

MUDIAD CLYBIAU FFERMWYR IEUAINC MALDWYN
MONTGOMERY FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on Thursday 29th April 2010, at Plas Dolerw, Newtown at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Garry Wright, Chairman along with 23 members.

IN ATTENDANCE: Lorraine Stokes (YFC County Organiser) and Claire Owen (Menter Maldwyn).

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all members to the 5th County Executive of the YFC year 2009 - 2010. This was followed by a summary of the Counties activities since the last meeting; a successful April Fools dance had been hosted in Crystals in Newtown and members from all over the county had represented Montgomeryshire at the Wales Field Day in Llandovery, Camarthenshire.

Over 80 senior members attended the National AGM in Torquay. It was a very successful weekend all round and congratulations were extended to Berriew who wiped the board at the National Drama Final. Not only did they win the best overall Drama, but Craig Pierce was awarded Best Actor and Rhian Davies was awarded Best Actress. It was a proud occasion for Montgomery and Wales.

The committee were reminded to turn off their mobile phones and the Chairman introduced Claire from Menter Maldwyn who was in attendance to provide translation.

Congratulations were given to Jessica Walters-Davies on her marriage to Gareth Bean, wishing them well for the future.

The committee also wished well Mr George Pritchard who had recently been attached by a bull.

E/33/09/10 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Jeff Johnson (PCC), Gwyn Morris (FUW), Gerallt Evans, Richard Mountford, Beth Watkins, Craig Pugh, Gabby Jones, Derwenna Davies, Iwan Jones, Gareth Evans, Dannielle Evans, Lynne Pritchard.

E/34/09/10 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 25th March, 2010 were taken as read, accepted and signed as a correct record following a proposal from Andrew Davies, which was seconded by Rob Brymer-Griffith.

E/35/08/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Under E/30/09/10
County Newsletter

Apologies from Lorraine for not yet carrying out this action but due to pressing Rally commitments, hopes to get the newsletter underway from June. In the meantime, letters have been sent out to all club secretaries to read out at meetings to explain the importance of their representatives attending Exec and sub Committee Meetings.

E/36/09/10 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Radnorshire Healthy Friendships

The Radnorshire Healthy Friendships organisation has received extra funding from the lottery to help expand the area they cover into Montgomeryshire. The organisation delivers a mentoring service for older people living in rural areas. The Montgomeryshire YFC federation have been asked to get involved and an invitation to the launch had been offered.

The Committee decided it would be good to send a representative to the launch to help boost the profile of the YFC. Lorraine was nominated and was happy to attend on behalf of the federation.

Letter from Jeff Johnson (Powys County Council)

Along with Jeff's apologies he sent a letter for the committee saying how the Youth Service was very happy to hear about Berriew winning the National award in the Drama competition. The letter went on to mention about the new QES system, which will not affect the YFC for a few months yet, which aims to ensure more efficient input of data. Jeff is working closely with the YFC organisers to ensure a smooth transition.

He was happy that the SLA had been agreed at the last 3 Federations meeting and looks forward to receiving the signed copy after approval from this Executive meeting.

As a directorate, Powys County Council aims to promote partnership work amongst the sectors of the Youth Service. The Active Communities Calendar is one area where this can be achieved. The committee agreed that this would be a good idea to get involved with again although due to dates being submitted in September for this project, this would limit the amount of input the YFC could have. Even so this limited publicity could be beneficial but if costs incurred this should be reviewed further.

E-mail from Wales YFC requesting stewards for the Royal Welsh Show.

For the Young People's Village that Montgomery is to steward on the Tuesday night, it was agreed that the Steward format should be kept the same as other years which is for the organiser and 3 County Officials to attend. (Names of County officials to be confirmed nearer the time). Montgomeryshire have also been asked to put forward names to steward the Welcome to Wales competition, which is to take place on the Monday. Lorraine Stokes will be stewarding as County Organiser with Rhiannon Rees, Emyr Jones, Gary Wright, Katy Watkin and Nerys Fychan.

E/37/09/10 TO RECEIVE REPORTS

A) PWYLLGOR RALI / RALLY COMMITTEE - ROB BRYMER GRIFFITH

The catering tender had been chosen which was Harvest Caterers (David Lowe), the committee also drew up lists of equipment required and who was responsible for obtaining/ supplying for the competitions. The guest list was finalised and the committee agreed to provide the guests with free entry and a tea ticket. All stewards, judges and officials are to be provided with a meal ticket. The selected rally officials and county officials are to be provided with green hoodies so that people are aware that they are a point of contact. The pre rally dates were arranged to host the pig stock judging on the Tuesday and the dairy stock judging on the Thursday prior to the rally at 7pm. Preparation of the site will begin on Saturday 8th May at Glamiheli, 2pm and a further rally meeting will take place on 11/05/10 at Coleg Powys, 7.30pm. The competition time table was presented to the Committee for approval. With no amendments required, the timetable was approved.

B) EISTEDDFOD COMMITTEE - NERYS FYCHAN

Magwyn Puge had agreed to be the President for this years Eisteddfod. The committee have issued sponsorship packages to all clubs to distribute. The committee proposed changes to be adopted to the scoring system: All arts and crafts competitions should be scored with the same system as the stage competitions. Competitors are to receive 1 point for entry (up to 3 points maximum per club), then (1st):9 points, (2nd):6 points, (3rd):3points. The large competitions (such as the Chair,) to receive (1st):14, (2nd): 12, (3rd):10. The Executive committee approved this scoring system, commenting that it seemed to be more fair.

C) PWYLLGOR GWEITHGAREDDAU / ACTIVITIES - STEVE FRANCIS

The activities report stated that a profit of £617.27 was made from the April Fools dance which is lower than previous years. Final arrangements for the county sports had been decided on in the last activities meeting. Steward nominations are to go out to combined clubs for suggestions. Welshpool Livestock Market was proposed as the Field Day venue on Sunday 3rd /Saturday 2nd October. The senior trip to Newcastle in November was discussed. It was decided to book a hostel and other possible activities for the weekend were reviewed. The proposed venue for the county dinner in December was Argie Hall and an Autumn Dance is to be organised in Oswestry (Gibsons) for 22/10/10.

D) PWYLLGOR CYLLID A DATBLYGIAD / FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT - ROLAND DAVIES

This report was put forward by Gary Wright who chaired the F&D meeting. The treasurer reported that the Easter Dance had made £617.27. The cost of the Drama festival was reviewed as the county had made a loss this year due to poor ticket sales. The Executive committee suggested that it would be good practice to question the invoice and in future get staff to sign off a time that the venue was used until as evidence against the invoice. Due to low ticket sales for drama, it was proposed that alternative venues should be looked at for the next round (2013).

The website requires constant updates therefore Lorraine is to meet with Gerallt Evans and Richard Glover-Dvies to get guidance on operating procedures.

Andrew Davies had made a useful suggestion about a Fundraising & Strategy course through WCVA which the county could send representatives on. Nicola Walker suggested that it would be good for the F&D committee to set budgets for large events. This idea was welcomed by the committee.

The county chairman's challenge was discussed. The proposed idea is for Gary to do a sponsored walk. Glyn Dwr's Way was one suggested route, also walking around the county to each club was another suggestion. It was felt that this idea could involve the county more as clubs could host Gary and any followers for the night at their village halls etc. It was proposed that Tim John should be invited to do part of the walk to incorporate the 'Challenge Tim' project that Wales YFC are running.

E) FFORWM LEUNECTID / YOUTH FORUM - KATHRYN SAVAGE

In the absence of the Youth Forum Chairman, Kathryn Savage reported on the last meeting of the Youth Forum held at Coleg Powys on the 15th April.

The Youth Forum have asked the Rally Committee if they can hold their fundraising event just before the results on the rally day. This will involve putting County Officials in the stocks and for people to pay a £1 to throw wet sponges at them. Jan kindly offered to sponsor the cost of upto 20 sponges.

F) PWYLLGOR 'DISCOVERY' / DISCOVERY COMMITTEE - KATHRYN SAVAGE

The second installments for the Kenya trip are due in 30/4/10 to the value of £150. Balloons for the Rally balloon race are officially on sale for £1 each and are available to buy from any member attending the Kenya trip. The next Discovery meeting will be held on 6/5/10 at the Exchange, 7.30pm.

G) STOCK JUDGING - GRON BUMFORD

The Wales Field Day went well as the Junior team came 2nd and the Senior team came 4th in the stock judging, helping Montgomeryshire to finish 6th overall. The committee commented on what a shame it was that the County display competition was not entered and to look into the possibility of sending competitors on from the Eisteddfod.

There was an issue about other Wales Field Day competitors cheating in the Stock Judging. This was discussed at the Activities meeting and since then a letter of complaint has been sent from the office.

UNRHYW GYFARFOD ARALL / ANY OTHER COMMITTEES

H) WALES EISTEDDFOD - FFLUR PUGHE

The Wales YFC Eisteddfod is to be held at The Great Hall, Aberwystwyth, hosted by Montgomeryshire YFC on Saturday 20th November 2010. Fflur reported on the last Wales Eisteddfod meeting that was held on the 19th April. A new closing date for the application form was decided on as the 8th November 2010. Penri Roberts is translating the song 'Talu'r Pris yn Llawn' for the choir set piece and has requested for these copies to be sold for 55p each, available from the Wales YFC office. Anyone caught with a photocopied version will be personally subject to the copyright laws and could face a fine.

The following nominations were approved by the Executive Committee to carry out these roles at the Wales Eisteddfod 2010:

President: Bronwen Harding

Stewards: Emyr Jones, John Rowlands (or Aled Griffiths).

Chairing Song: Winning competitor of the County Eisteddfod Solo Competition.

Trumpeter: Ruth Jones (Four Crosses)

Certificates: Carol Davies (Ty Bryth)

Photography: Gerallt Evans, Carys Evans

Person to set the Lymeric: Arwyn Davies

Fflur also requested ideas for prizes and sponsors of the prizes. Members of the committee suggested Love Spoons and to ask NFU and FUW to sponsor them.

It was decided to set up a sub committee for the Wales Eisteddfod, which the County Chairman should attend and for the office to send out to clubs asking for 2 representatives to attend. Any other interested or invited members of this committee can then be co-opted on.

I) 3 FEDERATIONS - EMYR JONES

Emyr informed the committee of the updated SLA (Service Level Agreement), which must be passed by the Executive committee and signed by the board of management chairman. Committee members were invited to read the document. Main changes were highlighted and explained. With no objections the SLA was approved and signed. This document is due for review in 3 years time.

J) WALES YFC BRANDING - LORRAINE STOKES

Gerallt Evans and Nicola Walker attended the meeting to discuss the logo of Wales YFC. The Wales committee decided that a symbol would be most appropriate to go forward with. The next meeting will be held in May where further input from members is welcome. The office is to send out questionnaires to clubs to ask for their suggestions

K) NFYFC - RHIANNON REES

The National AGM was a great success with very little trouble caused for the police therefore bad publicity was not created. Rhiannon passed on thanks to all attending members on behalf of the National Council.

Andrew Davies proposed the adoption of the reports which was seconded by Nicola Walker.

E/38/09/10 NFYFC - REPORT ON AGM - GARY WRIGHT

It was reported to be a good weekend. Gwynfor Thomas delivered an impressive speech at the National Chairman's reception, proudly hosted by Helen Roberts. At the Annual General Meeting, Tim John spoke on behalf of Wales YFC with the theme of his speech being 'Let members have their say'. The motion was carried to increase the levy by 2.5%.

Gwynfor Thomas suggested the office should send a letter to National to express how dissapointing it was not to have the opportunity for members to debate issues. This would have been preferred rather than National officials talking about policies. It was also felt that there was a lack of representation of Wales on the top table. The Executive committee agreed that this letter should be sent.

E/39/09/10 CCB Y SIR / COUNTY AGM

A) VENUE

The first choice venue to host the County AGM on Thursday 1st July 2010 was nominated to be held at the Council Chambers, Welshpool. If that is unavailable the committee chose Four Crosses Village Hall as alternative.

B) The following members were nominated by the Executive Committee to carry out the following duties at the County AGM:

I fabwysiadu yr adroddiad Blynnyddol / To move the adoption of the Annual Report

- Awel Jones (Four Crosses)

I eilio yr un fath / To second the same

- Lynne Pritchard (Berriew)

I fabwysiadu yr Adroddiad Ariannol / To move the adoption of the Financial Report

- Selina Jones (Caradog)

I eilio yr un fath / To second the same

- Sonya Wedge (Sarn)

I gynnig pleidlais o ddiolch i'r Swyddogion Sir, a chynrychiolwyr ar bwyllgorau Cymru a Chenedlaethol / To propose a vote of thanks to County Officials, and representatives on National and Wales committees.

- Katie Elen Wood (Guilsfield)

The following reports were decided to be included in the AGM:

- Eisteddfod
- Fundraising (Severn Challenge)
- Rally

It was suggested to invite the Wales President; Mr Nigel Owens to speak at the County AGM.

E/40/09/10 COUNTY OFFICE FURNITURE

Due to the relocation of the County Office, some furniture (a large desk and 3 filing cabinets) is temporarily being stored by Gwynfor Thomas. The committee agreed it should be sold. Gwynfor Thomas is to e-mail photo's to Roland Davies who will then advertise the items on e-bay and the County website.

E/41/09/10 COMPETITION RULES.

The committee set up some guidelines and rules that should be used when setting out competition rules for future events.

If a member or team fails to attend a Public Speaking competition at County level, where involved in a competition where another club is reliant on their

presence, without giving apologies before a strict deadline, the entire club that they represent will be penalised by removing their right to obtain complimentary tickets for the final night of the Drama Festival.

In competitions where members have the opportunity to go on to represent Montgomery at a future event, an invitation must be provided to the winning entry on the day of the county competition stating when and where the next event will take place. The competitor must be given a deadline on this invitation in which time they must let the office know whether they can attend. If nothing is heard by the set date, it should be safe to assume they are unable to attend and the second placed entry should be invited.

E/42/09/10 UNRHYW FATER ARALL / ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The committee were reminded that the Rally Entry forms must be submitted to the office no later than 5pm on Tuesday 4th May. Also minute books, 'This is your Life' (red) books and Club Promotion posters and leaflets must be handed into the office no later than 5pm on Thursday 6th May.

The next rural affairs meeting will be held on Thursday 6th May at the Black Lion, Llanfair Caereinion at 7.30pm.

Gron Bumford is to organise for any county officials and life members to get together at his home to assess the collection of old trophies to decide what is to be done with them.

Rhiannon Rees brought it to the committees attention that new Safe Guarding policies are due to be passed at the June council.

Emyr Jones, Gary Wright, Loraine Stokes and Nia Lloyd have received a letter from Rhianon Hywel Roberts, Menter Maldwyn asking the federation if there is interest to fund 30% of the salary for a Youth and Community Officer to help support with Welsh language and heritage for 1.5days/week. The committee decided to invite Rhianon to attend the next Exec meeting to provide further information on the costs involved.

With no further business, the chairman thanked the members for their attendance and participation. Gary invited the committee to attend the next Executive meeting which will be held on Thursday 24th June at Pas Dolerw, 7.30pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.50pm.

Signed: Dated: