

WALES YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS



Competitions Sub-Committee Meeting Tuesday 25th May 2021 ZOOM 7PM

MINUTES

CHAIRMAN: Miss Katie Court

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Miss Sian Healey

IN ATTENDANCE: Katie Court (Committee Chair), Kate Thomas (Glamorgan), Katie Matthews (Gwent), Emma Rees (Brecknock), Gwen Thomas (Eryri), Will Hughes (Ynys Mon), Elen Williams (Glamorgan) Elin Calan-Jones (Ceredigion), Katie Davies (Wales YFC Chair), Esyllt Jones (Ceredigion) Sion Evans (Carmarthenshire), Delun Evans (Pembrokeshire), Aled Thomas (Carmarthenshire), Sam Kurtz (Pembrokeshire), Anna Jones (Meirionnydd) Gwenno Davies (Clwyd), Millie Edwards (Montgomery), Sian Healey (Competitions Vice-Chairman), Jamie (Montgomery), Emma Rees (Brecknock)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Rhodri Lewis & Mared Jones - Wales YFC

C/65/1921 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Katie Court welcomed everyone to the eighth meeting of the Competitions sub-committee for the YFC year, 2020/ 2021.

It was noted that each County has two voting reps, more members per County can attend however only two members can vote.

Katie explained that tonight's meeting was to get feedback from previous competitions such as the Virtual Eisteddfod and Virtual Public Speaking, and to discuss future competitions including the Virtual Royal Welsh, Cywain Cooking Competition and the Weekend Festival Competition.

C/66/1921 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were given by: Edna Jones (Ynys Mon County Organiser), Fflur Powell-Roberts (Ynys Mon), Manon Williams (Meirionnydd), Elizabeth Swancott (Radnor), Caryl Haf (Wales YFC Vice-Chairman), Tania Hancock (Pembrokeshire), Sioned Caryl (Ceredigion).

C/67/2021 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

Proposed: Kate Thomas (Glamorgan)

Seconded: Katie Matthews (Gwent)

C/68/2021 ACTION POINTS AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Competitions Committee had discussed the Tug of War competition during the last committee meeting in March, and agreed to contact the Welsh Tug of War association for clarification and guidelines. It was noted that Wales YFC had received the guidelines as of 26th April 2021 but not the latest guidelines as of 17th May 2021. Wales YFC would send the latest guidelines out to Counties as soon as they are received.

The Welsh TOW Association noted that they are planning to hold a Tug of War competition in the near future. The Committee agreed that Wales YFC would need to plan an all Wales competition, and once latest guidelines are received a discussion will be held in the next Competition meeting.

C/69/2021 CORRESPONDENCE

None were received.

C/70/2021 FEEDBACK ON PREVIOUS COMPETITIONS

a) Virtual Eisteddfod

All Counties were asked if they had received any feedback regarding the Eisteddfod. After a discussion, it was agreed that all Counties were happy with how the Virtual Eisteddfod was run.

b) Virtual Public Speaking

All Counties were asked if they had received any feedback regarding the Virtual Public Speaking. Counties noted that they were pleased with how well the competitions had ran over the two days of competing, and were happy with all other aspects.

It was noted as a general feedback, that Wales YFC Competitions Committee should ensure that there are enough junior competitions available too, for younger members. Thanks were given to all Wales YFC staff and Officers for all their work.

C/71/2021 TO DISCUSS FUTURE COMPETITIONS

a) Virtual Royal Welsh 2021

Katie Court noted that the Virtual Royal Welsh results would be held on the week of 19th July 2021. It was also agreed during the last Competitions Meeting that the Stock judging competitions would be done on Sunday 27th June, 2021 and the Chairman's Generation Game would be held on the 10th July, 2021.

It was also noted that County offices have received pictures and characteristics of the stock for their County Round. A question was raised whether the same pictures would be used for the Wales YFC stockjudging, and it was explained that different pictures would be used for the Wales YFC level stockjudging competition.

b) Cywain Competition

Katie Court noted that the Cywain Competition would be launched in the next week or two with the deadline being after the Royal Welsh week. The competition would be to create a 2 course meal and a drink utilizing products that would be found on the Cywain map which will be circulated with the competition documents. There will also be a very generous prize for the top 3, with the 1st prize winning £600, £250 for 2nd and £150 for 3rd.

c) Weekend Festival 2021

The Committee had discussed the possibility of organising a weekend festival face to face during the last Competitions meeting for August 14th and 15th.

It was noted that NFYFC Competitions would include:

Fence Erecting, Farm Safety Skills, Jump Rope, TOW, Kwik Cricket, Ladies Netball, Male Football

A discussion was held regarding these competitions, and it was suggested to hold a face to face competitions for all competitions that need an eliminator to go on to NFYFC level. The below dates were suggested for the competitions.

14th & 15th August – Agri based competitions. Locations – Builth Showground / Brecon Market

11th & 12th September – Sports Competitions. Locations – Aberystwyth, Newtown, Brecon.

Wales YFC would contact NFYFC to confirm what competitions would need and eliminator to go on to NFYFC level, and locations would be contacted. Further discussions would be discussed during the next Competition Committee meeting.

C/72/2021 AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

a) **Date of Next meeting** – was confirmed as Tuesday 22nd June 2021

b) **Agenda items for the next meeting include;**

- Competition Weekend Festival
- Virtual Royal Welsh Show

C/73/2021 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) It was suggested that the Competitions Committee should discuss dates for the coming 2021-22 calendar year and plan that the year will be as a normal year for the YFC. Dates were discussed and suggested as follows:

Eisteddfod – Brecknock would be asked if they'd like to host. Questions were raised whether it was agreed that a North, Mid and South venues would be appointed. This would be investigated and brought back to the next Competitions Committee meeting. 11th December was discussed as a date if Brecknock would be hosting and the venue being in the Royal Welsh Showground.

Winter Fair – 29th-30th November (Confirmed already)

Entertainment – 5th + 6th March (Confirmed already)

Public Speaking – 26th + 27th March

Field Day – 23rd April

Sports Day – 18th + 19th June

Royal Welsh – 18th-21st July (Confirmed already)

It was agreed that Wales YFC would look in to the above dates and locations – and come back to the June 2021 Competitions meeting with more information for the committee to discuss.

b) Esyllt Jones and Kate Thomas was in attendance in the NFYFC Competitions meeting held on Monday 24th May 2021. A discussion was had regarding the age category for NFYFC moving forward as the membership age was passed as being 28 or under. It was noted by NFYFC that they wouldn't be

able to move to have more than three categories as they have now. (10-16, 17-21, 22-26). A discussion was had regarding this, and it was suggested that Counties take this back to their Counties for feedback and suggestions.

The next NFYFC Competitions meeting was on the 28th June.

As there was no other matter arising, the members were thanked for their contributions and the meeting was closed at 20.01pm.

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