

WALES FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 20th JANUARY, 2022
ZOOM 7.00PM

MINUTES

CHAIRMAN: Miss Nerys Lewis

VICE CHAIRMAN: Miss Caitlin Harley

PRESENT: Nerys Lewis (Committee Chair), Caitlin Harley – (Vice-chair), Lowri Jones (Ceredigion), Cathrin Jones (Carmarthen), Iestyn Owen (Carmarthen), Leah Bevan (Glamorgan), Cerys Baker (Gwent), Lwsi Morgan (Montgomery), Andrew Spencer (YFA) and Niall Evans (Past Chair / minute secretary)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Caryl Haf (Wales YFC Chairman); Rhianwen Jones (Competitions and International Officer), Hefin Evans (Wales YFC Vice Chairman – In part)

I/24/2022 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The chairman opened the meeting and asked the committee to introduce themselves for the benefit of the minutes.

I/25/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Tomos Lewis (Pembrokeshire), Sian Emberton (Montgomeryshire) and Elen Williams (Rural Youth Europe)

I/26/2022 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting, held on Monday 25th October 2021, were shown on screen. The minutes were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

Proposer: Lwsi Morgan

Seconder: Andy Spencer

I/27/2022 ACTION POINTS AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

| Action | Comment |
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| Action point 1: Confirm the Isle of Man trip as a summer trip. Rhianwen to inform Isle of man and outgoing delegates | Completed |
| Action point 2: Deposits to be paid for the South Africa Safari trip | Still ongoing |
| Action point 3: Inform Finland delegates their trip will not go ahead in 2022 | Completed |
| Action point 4: Speak to USA co-ordinator to agree hosting schedule | Completed |
| Action point 5: Plan and release the International Programme, and organise the interviews to be held on the 9 th January 2022 | Completed |
| Action point 6: Wales YFC to look at these countries to see if trips were possible | Still ongoing |

There were no matters were arising from the minutes.

I/28/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence was received.

I/29/2022 2022 INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

- The Isle of Man have been contacted regarding the upcoming trip and are happy with hosting this summer.
- No deposits have been taken so far for the safari trip. From discussion it was seen that the deposit would be necessary to book the flights and confirm dates. The committee discussed the issue, and it was felt that now was the best time to start looking at invoicing members to get the ball rolling. Both Lwsi and Niall have been selected to travel on the trip and agreed that there is no good time to send out the invoice, but both would be happy to pay with current conditions.

Niall suggested discussing the value of the deposit with Contiki and calculating the

full amount of the deposit to pass onto the selected travellers rather than Wales YFC taking the risk.

- It was noted that following the opening of the 2022 International programme, 2 members had applied to travel on the safari. The committee felt that these 2 members should be interviewed and given the first chance to travel as they had put the effort into applying in the original selection process.
- It was agreed that the £40 admin fee should now be invoiced for all selected travellers.
- The members who had been selected to travel to Finland have been informed that the trip will not be going ahead in 2022.
- After speaking to the co-ordinator of the USA exchange, it was suggested that we speak to both Northern Ireland and Devon Young Farmers regarding hosting this year and in upcoming years.

Wales YFC will be looking to host 1 member from the USA this year to test out how best to host over a longer timeframe.

Members from Ceredigion have proposed that we provide the co-ordinator in the USA with what we can offer as an organisation. This will allow expectations to be managed ahead of the exchange taking place.

- After assessing the current hosting structure, members of the committee noted that there was a need to review how we host and how we can best support the host families.

One suggestion was that all incoming exchangee's would be hosted in the same area so that the workload of hosting could be more evenly shared.

- The committee agreed that there was a need to implement policies and protocols in relation to hosting for both Covid and Non-Covid. It was also noted that there would be issues with hosting and finding hosts this year and we should be prepared for this.
- In order to tailor the exchanges to the members who will be staying with Wales YFC members, the committee suggested that a bio of each exchangee was sent from the partner organisations in plenty of time to allow for proper preparation.
- Scotland have suggested that they will be looking to host members from within the 5 nations and will be looking to send members to us over the Royal Welsh Show.

2022 Applications

- 6 applicants applied for the 2022 International programme in total.
The applications were broken down as follows:
2 – safari
1 – RYE Rally
2 – AGRII / Scholarship
1 – Sailing Challenge
- The committee agreed that those that had spent the time applying in the first round of applications should be interviewed first and given the first options before speaking to anyone else.
- Following the minimal applications received for the 2022 programme, Cerys suggested readvertising the programme at start of February.

Iestyn suggested looking back at previous applications and contacting the members who had noted trips with free spaces as their second or third choices in order to fill the remaining places.

- After reviewing the 2022 programme, the committee agreed that it was best for us to focus on the trips going out this year before looking at future trips. 2023 opportunities will be looked in the future.

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Action 2: Wales YFC to invoice selected travellers for £40 admin fee

Action 3: Interview the 6 applicants, contact previous applicants to fill spaces available

Action 4: Covid protocols to be created.

I/30/2022 AGENDA ITEMS & DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

No agenda items were received from the committee. Next meeting to be held on Monday 28th March 2022.

I/31/2022 Any other business

Iestyn queried when the Isle of Man trip would be held. It was confirmed that we would be aiming to hold the trip over the weekend of the Isle of Man show.

As there was no other business the meeting was declared closed at 19:55.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

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