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MONTGOMERY FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS**

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Development Committee held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April,  
2011 at Coleg Powys Farm, Newtown at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:** Teresa Isaac, Gerally Evans, Catherine Fairclough, Claire Jones, Awel Jones, Aneira Evans, Phillip Dancer, Richard Roberts, Andy Morgan, Andrew Davies, Sonya Wedge.

**FD/44/10/11 APOLOGIES**

Menna Breese, Helen Morgan, Katy Watkin, Richard Mountford, Dylan Jones, Beth Watkins, Jeni Jones, Christine Jones.

**FD/45/10/11 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March , 2011 were reviewed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**FD/46/10/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**FD/47/10/11 CORRESPONDENCE**

Information was read out to the committee about a course that PAVO were putting on entitled: 'Funding Applications; The Good, Bad and the Ugly, training'

Wales YFC have 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: 10-26, 13-26 and 13-30.

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 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011 in readiness for the next F&D committee meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> June). At this meeting the selection of club opinions will be narrowed down to two and these will then be voted on at the next Executive Committee meeting.

**FD/48/10/11 TREASURER'S REPORTS - Sonya Wedge**

Sonya reported that the invoice for the Yearbooks had been paid off that day which was £2520.00. This left the current balance at £16859.89.

**FD/49/10/11 PUBLICITY REPORT - Helen Morgan**

With Helen's absence there was no Publicity Report.

**FD/50/10/11 NATIONAL AGM**

**a) Final Arrangements**

It was reported that 123 members had booked to travel up to Blackpool on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. The T-shirts had been ordered and should be in the office by the end of the following week and the buses and accommodation had been confirmed.

The chairman reminded the committee that all voting reps from each club should attend the AGM on the Sunday morning and that Radnor YFC's alternative motion with regards to the increase in levy should be supported as recommended by the County Executive Committee.

All information and invoices had been posted out to the members attending.

#### **FD/51/10/11 TRAINING**

Lorraine had spoken to PAVO requesting a 2 hour evening training session for approximately 50 people with the following topics to be covered: Preparing for an AGM, Charity Commission (legal obligations of your club) and Open Club Constitution.

PAVO quoted £200 for the session (which would normally cost £10 per person). The committee felt that this offer was good value for money.

As Plas Dolerw is booked on Thursday evenings, it was agreed to hold this training at either Argae Hall or The Monty Club on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May or the 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

#### **FD/52/10/11 TO APPROVE THE 2011-2012 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

Most of the dates were approved with some amendments to be made before the Executive Committee meeting;

- Check on the date of the NFYFC trip to Alton Towers in case it clashes with any provisional event dates.
- The County Eisteddfod clashes with the Wales YFC AGM
- To include the dates of the Wales Panto Festival and Public Speaking.
- Would the Executive Committee consider moving the date of the Rally as it is always close to exams?

#### **FD/53/10/11 COUNTY ORGANISING GROUPS**

The matter had been discussed at the last Executive meeting where a suggestion was put forward to move Llidiartywaen to group 1 and to put Penstrowed into Group 3.

The office had received two suggestions that supported this move (from Berriew and Llidiartywaen). Therefore it will be recommended in the next Executive Committee meeting to pass this amended County Organising Group model.

#### **FD/54/10/11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

##### Membership

It was reported that the current membership figure of 793 is lower than last year. Carmarthenshire are now the biggest County in Wales. The committee requested to put this on the agenda for the next meeting and for the office to provide a breakdown of the last 3 years membership figures, age ranges and male to female ratios.

##### 3 Federations Ball

The committee were informed that a meeting had taken place to begin planning this event. It is to be a black tie ticketed ball which is to take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011 in the Old Food Hall on the Royal Welsh Showground. Camping facilities will be offered close by. The bar and security will be tendered out (bar - Behind Bars/Streamline, security - Streamline / Alpha). There will be a Hog roast and salads. There is a possibility of a Radio 1 DJ or tribute band. More details will be confirmed at the next meeting where quotes will be discussed. Radnor YFC are setting up a separate bank account. Each county office will hold a paying in book so that ticket money can be paid into the local branches. Every year, a different county will take charge of the finances.

The committee were asked for any suggestions of the name of the event but none were put forward.

### Website

It was requested for the website to be updated more regularly with the dates of meetings and for any changes of meeting dates/venues to be amended as soon as possible. The minutes of previous meetings needed to be made available more readily and club info pages needed to be updated.

### Big Lottery Grant

Andrew Davies reported that he had submitted a bid to the Big Lottery Grant for promotional event signs and was awaiting confirmation on whether or not it had been successful.

**With no further business the meeting was declared closed at: 8.34pm**