

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

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on Thursday 28th April, 2011
at Newtown Methodist Church at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Mr Roland Davies with 17 members.

IN ATTENDANCE: Miss Lorraine Stokes, YFC Organiser and Claire Owen, Menter Maldwyn.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed the members and thanked all involved with hosting the 2011 Wales Field Day on the 16th April and congratulated all competitors who took part. Roland reported that the County had achieved 4th place overall.

Over 120 members would be attending the National AGM in Blackpool at the beginning of May.

Since the last County Executive meeting, the Federation had held a successful Easter Dance that was held at Molto's in Welshpool.

On behalf of the members, Roland wished Ifor Jones, County Life Member a speedy recovery following successful surgery.

E38/10/11 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Rhodri Evans and Gabby Jones. Further apologies were added to the attendance register.

E39/10/11 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 17th March, 2011 were reviewed. They were proposed as a true record by Derwena Davies, seconded by Gareth Williams.

E40/10/11 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Under E33/10/11

The Committee were asked for their approval of the current venue for future Executive meetings. Approval was granted.

Under E34/10/11

Helen Morgan, Nerys Fychan, Catherine Bennett and Kathryn Savage had agreed to sit on the editorial Committee for the Year Book 2010/2011. Three further nominations had been received for this committee: Carys Evans Trefeglwys YFC), Clara Bright (Berriew YFC) and Glyn Parry (Dyffryn Tanat YFC).

No further nominations were received from the floor. The Chairman asked for a proposer and seconder for the 3 nominees to be elected. Rhianon Rees proposed the motion, which was seconded by Andrew Davies.

There were no further matters arising from the minutes.

E41/10/11 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Lisa Jones, Wales YFC

Lisa Jones had written a letter to thank all those involved with the 2011 Wales Field Day, which was read out to the members.

Wales YFC 75th Celebratory Dinner

Details were read out about the event and members were urged to inform their clubs. If anybody was interested in attending it was requested that they contacted the County Office.

Big Lottery Funding

A letter had been received to confirm that the Federation had been awarded a grant of £4444 in order to purchase promotional signs and other materials. The chairman thanked Andrew Davies for his help and guidance on securing this funding. The committee discussed that they would be happy for the County to go ahead with purchasing event/car parking signs but for further development to be taken for the pop-up banners, possibly to incorporate the concept in an Eisteddfod competition.

E42/10/11 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

A) Rally Committee - Dafydd Jones

At the last Rally meeting, the remaining judges and stewards were confirmed. The committee decided to make further clarification that the Male and Female Tug-of-war competitions were to be separate. It was also decided to use two small Ifor Williams trailers instead of the Flash stage. As part of a Powys County Council Road Safety campaign, the Transport and Environment Services department are paying 50% towards the cost of the wrist bands for the dance in return for their facebook page address to be printed on them. The committee had booked a bouncy castle to come along who would give 15% of their proceeds back to the Federation. Greg James had been booked to play from 10.30pm until midnight. The dance admission prices had been decided on as: (when purchased during the day) £10 for members and £12 for non members, (purchased on the door) £12 for members and £15 for non members. The executive committee approved these prices.

B) Eisteddfod Committee

With Steve Francis absent, Lorraine reported that the date of the 2011 Eisteddfod had been agreed to be held on Saturday 29th October. This had been decided as the Wales YFC Eisteddfod deadline for entries is the 7th of November. Pant y Dwr and Dyffryn Tanat Eisteddfods are on the 5th November. A venue is yet to be confirmed but the preferred choice is Newtown High School.

The Eisteddfod committee wish to seek approval for a change in the scoring system as recommended by the previous Eisteddfod Committee: 1st place for the chair to get an additional 7 points and 2nd and 3rd are not to receive extra points. This change was approved by the Executive Committee.

C) Activities Committee - Gareth Williams

The Activities Committee had discussed a complaint that had been received with regards to the February Festival. The matter was dealt with and discussions led to a review of the complaints procedure. On behalf of the Activities Committee, Gareth asked the Exec Committee to approve: For all official complaints following an event to be submitted from a club only. The matter must have been discussed at club and for the letter to be signed by the club chairman only. The Executive committee rejected this proposal with the feeling that all complaints should be acknowledged and depending on the grievance, should be acted on appropriately through the relevant committee.

Arrangements had been made for the County Sports, with venues agreed to be Abermule Community Centre on the 12th June, COBRA on the 19th June and Trefeglwys Shooting Centre on the 7th July. The date for the Field Day had been arranged for the 2nd

October, Welshpool Livestock Market had been approached as host venue. Venue suggestions for the County Dinner were put forward for quotes to be obtained. The County Public Speaking competitions are to be held on 11th December 2011. Many of the suggested venues were too costly and therefore high schools are being looked into to host the event.

D) Finance & Development Committee - Gerallt Evans

Training needs were discussed; PAVO had quoted £200 for a 2 hour evening session (which would normally cost £10pp). Sue Blower had quoted £100 for a 3 hour training session. Gerallt asked the committee which option they would prefer. Rhiannon Rees suggested to use the in-house skills and knowledge of those who had completed the NFYFC Train the Trainer course, who included herself, Nicola Walker and Helen Roberts. The Executive Committee agreed that this would be a good idea. The training is to be held on either the 26th May or 23rd June at Argae Hall or the Monty Club.

Gerallt reported that the Easter Dance had made a profit of £460.62. Final preparations had been made for the National AGM in Blackpool. A topic of discussion from Wales YFC was considered; 'Your YFC, Your Say', which focused on the possibility of changing the age range for YFC members within Wales. Andrew Davies pointed out to the committee that an older age range would make it difficult to obtain funding as 'youth' grants mainly focus on people aged 25years and under.

The F&D Committee had reviewed a proposed calendar of meetings and recommended for the Executive Committee to approve it. Andrew Davies proposed for the calendar to be approved, which was seconded by Nerys Fychan.

E) Youth Forum

In Ulreka's absence, Roland reported that at the last meeting, Julie McKeown from Aberystwyth University was present and gave a brief talk about a Business Development competition for young people in Montgomeryshire. Details of which have now been forwarded to clubs.

Further arrangements were made for the Rally Fundraising event where Roland Davies will be having his legs waxed. This will be occurring on the main stage after the Tug of War and before the results!

The committee will be going to Staylitttle for a residential trip following the Royal Welsh Show. Further details will be sent out to the clubs in the coming weeks.

The Committee had also begun planning a summer Bikeathon which all clubs will be invited to join in. It will involve one club biking to another in a sort of relay fashion. The sponsorship raised by those who take part is intended on being split between the Youth Forum and MIND Cymru, this years' Wales YFC Charity.

The committee discussed how Powys County Council would like to encourage the YFC to work more closely with the Urdd on some projects. Every year the Urdd go on trips including Disneyland, Paris. The Youth Forum expressed an interest in taking part in such trips if the opportunity was opened up to YFC members. In turn, Urdd members would be invited to attend Youth Forum excursions/events.

The Executive Committee approved of such an arrangement if suitable opportunities arose.

F) Discovery Committee

No report given.

G) Stockjudging - Gron Bumford

Gron reported on the County successes at the Wales Field Day on the 16th April at Welshpool market. He asked the committee if he could hold a 'Guess the poo' competition at the Rally to which there were no objections.

H) Rural Affairs - Tomos Harrison

Tomos informed the committee of the plans to have a farm walk at Martin Evans' dairy farm (Priddbwl Mawr Farm, Llangedwyn) and for anyone interested to meet at Welshpool Train Station on Saturday 30th April. The next Rural Affairs meeting was to be held on 13th June to discuss the competitions for the 2011 Field Day.

I) Agriscop - Roland Davies

A very productive meeting was held at The Buck in Caersws where plans were made to hold a Sponsors Reception at the County Rally. Talks also took place in looking at the possibility of employing a placement student over the summer to help with marketing development and obtaining sponsorship.

J) 3 Federations Summer Ball - Roland Davies

Together with Radnor and Brecon, the County will be joint hosting a Summer Ball on Saturday 25th June at the Royal Welsh Showground. It will be a Black Tie, ticketed only event and it is expected that these will be priced at £20. The 3 Federations committee representatives are hoping to book a famous DJ but we are awaiting confirmation. There will be a hog roast with a range of salads, casino tables and professional photography for group photos.

The adoption of the reports was accepted as proposed by Andrew Davies, seconded by Helen Morgan.

E43/10/11 TO DISCUSS THE WALES YFC: 'YOUR YFC, YOUR SAY' ISSUE OF THE AGE RANGE OF MEMBERSHIP

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.

At the last F&D Committee meeting, it was discussed and 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 26th May 2011 in readiness for the next F&D committee meeting (2nd 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.

E44/10/11 TO NOMINATE MEMBERS FOR THE FOLLOWING DUTIES AT THE COUNTY AGM (TO BE HELD ON 30/6/11 AT GLANTWYMN COMMUNITY CENTRE)

The following people were nominated by the Executive Committee to deliver the stated tasks:

a) To move the adoption of the annual report:

Proposer: Aneira Evans (Bro Ddyfi YFC)

Secunder: Phil Jones (Dolfor YFC)

b) To move the adoption of the Financial Report:

Proposer: Dafydd Jones (Dyffryn Banw YFC)

Secunder: Andrew Davies (Penstrowed YFC)

- c) To propose a vote of thanks to the County Officials and reps on National and Wales Committee's:

Proposer: Ulrika Oliver (Vyrnwy Valley YFC)

- d) It was decided for the following reports to be given at this year's AGM:
Field Day 2010 - to be delivered by Gareth Williams, Activities Chairman
Corporate Sponsorship Committee - to be delivered by Roland Davies, Committee Chairman
Kenya Trip - to be delivered by Kathryn Savage, Discovery Chairman 2009/2010.

E45/10/11 TO DECIDE ON THE COUNTY ORGANISING GROUPS

The matter was 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). The matter was discussed further at the last Finance & Development Committee meeting.

The F&D Committee recommend for the Executive Committee to pass this amended County Organising Group model. The recommendation was passed with no objections.

E46/10/11 TO ELECT A COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHER

Carys Evans (Trefeglwys YFC) had expressed an interest in taking on this position. The chairman asked the committee to put forward any further nominations from the floor. With no further nominations, it was proposed for Carys to take on the role by Andrew Davies, and this was seconded by Helen Morgan.

E/47/10/11 TO DECIDE ON WHAT TO DO WITH THE HEATERS FROM LLANIDLOES HIGH SCHOOL

The heaters from Llanidloes High School would have been worth £150 each when new. The committee valued them at £60 each and Dafydd Jones agreed to help by advertising them on e-bay. The discussion led to the office furniture which Gwynfor Thomas still had in storage: 3 filing cabinets and a large desk. Gwynfor offered to put them in a sale if no offers were to come forward.

E48/10/11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman informed the Committee that a letter has been sent to all clubs due to the concerning lack of attendance registers being submitted on time. The Federation is requesting for the forms to be sent to the office within the first few days of EVERY month and clubs will be chased up if they do not do so. The final quarter of last year (Jan-March) was seriously under recorded. Please can all club representatives here this evening stress the importance of the forms to their clubs to help us get the data in on time.

The Committee were reminded that Rally Entry Forms and minute books must be submitted to the office no later than 5pm on Tuesday 3rd May.

Gwynfor Thomas informed the Committee that Richard Lewis (Llanfyllin YFC and Llion Vaughan (Dyffryn Tanat YFC) had entered a competition through the Farmers Guardian called 'Tractor Factor'; to make a music video related to farming. Gwynfor urged all members to visit the website and vote for them.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.02pm.

Signed: Dated: