

WALES FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 29th MARCH, 2022
ZOOM 8.00PM

MINUTES

CHAIRMAN: Miss Nerys Lewis

VICE CHAIRMAN: Miss Caitlin Harley

PRESENT: Nerys Lewis (Chairman - NL), Leah Bevan (Glamorgan - LB), Iestyn Owen (Carmarthenshire - IO), Sian Emberton (Montgomeryshire - SE), Lwsi Morgan (Montgomeryshire), Niall Evans (Ex chair - NE) and Andrew Spencer (YFA - AS)

IN ATTENDANCE: Rhianwen Jones (International and Competitions - RJ), Caryl Haf (Wales YFC Chair - CH)

I/32/2022 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Nerys opened the meeting and welcomed the committee

I/33/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cerys Baker (Gwent), Cathrin Jones (Carmarthenshire)

I/34/2022 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/35/2022 ACTION POINTS AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ACTION	COMMENT
Action 1: Wales YFC to contact Contiki to calculate the necessary deposit for the Safari and invoice travellers selected.	Completed – Everyone has now paid the £120 deposit for Safari
Action 2: Wales YFC to invoice selected travellers for £40 admin fee	Completed – Majority now paid the admin fee

Action 3: Interview the 6 applicants, contact previous applicants to fill spaces available	Completed – Selection Day undertaken
Action 4: Covid protocols to be created.	Completed – been circulated

No matters arising from the minutes

I/36/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

Alan Lambert from the USA sent a letter in with concerns about the war in Ukraine.

Madam chair made a note that the covid rules were starting to relax. We are currently due to receive 2 incoming delegates from Ulster and 2 incomings from America.

AS brought up the point that Ukraine war should not affect any travel into UK but are the more pressing issues were COVID and he didn't see any issues with regards to what has already been agreed.

NE mentioned that he couldn't see any major restriction coming up unless something serious comes up. If we start looking at the what if's we wouldn't get started again.

It should be made clear that although there are no current rules, incoming delegates should be aware that there may be some minor restrictions still in place. This point should be made clear.

Action 1: Rhianwen to contact Alan and pass on thoughts of the committee

I/37/2022 TO REVIEW SELECTION DAY 2022

Madam chair thanked the judges for giving up their time and for helping on the day along with Rhianwen for organising.

No feedback was received in regard to the running of the day, but it was noted that there was a high standard of applications.

6 applicants applied and all received places to travel.

I/38/2022 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE 2022 INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

1. Outgoing delegates

Most trips have been confirmed, the dates have been provided for delegates and deposits have been received. Still awaiting correspondence from Canada as to this year's trip and the homestay in Finland has been moved to 2023.

Agrii trip to be organised by the rural affairs officer with help from Rhianwen.

The committee had no further questions or comments.

2. Incoming delegates

4 Incoming delegates in 2022. We have previously discussed those incoming delegates from America.

2 Incoming from Ulster. We will be receiving these delegates the week before the Royal Welsh Show, and they will be leaving us the weekend after the show.

The chair made a point that the number of delegates is lower than usual, and would it be fair to send them to the YPV with such a small group.

What are the committees' opinions on hosting this year?

NE mentioned that we had 4 at the YPV in 2018. It would all depend on the group and their personalities. Very difficult situation and its difficult to find hosts over show week itself.

It depends when people come as to who they will know.

RJ made a point that it's a slightly odd situation that we send delegates to the YPV in its current format, would there be a more suitable option such as a B&B?

Can we give the delegates the option as to where they would like to stay over the week?

It was noted that this would be the year to try something different if we are to look at it.

AS asked are the dates set for the incoming delegates coming to us as it would make sense for them to come the week before, so they meet a few people prior to the show.

The committee felt strongly that the delegates get to the show at the very least as it is seen as the best show in the world.

Would an option be to invest in a caravan rather than a tent?

All options are on the table, but we need to consider where we store these items.

Need to discuss with the American delegates regarding hosting over show week. The committee felt that show week can be seen as its own thing and for the hosting to go back to normal the week after. This is to be made clear to the delegates.

Action 2: Rhianwen to look at accommodation options for delegates over show week

I/39/2022 AGENDA ITEMS & DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

To be held in Llanellwedd alongside other sub committee's and the morning of Wales YFC Council meeting. Agenda items to include:

1. To look at alternative trips for 2023
2. To look into the ski trip in spring 2023

I/40/2022 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Madam chair thanked the YFA for their donation and apologised for not attending the last meeting.

AS provided an update on the meeting. Plans for the YFA reunion in October, details to be coming out over the summer. Looking at the weekend of 22nd / 23rd October. Looking to support young farmers and international travel to the best of their abilities and if there's anything they can help with then to let them know.

Can all committee members take the information about hosting back to their counties and to have a think about who can host.

With no further business the meeting was declared closed at 20:35