monty Club in Newtown being used if it was unavailable.

**FD/11/09/10 SIALENS HAFREN & CYNGERDD CFFI / SEVERN CHALLENGE & YFC CONERT**

(a) Severn Challenge

Roland Davies reported that all the members who had taken part in the Severn Challenge managed to get as far as Tewkesbury. It was a good laugh and definitely worth doing it. The Challenge had brilliant promotion on TV, and that we had a £300 donation from Wedi 7. The aim is to raise £5000 for Wales Air Ambulance. There will be one further meeting to close the Severn Challenge some time in the future.

(b) YFC Concert

This has been arranged for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at the Baptist Chapel in Newtown. The aim of the concert will be to raise money for the County and raise the profile of the YFC. All Clubs will be expected to give one contribution and also have an item in reserve. Life members have agreed to visit and approach all Clubs.

**FD/12/09/10 TROI GOLEUDAU NADOLIG YMLAEN YN Y DRENEWYDD / SWITCHING ON OF  
THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN NEWTOWN**

Members discussed the event which the Mayor of Newtown had asked them to take part in the previous F&D meeting. Members were unsure of what was wanted of them, so it was agreed to ask the Mayor what she wanted the YFC to do, to find out a deadline of when she needed to know if members were taking part, and then to ask Clubs if they would like to take part.

**FD/13/09/10 BLAENORIAETHAU PWYLLGOR / COMMITTEE PRIORITIES**

Members were asked what are the main areas that need developing within the Federation that can be worked on over the next year. They came up with the following:

- The Child Protection Policy. It was brought to light that the way this is currently written, the policy is void, and this seriously needs addressing. It was decided that this would be taken to County Exec/ board of management, and it was agreed to take it up to the Wales YFC level too.
- Club Liason Officers- We need to make sure that CRB checks are pushed through this year, because nothing seemed to happen last year.

- To raise the Club membership to 1000 – this would only be an extra 3 members per club.

**FD/14/09/10 UNRHYW FATER ARALL / ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(a) Field Day

For the Safety Competitions members wanted to know what type of First Aid Certificates were needed, and whether there would be an opportunity within the County for First Aid Training before the Field Day. It was noted that only a basic First Aid Certificate would be needed, and that it was too late to organize training for this year. However, it was decided to bring up the issue of Field Day training in the agenda for the last meeting of the year so that training could be organized earlier for next year's training.

(b) Discovery Committee

The Discovery Committee are organising a race night tomorrow night, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Entry is free and racing programmes are 50p. Also, the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment for the Texas trip is needed as soon as possible for members going.

(c) Registry Forms

Andrew Davies informed members that they need to fill in their registry forms for Powys County Council as soon as possible so that they can get funding for the hire of village halls for Club nights.

(d) Wales AGM

This takes place on 19<sup>th</sup> September in Tenby. There is a dance to the theme "Beach Party". Pembrokeshire YFC have organised a Pub Treasure Hunt around Tenby on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September starting from Lifeboat Pub, leaving between 8.00pm and 9.00pm. Prizes for the winning team, max 6 per team. Costs £1 per member.

(e) Dewch i Ganu, Dewch i Ganmol / Come and Sing, Come and Praise

There will be a Wales YFC Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol (welsh songs of praise) on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at Maengwyn Chapel, Machynlleth at 6pm. Magwen Pughe will be the conductor.

DCDC are willing to arrange / pay for buses to take members to the event from all over Wales. Contact the YFC Office for more information.

As there was no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm

**Signed:**.....

**Date:**.....