

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

Minutes of the Activities committee held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 at 7.30pm at Coleg Powys, Newtown.

**PRESENT:** Edward Walpol, Daniel Hughes, Sarah Thomas (Berriew YFC), Elin Haf (Bro Ddyfi YFC), Phil Jones (Dolfor YFC), Ifan Bedd (Dyffryn Banw YFC), Louis Jones (Llanbryn-mair & Carno YFC), Cathy Jones (Llanfyllin YFC), Clare Jerman, Danielle Evans (Llidiartywaen YFC), Gareth Williams, Iwan Jones (Trefeglwys YFC), Stephen Francis (Tregynon YFC), Richard Evans (County Vice President).

**PART ATTENDANCE:** Lorraine Stokes (YFC Organiser), Roland Davies (County Chairman)

Steve Francis welcomed everybody to the first meeting of the YFC New Year and urged them all to use the committee to air their clubs views.

**A/01/10/11 APOLOGIES** Carwen Morgan (Bro Ddyfi YFC)

**A/02/10/11 TO ELECT OFFICIALS**

	Name	Club
a) Chairman -		
b) Vice Chairman -	Gareth Williams	Trefeglwys
c) Minute Secretary -	Clare Jerman	Llidiartywaen

The Chairman was undecided and it was proposed to ask 3 people.

d) Catering Co-ordinator (Usually the committee Vice Chairman)  
In charge of catering at the Field Day and the County AGM.

Gareth Williams

e) Co-opted members (2 people over age, who could provide support and guidance to the committee by attending on a regular basis).  
Nicola Walker and Gary Wright (Rhiannon Rees as back up)

Stephen Francis handed over the chair to Committee Vice Chairman Gareth Williams to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

**A/03/10/11 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The committee is in agreement that the minutes are a true copy. File copy signed.

**A/04/10/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Activities Programme

County Quiz

The County Quiz has been arranged for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September at Llanidloes Community Centre.

The following names were put forward to be Quiz Masters for the evening:

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| 1. Gerallt Evans | 2. Roland Davies |
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No other matters arising

**A/05/10/11 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**A/06/10/11 TO RECEIVE A REPORT AND COMMENTS ON THE COUNTY SPORTS**

Comments and suggestions for the next year:

Monty Club is a good venue but some clubs didn't hear about the pub sports which was a shame because there was a poor turnout. Next year have it at the monty club again but maybe make it a bigger event; put on food etc. Keep it so that a person can only enter one competition to prevent waiting times.

Rugby worked well.

Some would like to see Clay Pigeon shooting back but due to its expense, make sure participants know it is self funded.

**A/07/10/11 TO DISCUSS THE AGENDA FOR THE WALES ACTIVITIES & INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**

**b) To elect representatives**

The following representatives were elected to sit on the Wales A & I committee for the coming 12 months:

1. Steve Francis  
3. Elen Haf

2 Clare Jerman  
4 Gareth Williams

**b) In preparation for the A&I meeting, the committee discussed the issues regarding the YPV 2010:**

Mud was a big issue. The suggestion was put forward to use rubber matting next year in key areas (gate, toilets, bar). Foam party didn't help with the muddy conditions. The committee agreed that in future it would be good to move foam party to the last night instead of Monday night. If it was cleaner it may help to entice more older young farmers would go as well as the younger ones.

Queues for showers were too long. More showers needed.

More security walking around the campsite. This may help attract people who usually stay in Penmanea on a steep slope as opposed to in YPV on flat feilds.

**A/08/10/11 TO FINALISE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY FIELD DAY AND STOCKJUDGING**

Closing date for entries is the 17<sup>th</sup> September.

(Stockjudging Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September, Field Day Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October)

**Stockjudging**

***Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September: Lambs & Dairy Judging will take place at Upper Hall, Meifod.***

***Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September: Beef (at Crugnant, Adfa) & Pig (at Rhosfawr, Llanfair) Judging***

A training evening has also been organised by Gron Bumford. (Details to be sent to clubs asap).

**Field Day**

***Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 at Welshpool Livestock Market***

All rules on the website and copies have been forwarded to Clubs.

### **Catering**

Due to the Market having a catering contract with Hughes's Catering, it was put to the committee that the Federation has no choice but to order food for the judges, stewards and officials through them. This will obviously incur a big cost to the Federation as food is usually organised through the Activities Committee Catering Co-ordinator. The matter was discussed in depth and members were asked to suggest any alternative fundraising activities that could be held at the Field Day, that do not involve the selling of any food or drink.

The committee agreed that the following system should help counteract the high catering costs:

Charge entry: £2 each with a raffle ticket. Raffle to be drawn at the end of the day and winners are not there to pick up their prize then the ticket is to be redrawn.

BBQ: It was suggested to have a small BBQ on the fencing field. The landowner is to be asked if he would mind.

### **Suggestions of Judges and Stewards were put forward for the competitions:**

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Steward</b>	<b>Judge</b>	<b>Time Keeper</b>
Lamb Judging	Gerallt Evans	Alan Jones	Helen Bennet
	Richard Evans	Elwyn Thomas	Gareth Jones
Dairy Judging	Megan Watkins	Rob Evans	Gwynfor Thimas
	David Oliver	Alan & Helen Bennett	Derwena Davies
Pig Judging	Teresa Isaac	Will Lloyd-Williams	Emyr Jones
	Paul Phillips		Gary Wright
Beef Judging	Rob Francis	Alwyn Rhys	Helen Morgan
	Clive Langford	Carl Thomas	Alison Davies
Carcass Judging	Wayne Davies	Wyn Williams	
Cycle Safety & Handling	Roland Davies	Steve Evans	
Fence Erecting			
Junior Fencing			
Efficiency with Safety	Helen Griffiths		Forman
	Mrs Woosnam		
Jazz Dance	Bethan Watkin	Amber Deakon	
ATV Challenge	.	Rob Yewdall	
Junior Nature Trail	Katy Watkin	Janet Evans	
Valuing Past/Present County Officials	Gail Lewis	Jonathan Evans	
Cereals, Grass & Soil Identification	Robbie James	Adrian Thomas	
Scarecrow	Teresa Isaac	Gron & Freda	
Egg Throw	Richard Evans	Gwynfor	
Cubed Exhibit	Nicola Walker	Janet Rowlands	

### **Setting up**

Need people to be available on the Saturday afternoon and the Sunday from the Activities committee to prepare and tidy up the venue. Names put forward by the committee included:

Gareth Williams, Ivan Bebb & Steve Francis

People on the gate: Ask each club to nominate 1 person

### **A/09/10/11 COMPETITION RULES**

#### **FIELD DAY:**

Field Day rules were delayed as they were not issued from the Wales Office until late. No amendments needed to be addressed.

#### **ENTERTAINMENTS:**

Rules - Are there any queries with them before they get sent out to clubs?

#### Judges

English            decide in next meeting

Welsh

### **A/10/10/11 PUBLIC SPEAKING & MEMBER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION.**

#### **a) PUBLIC SPEAKING**

#### Date & Venue

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December was the date decided on at a previous meeting

Venue suggestions - primary schools to keep cost low.

Choices: Trefeglwys, Abermule and Llanfair. Find out costs and availability of each.

#### Rules

Went through the titles of each competition and expanded on any rules as needed.

#### Junior Reading

Are you happy for the Youth Forum to decide on the books? Yes

#### **Judges**

Creative Writing	The office is to enquire whether this is a Welsh or English competition.
<u>Welsh</u>	
Junior Reading	Sian Ruth Jones
Junior speaking	Huw Richards
Intermediate brainstrust	Prenderi Jones
Senior - brainstrust	Nia (Wife of above)
<u>English</u>	
Junior Reading	Maggie jones
Junior speaking	Gwyn Price
Intermediate debating	Glyn davies or Mick bates
Senior - after dinner speaking	Either of above
Welsh - Just a minute	Meinir wigley
English - Just a minute	Gwynfor

## **b) MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

It was decided to run the competition the same as last year

### Judges

At least two for each section and at least one should be bilingual.

#### Junior

1. Janet Rowlands, Roland Davies and ask Wales YFC to send two people, Maybe whoever is nominated vice chairperson at Wales YFC
- 2.

#### Senior

- 1.
- 2.

Members decided they were happy with the format of this competition and the role that the Members of the year take on afterwards.

## **A/11/10/11 COUNTY DINNER**

Steve has Booked Argae Hall for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.

Letters have been sent to the following caterers:

AGPY  
Bethan Lewis  
JLJ

Only one quote has been received from JLJ which was decided to be good value but we are to wait until a quote has been received from the other two although AGPY may be closed in December.

### Speaker

Members decided it would be good to have a speaker. Suggestions were:

Johnny Williams from Radnor (he spoke at the last Dolfor YFC Dinner)

John Bright (from Felindre)

Emrys

## **A/12/10/11 COUNTY DANCES**

### **a) Back to YFC Dance**

***'Gibsons', Oswestry has been booked for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September.***

A DJ has been booked for this event. The cost of hire is £150 and cost of DJ is £100 (Total £250).

The committee were asked to provide names of responsible persons to be on duty that evening. Unfortunately the Members Treasurer, Sonya Wedge is unable to attend due to work commitments. She will however be able to arrange a float etc prior to the event.

### Stewards (Members of the Activities Committee):

1 Steve Francis	3 Gerallt	5 Elin Yewdal
2 Roland Davies	4 Helen Morgan	6 Louis Jones
7. Cathy Jones		

Members decided to send texts out the Monday afternoon before the dance.  
Gerallt Evans is to be asked to set up facebook group

**b) Christmas Dance**

A date of 27<sup>th</sup> December was decided and all other matters to be discussed in the next meeting.

**A/13/10/11 COMMITTEE PRIORITIES**

Main areas that need developing within the Federation that can be worked on over the next 12 months is Fundraising.

**A/14/10/11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared closed at 10.03pm