



**COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 11th JANUARY 2022
VIA ZOOM, 7.00pm**

MINUTES

CHAIRMAN: Miss Sian Healey

VICE CHAIRMAN: Miss Sioned Davies

PRESENT:

Sian Healey (Committee Chairman), Sioned Davies (Committee Vice-Chairman), Gwen Thomas (Eryri), Sion Evans (Carmarthenshire), Ffion Rees (Carmarthenshire), Carys Phillips (Pembrokeshire), Delun Evans (Pembrokeshire) Manon Williams (Meirionnydd), Will Hughes (Anglesey), Edna Jones (Anglesey County Organiser), Elizabeth Swancott (Radnor) Gwyneth Thomas (Glaorgan County Organiser), Kate Thomas (Glamorgan), Deryn Evans (Brecknock), Emma Powell (Brecknock), Eloisa Isaac (Montgomery), Katie Court (Ex-Officio), Owain Lewis (Pembrokeshire County Organiser), Caryl Hâf Jones (Wales YFC Chairman), Hefin Evans (Wales YFC Vice-Chairman), Elen Williams (Glamorgan), Gemma Owen (Montgomery)

IN ATTENDANCE: Rhianwen Jones (Competitions Officer, Wales YFC)

C/42/2022 WELCOME AND ITRODUCIONS

The Chairman, Sian Healey, welcomed everyone to the Competitions sub committee and asked everyone to introduce themselves on the screen.

Sian also noted that the meeting was being recorded.

C/43/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCES

Apologies were received from: Emma Rees (Brecknock); Angharad Jones (Meirionnydd)

C/44/2022 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting were shared on screen and were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Proposer: Deryn Evans, Brecknock

Second: Sion Evans, Carmarthenshire

C/45/2022 ACTION POINTS AND MATTER ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ACTION	COMMENT
Action Point 1: Wales YFC to send certificates to successful members in the Virtual and Agri Day competitions.	Approved by Council. Certificates have arrived and once written, will be sent to county offices.
Action Point 2: Chairman to produce letter to respond to the member regarding the Prime Lamb Competition	Completed
Action Point 3: Wales YFC to circulate Prime Lamb and Baby Beef questionnaires to get feedback on the competitions.	Completed
Action Point 4: Wales YFC to speak with the Winter Fair committee regarding the Prime Lamb competition.	Completed. We have arranged to work with the Sheep Honorary Director to continue discussions.
Action Point 5: Wales YFC to include an under 21 section to the Athletics competitions and to circulate the confirmed rules.	Completed

There were no further matters arising from the minutes.

C/46/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

C/47/2022 TO CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS

1. Entertainment Feast 12th & 13th March 2022

Sian informed the committee that an emergency meeting had been held in light of the recent change in COVID-19 restrictions. Following a vote, it was decided that the Entertainment Feast will not be held in 2022. Some counties are continuing to hold a Pantomime competition and it was decided that those counties will film their performances and then a video will be sent to a judge to decide what two counties will be representing Wales at NFYFC.

Wales YFC will take a proposal to NFYFC to ask that Pantomime is held again in 2023. Sian asked counties to send National their support to the proposal.

Deryn suggested that Wales YFC should approach some areas in England to ask for support with the proposal to hold the Pantomime again in 2023. This was agreed.

Sian asked the committee when the Member of the Year and Show Choir competition should be held as these were due to take part in the Entertainment Feast.

It was agreed that the Member of the Year will be held on Public Speaking day – which is being held on Sunday 27 March.

Proposer: Elizabeth Swancott, Radnor

Seconder: Gwen Thomas, Eryri

It was discussed that the Show Choir competition could be held in the Field Day or Sports Day. Intention of entries should be sent to Wales YFC office by Friday 21st January.

Action Point 1: Wales YFC to move Member of the Year competitions to Public Speaking Day. Updated rules to be sent to counties.

Action Point 2: Wales YFC to ask for intention of entries for the Show Choir competition by Friday 21st January.

Action Point 3: Wales YFC to send a proposal to NFYFC that Pantomime is held in 2023 instead of Drama.

C/48/2022 CONFIRM COMPETITIONS LIST AND RULES FOR 2022 / 2023

1. Eisteddfod 2022 – c/o Pembrokeshire

The committee discussed the date and location of the Eisteddfod. Although it was previously agreed that the Eisteddfod would be centralised to set locations, the South location, Brangwyn Hall is not available. In that case, the Eisteddfod will be held on the 19th of November at Fishguard School, Pembrokeshire.

Proposer: Sion Evans, Carmarthenshire

Seconded: Carys Phillips, Pembrokeshire

Katie noted that Wales YFC should contact the three agreed central locations to block book the next few years to ensure availability.

Discussions were held on what was the agreed North venue. It was agreed that Wales YFC should contact Dyfrig from Telesgop to see if he had any information and to look at Anglesey Showground and Venue Cymru as potential locations.

The draft rules were shared for the committee and Sian asked for feedback from counties.

Manon asked on behalf of Meirionnydd why a Cerdd Dant competition was not included. After discussion the committee asked that Pembrokeshire added Cerdd Dant into the programme as there is a designated Cerdd Dant cup awarded at the Eisteddfod.

Gemma, Montgomery asked why the dancing competition is "creative dancing" this year because in previous years entries for this competition is normally low. After discussion it was suggested that Pembrokeshire considered changing it to "accessories dance".

Sioned, Ceredigion, clarified with the committee that the Eisteddfod rules will be discussed again at the next meeting as some counties not had their county meeting. It was agreed that the Eisteddfod would be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Sian noted that the timing Mime would need to clarify if it includes setting and clearing the stage.

Sioned, Ceredigion asked for the reason why there is a theme to the sketch competition. Pembrokeshire explained that they as a county chose to add a theme to encourage clubs to be more creative and not re-use old sketches.

Sian thanked Pembrokeshire for preparing the rules for this meeting. It was agreed that all counties should send comments to Rhianwen, Wales YFC. It is hoped that the rules will be finalised and released by Royal Welsh week (July).

Action Point 4: Wales YFC to confirm the three centralised venues and look to pre-book those in advance

Action Point 5: Wales YFC to ask counties for their Eisteddfod feedback in order for Pembrokeshire to discuss them before the next meeting

2. Winter Fair 2022

The competitions from 2021 were shared on the screen for the committee.

It was noted that the decorate a Christmas tree competition should change to "Wreath" for under 28 members and "Decorate a Chocolate Yule Log" for under 18 members. Both will be a single member competition.

Proposer: Eloisa Isaac, Montgomery

Seconded: Elen Williams, Glamorgan

Discussions were held around the promotional video competition. It was noted that several of the 2021 entries were unable to be shared on social media as they included licensed music.

It was agreed to hold discussions with the Winter Fair Committee as they originally supported the competition. It was suggested that the competition could be changed to a video promoting local producers.

The committee agreed for Wales YFC to have a conversation with Cywain to see how to develop the Winter Fair competition which was a success in the 2021 Winter Fair.

Both the promotional video and Cywain competition will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Action Point 6: Wales YFC to approach Winter Fair committee and Cywain and then draw up a draft set of 2022 Winter Fair rules before the next meeting

3. Royal Welsh Show 2023

Suggestions were shared regarding a theme for the 2023 Royal Welsh, including:

- Mountain & Sea / Mynydd a'r Mor
- The road to net zero....
- YFC
- The 7 themes included in the Wales Future Generation acts

It was agreed that all counties should discuss themes with their members and bring back suggestions to the next meeting. Once the theme is confirmed the committee will decide on the competitions.

C/49/2022 AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 8th March via Zoom.

Agenda items should include:

- Show Choir
- Eisteddfod 2022
- Winter Fair 2022
- Royal Welsh 2023
- National Competitions

C/50/2022 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sian noted that Aberystwyth University will not be able to accommodate the athletics competition at Sports Day. The committee agreed that the Sports Day should move

location. It was suggested to try Brecon Leisure Centre or Newtown Leisure centre. Wales YFC is to make enquiries on availability.

Ffion, Carmarthenshire, had a question regarding the Royal Welsh Stock Judging and why it is Beef Cattle judging two years running. It was explained that the 2022 rules were the original 2020 rules, and that they have been pushed on.

Manon, Meirionnydd, asked counties if they planned to hold their public speaking competitions in a different format due to current restrictions. Discussions were made regarding no audience or splitting competitions to different evenings.

Rhiannon, Ceredigion, raised that date of the Wales Public Speaking competition day as two different dates have been circulated. It was noted that the 27th March is Mothering Sunday and the same day as Cardiff Half Marathon.

Elen asked a question on behalf of Glamorgan regarding entry dates. Some Glamorgan competitions are being held after the entry closing date. This includes Public Speaking and Field Day. Wil noted that Ynys Mon will have the same issue with the Public Speaking. The committee agreed that Glamorgan and Ynys Mon will be able to submit late entries on this occasion.

Deryn, Brecknock, wished all those Counties that are going ahead with their Pantomime the best of luck and hope all went well.

Rhianwen noted that Tracy had been in contact regarding the Blade Shearing competition. Any competitors coming through to the Royal Welsh will need a Royal Welsh competence certificate. The Royal Welsh will arrange this training at the beginning of July. The committee agreed to add this to the rules.

There were no further matters and Sian thanked everyone for their time and input and wish all those continuing with the Pantomime the best of luck. The meeting was declared closed at 8:29pm.

Action Point 7: Wales YFC to look at holding Sports Day in Brecon or Newtown instead of Aberystwyth.

Action Point 8: Wales YFC to add the Competency Certificate to the Royal Welsh Show rules and to circulate to counties

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Action Point 2: Wales YFC to ask for intention of entries for the Show Choir competition by Friday 21 st January.	Completed
Action Point 3: Wales YFC to send a proposal to NFYFC that Pantomime is held in 2023 instead of Drama.	Completed however NFYFC decided against the proposal. Entertainment to be held instead in 2023.
Action Point 4: Wales YFC to confirm the three centralised venues and look to pre-book those in advance	The three venues are confirmed as – North – Rhyl Pavilion Mid – Pafiliwn Bont, Pontrhydfendigaid South – Brangwyn Hall, Swansea
Action Point 5: Wales YFC to ask counties for their Eisteddfod feedback in order for Pembrokeshire to discuss them before the next meeting	Completed

Action Point 6: Wales YFC to approach Winter Fair committee and Cywain and then draw up a draft set of 2022 Winter Fair rules before the next meeting.	Have approached both, no response from Winter Fair. Cywain are letting us know their ideas before 8 th March.
Action Point 7: Wales YFC to look at holding Sports Day in Brecon or Newtown instead of Aberystwyth.	Completed. Will now be held in Brecon, new rules have been circulated
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