



**COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER, 2021
VIA ZOOM, 6.00PM**

MINUTES

CHAIRMAN: Miss Sian Healey

VICE CHAIRMAN: Miss Sioned Davies

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sian Healey (Committee Chair), Sioned Davies (Ceredigion), Katie Court (Glamorgan), Delun Evans (Pembrokeshire), Elen Williams (Glamorgan), Aled Thomas (Carmarthenshire), Kate Thomas (Glamorgan), Emma Rees (Brecknock), Emma Powell (Brecknock), Carys Phillips (Pembrokeshire), Caryl Haf (Wales YFC Chairman), Deryn Evans (Brecknock), Gwyneth Thomas (Glamorgan YFC County Organiser), Elin Lewis (Montgomery), John James (Radnor), Edna Jones (Ynys Mon County Organiser), Manon Williams (Meirionnydd), Lynfa Jones (Montgomery), Hefin Evans (Wales YFC Vice Chairman), Aled Rees (Montgomery), Will Hughes (Ynys Mon), Elizabeth Swancott (Radnor), Lliwen Jones (Montgomery), Eloisa Isaac (Montgomery), Ffion Wright-Evans (Montgomery YFC County Organiser), Gemma Owen (Montgomery)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Phil Ellis (Wales YFC Chief Executive), Rhianwen Jones (Wales YFC Competitions and International Officer)

C/27/2022 WELOCME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Sian Healey welcomed everyone to the special competitions meeting and welcomed the new Wales YFC Chief Executive, Mr Phil Ellis to the meeting.

C/28/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were given by Angharad Jones (Meirionnydd) and Ffion Rees (Carmarthenshire)

C/29/2022 ENTERTAINMENT FEAST 2022

The committee were reminded that a letter was sent to the NFYFC Competition Steering Group regarding the restrictions Counties are facing in regards to facilitating the competition.

Sian provided an update from the NFYFC Competition Steering Group. The Steering Group agreed to continue with the Pantomime competition regardless. It was felt that the Pantomime competition needed to be held in order to get the movement back running as normal as possible. It was noted that the judges would be made aware of any restrictions that any arears face. It was agreed at the Steering Group that entries would close one week later that originally proposed, making it the 2nd April.

Sian went around the committee to ask for County feedback.

Glamorgan are going ahead with the competition and it will be held at the Princess Royal theatre. They have three clubs competing and it will be held on one evening. They will also hold a One Plus competition at another location.

Pembrokeshire are going ahead with the competition in both languages. Their competition will be held at the school at Fishguard. Their location has no restrictions, they are just required to provide a details Risk Assessment.

Montgomery has a few concerns as their normal location, theatre Hafren. They have flagged up several restrictions that the county would need to follow. The County are going to have a conversation on what they decide to do. Due to the restrictions the theatre has financial considerations need to be taken.

Brecknock would like to hold the Pantomime competition but are still in discussions with their theatre.

Ynys Môn are in very early stages of organising and are still considering different locations. Where they previously held their competition, their crowd capacity is 50 so they are currently looking at larger venues.

Radnor are holding a meeting with all club representatives at the beginning of December. They do hold some concerns with what could happen. Including what if the judges test positive with COVID mid competition or if a competing member contracts COVID. But, as a County, they are eager to be in line with Wales YFC and want to make sure that all competing members are comfortable with the structure and rules. In terms of location, Radnor's usual locations are happy for the competition to be held there with little restrictions.

Meirionnydd noted that they have two clubs that wish to compete in the Pantomime competition. In terms of location, they would be able to use their usual venue. Some of their county staff and officials have concerns regarding the number of people involved in a pantomime, and a drama maybe easier.

Ceredigion held a vote at their county meeting and the majority of clubs vote for Drama over Pantomime. Since the last meeting, their location has agreed that they would be allowed to have two performances per evening rather than just one. This would mean that their competition may need to be held for a period of 8 nights. They had concerns on finding a judge that would commit for 8 evenings. Ceredigion would like to see the Wales YFC rules out as soon as possible in order for clubs to have time to consider. It was noted that Ceredigion don't compete at National level as they don't have anyone competing in English.

Carmarthenshire have concerns regarding venue as they are yet to find a venue that allows more than 10 on stage. Also, there are concerns about leading cast members contracting COVID prior to the competition resulting in the club having to pull out.

Gwent intend to hold their Pantomime competition as normal.

Following feedback from all counties, it was agreed that pantomime would be held at Wales YFC level in both English and Welsh.

Proposer: Elen Williams, Glamorgan

Seconded: Delun Evans, Pembrokeshire

Discussions were made regarding the date of the competition. The committee agreed that the competition would be moved and now held on the 12th & 13th of March. English competition would be held on the Saturday and the Welsh competition would be on the Sunday.

Audience participation will be allowed at Wales level as long as restrictions allow.

The committee agrees that Wales YFC rules should be as close to the NFYFC ruling as possible, as long as restrictions allow.

Sian asked the committee for their opinion on what would happen if a member contracts COVID prior to the competition. At a county level, concerns were made that some clubs were smaller and would not have any members to step in. It was agreed that this would be discussed at county level and feedback should be brought to the December meeting.

The committee discussed what would happen if a county would need to pull out from a competition last minute due to COVID-19. Sian explained that the standard approach is, if the first place is unable to compete, the second place comes through. This will be finalised at the December meeting.

Sian asked all counties to enter their entries for both Welsh and English Pantomime by Friday 10th December.

C/30/2022 AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

- Feedback from Winter Fair & Eisteddfod
- Agree Entertainment Feast ruling & draw
- Public speaking rules

Next full Competition's meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday 14th December at 7pm.

C/31/2022 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business to discuss therefore the meeting was closed.