



**COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2021  
VIA ZOOM, 7.00PM**

**MINUTES**

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**CHAIRMAN:** Miss Sian Healey

**VICE CHAIRMAN:** Miss Sioned Davies

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Sian Healey (Committee Chair), Sioned Davies (Ceredigion), Elen Williams (Glamorgan), Ffion Rees (Carmarthenshire), Sion Evans (Carmarthenshire), Rhiannon Davies (Ceredigion), Delun Evans (Pembrokeshire), Gwyneth Thomas (Glamorgan County Organiser), Caryl Hâf Jones (Wales YFC Chairman), Hefin Evans (Wales YFC Vice Chairman), Eloisa Isaac (Montgomery), James Nixon (Radnor), Elizabeth Swancott (Radnor), Emma Rees (Brecknock), Katie Matthews (Gwent), Will Hughes (Ynys Môn), Deryn Evans (Brecknock), Emma Powell (Brecknock), Kate Thomas (Glamorgan)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mared Jones (Temporary Wales YFC Director), Rhianwen Jones (Wales YFC Competitions and International Officer)

**C/16/2022 WELOCME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Sian Healey welcomed everyone to the Competitions sub-committee and before commencing asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Sian noted that the meeting was being recorded.

**C/17/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were given by: Eryri members

**C/18/2022 TO CONFRIM THE MINUTES ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting were shared on the screen and were read and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Proposed:** Eloisa Isaac (Montgomery)

**Seconded:** Katie Matthews (Gwent)

**C/19/2022 ACTION POINTS AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was one matter arising regarding the Cywain Competition. Originally it was hoped that the winning recipe would be demonstrated live at the Hybu Cig Cymru stand at the Winter Fair. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions there will be no demonstration or food sampling happening this year.

Also, the moodboard was originally stated as A3 but it is felt that there is a lot of information to include on this. It was decided that the wording to be changed to "Maximum of A2".

**Action Point 1:** Wales YFC to change the ruling of Cywain Competition and email update to counties.

## **C/20/2022 CORRESPONDENCE**

**RWAS E-mail** – Wales YFC have received an email from Tracy Powell, RWAS Programme Officer regarding the novice blade shearing. The shearing committee would like to offer the blade shearing winner from each country a free entry into novice blade shearing class at the Royal Welsh.

Sian noted that Wales YFC have added blade shearing into the RWAS rules. The committee agreed to accept their offer and to circulate information with all counties.

Free training is available and if any county was interested, they were to contact Rhydian Evans, the Wales YFC shearing representative.

**Brecknock query** – Regarding the fencing competition, currently, the rules are different at Wales YFC and NFYC level. After discussion, the committee agreed that Wales YFC rules should be in line with NFYC. The updated rules should be circulated with all county offices.

**Action Point 2:** Wales YFC to update the rules for Blade Shearing and send out an update to counties which should include shearing training information.

**Action Point 3:** Wales YFC to update Fencing rules and send out updated Field Day rules.

## **C/21/2022 TO CONFIRM GENERAL RULES**

The updated rules were shared on the screen. Sian highlighted the ones that had been added.

Sian noted that they had received one amendment from Country Staff. They suggested that the entry fee of £250 for the Entertainment Feast is removed and if a county doesn't compete then they would be sent a fine after the event. Committee were happy to accept this amendment.

**Proposer:** Elen Williams (Glamorgan)

**Seconded:** Ffion Rees (Carmarthenshire)

## **C/22/2022 TO CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS**

### **1. Stockjudging Contingency Plan**

Sian asked each county for their feedback.

Ffion Rees noted that Carmarthenshire members did not want to see virtual stock judging in a contingency plan. They would be happy to follow the NFYC's contingency plan, which is, that Fat Lambs are used if any other stock is unavailable.

Delun Evans noted that Pembrokeshire's competitions meeting was happening later on that evening, but suggested that we follow NFYC's contingency plan with Fat Lambs.

Sioned Davies from Ceredigion noted that their members would not like to see the virtual or long distance travelling introduced as a contingency plan. But to follow the same as NFYC. Ceredigion's competitions committee had not taken place.

Brecknock suggested that we use Fat Lambs as a contingency and would not recommend horses or virtual.

Katie Matthews from Gwent noted that holding the competition in a county where stock was less of an issue would be an option. If travelling to different stock was introduced Wales YFC should provide transport for members.

Kate Thomas Glamorgan noted that their meeting had not yet been. But the county would prefer Fat Lambs as a contingency rather than horses.

Liz Swancott from Radnor note that they have not had their meeting yet. But have had some discussions with members, and alternating between dairy and beef would not be an option for them as they only have one dairy farm in the county. They would not like to see horses introduced in the stockman competition.

Eloisa Isaac from Montgomery noted that their meeting had not be held yet but would favour the option of fat lambs rather than horses.

Will Hughes, Ynys Môn noted that horses would not be an option as entries are normally low for this competition. Would be happy to use Fat Lambs as a contingency.

After feedback the main points included:

- Fat Lambs used as a contingency plan and to follow NFYFC's guide
- Not to include virtual judging or horse judging.
- On a whole, members would be happy to travel as long as its well planned.

Sian noted that it would be added to the next meeting's agenda as several counties have not had a meeting to discuss with their members.

**Action Point 4:** Wales YFC to include the new contingency plan within the General Rules and the stockjudging rules.

## **2. Eisteddfod – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

It was noted that as part of Wales YFC Eisteddfod risk assessment, if a member tested positive prior to the Eisteddfod, virtual entries would be accepted. Sian asked the committee for feedback regarding this.

Mared noted that some officials and staff had met with Telesgop and Rondo regarding broadcasting the Eisteddfod. They noted that introducing a virtual element would be possible, but would add cost and technical complications to the events.

Various options were discussed but the committee agreed that in order to provide fairness to all members that virtual entries would not be introduced. If a member/group do prove positive with COVID then the 2<sup>nd</sup> place would be offered the chance to go forward.

**Proposer:** Sion Evans, Carmarthenshire

**Seconded:** Eloisa Isaac, Montgomery

Following this decision, Sian asked for the committee to agree on a deadline as to when changing competitors is allowed in order to give accompanists time to learn the piece.

The committee agree that Wales YFC staff and officials should talk to the accompanists and make a decision following that conversation.

All members were reminded that if members are stepped in last minute with a new music piece, that fairness should be given to all accompanists as they will not have had the piece prior to the Eisteddfod.

Sian informed all present that tickets will need to be purchased prior to the Eisteddfod. People will not be able to turn up on the day and purchase a ticket.

After discussion it was decided that there will only be day tickets available. Prices agreed at £10 for adults and £5 for under 10s.

**Proposer:** Elen Williams, Glamorgan

**Seconded:** Delun Evans, Pembrokeshire

Rhianwen shared the proposed timetable for the Eisteddfod and asked committee members for any feedback.

Caryl Hâf noted that both humours duet/trio and musical solo tend to use radio mics. Due to the need to sanitise these, separating both competitions would give sound technicians more time.

The committee agreed to move the Hymn singing competition between the humours duet/trio and musical solo.

**Action Point 5:** Wales YFC to update the Eisteddfod timetable as agreed.

### **3. Entertainment Feast – 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Sian informed the committee that Wales YFC have booked the Princess Royal, Port Talbot.

Committee members shared concerns that county locations may still have restrictions in place, allowing only a small number of members on stage at any one time. Members noted that many counties begin writing and practising in December, so a decision needs to be made soon. Caryl Hâf noted that following a Staff Meeting that staff shared the same concerns.

NFYFC's competitions meeting is being held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. It was agreed that a letter is sent to this committee highlighting the different restrictions that are currently in place for both countries. It should be noted in this letter that Wales can't currently hold the Pantomime competition to its full capacity due to restrictions.

Sian asked that all counties talk to their venues to understand what restrictions all clubs are facing.

Those counties that are facing restrictions and won't be able to hold the pantomime as they'd hoped are encouraged to send letters to the NFYFC competitions committee.

**Action Point 6:** Committee Chairman to write a letter to NFYFC to express their concerns regarding the Pantomime competition.

## **C/23/2022 TO CONFIRM COMPETITION RULES**

### **1. Sports Day – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

It was confirmed that NFYFC have the following competitions:

- Ladies Rush Hockey 17 -28
- Mens Dodgeball 17 – 28
- Ultimate Frisbee 10 – 16

Rhianwen informed the committee that the rush hockey included with NFYFC is a new form of hockey and that the rules are different to the previous mixed hockey competition.

The committee suggested that the following athletics competitions were added to the Wales YFC Sports day:

- Relay
- 100 meters

- 800 meters
- Shotput
- Discuss
- Long Jump

It was agreed to introduce a Junior (under 16) Male, Junior (under 16) Female, Senior (Under 28) Male and Senior (Under 28) Female for the above competitions.

First place of each competition would come to Wales level to represent county.

Discussions were made regarding adding a junior mixed touch rugby competition. Wales YFC are to discuss with the insurance company to see if there were any constraints on ages allowed to compete together. If there are constraints with the mixed touch rugby, it was agreed that Junior Rounders would be introduced instead.

Entries will close on the June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Action Point 7:** Wales YFC to create a draft set of Sports Day rules, to be approved in the meeting in December.

## **2. Royal Welsh Show – 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

Draft rules were shared to the committee for committee members to see.

### **Competition 1: Federation Display**

Welsh Water have asked if they are able to provide a judge for the final at the Royal Welsh. Committee Members agreed to this.

### **Competition 6: Singing**

Committee agreed that medleys would be allowed in the group and solo competition.

### **Competition 8: Pitch an item for alternative use**

It was agreed to change to scale of marks to:

Sales Pitch: 70

Idea: 30

### **Competition 19: Welsh Cobs Section B Stock Judging**

It was agreed that the wording "Welsh Cobs" would be taken out of the competition title.

### **Competition 25: On the Spot Skills Challenge**

It was agreed that each day was allocated a theme:

- Monday – Cookery
- Tuesday – Handicraft
- Wednesday – Agriculture
- Thursday – General

Entries will close 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**Action Point 8:** Wales YFC to update Royal Welsh Show rules as agreed and email updated rules out to counties.

## **C/24/2022 AGENDA ITEMS AND DATES FOR NEXT MEETING**

Agenda items to include:

- Feedback from NFYFC regarding the Entertainment Feast
- Sports Day rules

- Stockjudging contingency plan

Date of next meeting was confirmed as the 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm and will be held via Zoom.

The December meeting will also be held via Zoom on 14<sup>th</sup> December. The Entertainment Feast draw will be done at this meeting.

## **C/25/2022 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OFFICIALS**

### **1. Vice Chairman**

Sion Evans proposed Sioned Davies, Ceredigion.

Rhiannon Davies seconded this proposal.

Sioned accepted the position.

Sian welcomed Sioned to the team and thanked her for accepting the position.

## **C/26/2022 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Chicken Jointing competition at the Winter Fair:** Sian noted that there had been some confusion previously on how the chicken should be presented to the judge. It was suggested that a demonstration video is created for members to know what they are allowed and not allowed to do. Committee agreed that this would be a good suggestion and that it would help clarify the rules.

**Action Point 9:** Wales YFC to look into creating a demonstration video and circulate to counties.

**What's App:** Sian reminded all counties to ask their representatives to send their details to Wales YFC so that they are added to the What's App group.

With no further business the meeting was declared closed at 21:38pm.

<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Action Point 1: Wales YFC to change the ruling of Cywain Competition and email update to counties.	Completed
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Action Point 3: Wales YFC to update Fencing rules and send out updated Field Day rules.	Completed
Action Point 4: Wales YFC to include the new contingency plan within the General Rules and the stockjudging rules.	Completed
Action Point 5: Wales YFC to update the Eisteddfod timetable as agreed.	Completed although more changes have been made since the meeting for various reasons.
Action Point 6: Committee Chairman to write a letter to NFYFC to express their concerns regarding the Pantomime competition.	Completed
Action Point 7: Wales YFC to create a draft set of Sports Day rules, to be approved in the meeting	Completed

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Action Point 8: Wales YFC to update Royal Welsh Show rules as agreed and email updated rules out to counties.	Completed