

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

Minutes of the Activities committee held on Thursday 18th March 2010 at 7.30pm at Coleg Powys Farm, Newtown

PRESENT: Stephen Francis (Committee Chairman), Elen Haf (Committee Vice Chairman), Cathy Jones (Minute Secretary), Richard Evans (County Vice President), Danielle Evans, Geraint Thomas, Matthew Price, Nicola Walker (Co-Opted Member),

PART ATTENDANCE: Katy Watkin (Members Treasurer), Lorraine Stokes (County Organiser)

A/34/09/10 APOLOGIES

Ben Lloyd, Beth Watkins

A/35/09/10 CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the last meeting held on 4th February 2010 were signed as being a true record.

A/36/09/10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Attendance List

Omissions were noted and corrected on the attendance list for the last meeting.

Christmas Fancy Dress Dance

It was noted that a miscalculation had occurred in the figures given to the committee following this event which meant that although a healthy profit had still been made, the figure was not quite as large as had been stated in the last meeting.

Focus Group Update on YFC Calendar

It had been noted in a previous meeting that the first half of the year is extremely busy with many competitions and vents and it was proposed that group be set up to look at the possibility of moving a competition from the early part of the year to a later part. A group has met and the suggestion has been made that the Field Day be moved to early April with Welshpool Livestock Market being proposed as a permanent venue.

It was suggested that Mr Gron Bumford (Life Member) should be approached to see how such a change of date would affect the Stock Judging. It had been noted that some clubs in the county would be lambing at that time and so it was decided to approach surrounding counties that hold their Field Day at that time of year to see how this affects their event. This proposal is then to be returned to a later meeting when more information has been gathered.

A/37/09/10 CORRESPONDENCE

Wales Field Day

A letter has been received from Wales YFC regarding the 2011 Wales Field Day with regards to the event being hosted by Montgomery YFC and held at Welshpool Livestock Market. The committee agreed that this would be a wonderful opportunity which should be accepted.

Drama Concert

The committee were informed of a Drama Concert to be held by Llanfair Caereinion, Berriew and Llanbrynmair & Carno YFCs.

A/18/09/10 TO RECEIVE WALES YFC ACTIVITIES & INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Competition rules for the Royal Welsh Show had been discussed and decided upon at the meeting. A suggestion had been made that the display competition would not feature this year and that it would be replaced by something else but no alternatives had been found so the competition will be included again for this year. The shearing competition has been moved to the Thursday.

The committee were informed that Montgomeryshire would need to find volunteers to steward on the Tuesday.

The Wales sports had also been discussed and decided upon (see A/42/09/10).

Further to previous discussion regarding Mid Wales no longer featuring as a venue for the Wales Festivals; it has been decided not to pursue that change. The 2001 festival will be held on the weekend of the 11th/12th March and both the English and Welsh competitions will be held on the same weekend as previously discussed. The Public Speaking competition will now be held separately; further details will be forwarded as available.

A/39/09/10 TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE 2010 DRAMA FESTIVAL

Chairman, Steve Francis, began by congratulating Berriew and Dyffryn Tanat for going on to represent the county at Wales level and to Berriew YFC for winning the competition; they will now go on to represent Wales at National level at Torquay.

The Drama Festival was discussed and it was decided that overall it had been successful. Concerns were raised over the treatment some clubs had received from the staff at Theatr Hafren at times. Discussion continued as to how fortunate we are as a county to have a venue such as Theatr Hafren to hold such events in.

It was noted that numbers are always down for the Drama Festival in comparison with the Entertainment or Pantomime years and it was suggested that more should be done to promote the Drama Festival to those outside of the YFC movement.

With regard to financial outcomes it was noted that some costs were still outstanding. It was also noted that some costs may need to be reviewed for future Drama Festivals as concern was expressed about the cost of erecting a screen in the foyer. A suggestion was made that the filming of the event and sale of DVDs should be put out to tender next year to ensure costs remain as low as possible. Concern was also raised about the number of people who had been able to enter the auditorium through the back doors without having to buy a ticket.

A/40/09/10 FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EASTER DANCE

Details of the pub crawl are yet to be confirmed and will be finalised by Steve and Rhiannon. Posters have been distributed to clubs for information. Discussion took place with regards to advertising with the use of text messages or Facebook and it

was decided that a text message method would be more successful. Stewards required on the door were volunteered as follows:

- 10.00pm to 11.30pm = Steve & Rhiannon
- 11.30pm to 12.45am = Cathy & Katy

A/41/09/10 FIELD DAY

Those in attendance agreed that Welshpool Livestock Market would be an acceptable venue for next year's field day; subject to agreement following a site visit. It was felt that this would be a 'practice run' before the Wales Field Day to be held there. Dates will be finalised following contact with Welshpool Market. It was decided to pass the competitions list to Rural Affairs Committee to discuss and agree. A suggestion was made that the 'Dance from a Musical' competition set by Wales should be sent instead to take place at the Eisteddfod and this was agreed.

A/42/09/10 COUNTY SPORTS

Wales & National Competitions have been announced as follows:

- Men's Football
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Ladies Netball
- Kwik Cricket
- Over 18 Ladies Hockey
- Men's Rugby

The following were agreed to be added to them:

- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Ladies Football

The following venues and dates were proposed:

- Sunday 13th June - Abermule - Badminton, Netball & Men's Football
- Sunday 4th July - Llanidloes Rugby Club - Rugby, Ladies Football & Kwik Cricket
- Wednesday 10th June - Llanfair Caereinion - Volleyball
- Bowling to be held in Newtown - date to be confirmed.

It was agreed to attempt to put together a mixed team for the Hockey as was attempted last year due to most clubs finding it difficult to get a team together.

The Pub sports were decided on as follows:

- Darts
- Pool
- Dominoes
- Tippet

It was discussed and decided to approach the Monty Club as a venue as it had been such a success last year. A provisional date of 27th June was agreed.

A/43/09/10 SENIOR MEMBERS TRIP

Arrangements for the 2010 Senior Members' Trip were discussed and decided as follows:

Destination - Newcastle
Date - Last Weekend in November 2010
Accommodation - Hostel
Transport - Bus or Train (least expensive option to be chosen).
Activities - to be looked into to see what is available
Maximum Cost - £150

A request was made to meet with local YFC clubs in that during the stay.

A/44/09/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None Declared

As there was no other business the meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm.

Signed:

Date: