



**COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022  
VIA ZOOM, 7.00pm**

## **MINUTES**

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**CHAIRMAN:** Miss Sian Healey

**VICE CHAIRMAN:** Miss Sioned Davies

**PRESENT:**

Sian Healey (Committee Chairman), Sioned Davies (Committee Vice-Chairman), Caryl Hâf Jones (Wales YFC Chairman), Hefin Evans (Wales YFC Vice-Chairman), Carys Phillips (Pembrokeshire), Delun Evans (Pembrokeshire), Deryn Evans (Brecknock), Elizabeth Swancott (Radnor), Eiliw Griffith (Ynys Mon), Eloisa Isaac (Montgomery), Emma Rees (Brecknock), Ffion Rees (Carmarthenshire), Fflur Powell-Roberts (Ynys Mon), Gwen Thomas (Eryri), Gwyneth Thomas (Glamorgan County Organiser), Kate Thomas (Glamorgan), Katie Court (Ex-Officio), Katie Matthews (Gwent), Leanne Davies (Brecknock), Manon Williams (Meirionnydd), Meinir Owen (Eryri), Sion Evans (Carmarthenshire), Will Hughes (Ynys Mon), Emma Powell (Brecknock)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rhianwen Jones (Competitions Officer, Wales YFC), Phil Ellis (Chief Executive, Wales YFC)

**C/51/2022 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Sian Healey welcomed everyone to the Competitions sub-committee. Sian also congratulated Katie Court on the birth of their baby.

Sian also noted that the meeting was being recorded and if anyone wished to ask a question in Welsh then Caryl or Sioned would be happy to translate.

**C/52/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were given from James Nixon (Radnor), Elen Williams (Glamorgan)

**C/53/2022 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

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

**Proposer:** Deryn Evans, Brecknock

**Seconded:** Eloisa Isaac, Montgomery

**C/54/2022 ACTION POINTS AND MATTER ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
Action Point 1: Wales YFC to move Member of the Year competitions to Public Speaking Day. Updated rules to be sent to counties.	Completed
Action Point 2: Wales YFC to ask for intention of entries for the Show Choir competition by Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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
Action Point 8: Wales YFC to add the Competency Certificate to the Royal Welsh Show rules and to circulate to counties	Completed

Action Point 6, regarding the promotional video competition at the Winter Fair. The committee were informed that Wales YFC have asked the Winter Fair Committee for feedback but have yet to have a response.

Cywain have responded in regard to the “bring your ideas” competition and will be discussed later on in the meeting.

All other actions were complete and there were no further matters arising from minutes.

**C/55/2022 CORRESPONDENCE**

An email has been received by a county organiser asking if Wales YFC are engraving cups for the virtual competitions. The committee decided that Wales YFC were to give all counties the option if they wanted to engrave the cups that they were successful in. Counties would then pay for this engraving.

**Proposer:** Deryn Evans, Brecknock

**Seconded:** Sion Evans, Carmarthenshire

A letter has been received from Ynys Mon regarding the 2023 Eisteddfod. The letter was read to the committee. In the letter the county noted that they would like to host the Eisteddfod in Ynys Mon rather than Rhyl.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the committee should take the proposal back to their counties to discuss. A final decision will be made at the next competition meeting.

An email has been received from Huw Williams, one of Wales YFC's scorers. He noted that in the junior fencing competition rules there are marks for "neatness of finished item". It also notes in the rules that if a team does not finish, as well as time penalty marks, they also lose the "neatness of finished item" marks. This rule has been removed from the senior fencing rules.

After discussion it was decided to remove this rule in order for it to be in line with the senior competition rules.

County Organisers have raised concerns regarding the Public Speaking competition day in terms of Zoom entries and the fines in the After Dinner Speaking competition.

Regarding Zoom entries, the committee decided that no Zoom entries would be allowed in any of the competitions during the Public Speaking Day.

**Proposer:** Rhiannon Davies, Ceredigion

**Seconded:** Sion Evans, Carmarthenshire

Regarding the fines in the After Dinner Speaker competition day the committee decided the fines are important due to the nature of the competitions. It was also decided that a fine would be added to all competitions that incorporate mixed teams. The exact wording will be discussed at the next meeting.

Manon Williams, Meirionnydd asked the committee about the rules that states that a member can only compete in one competition per language. She states that they as a county are struggling to find members to compete and asked if this rule could be removed.

After discussion, the committee decided to keep that rule due to logistics and creating a timetable.

Brecknock county have asked if the committee would consider to add a Under 14 category to the Athletics competitions that will be held at the Sports Day.

The committee agreed with this proposal.

**Proposer:** Deryn Evans, Brecknock

**Seconded:** Manon Williams, Meirionnydd

A letter has been received from Brecknock and Montgomery YFC regarding the pantomime competition and their disappointment that only three counties wrote a letter to support Wales YFC's proposal.

There were no further items of correspondence.

**Action Point 1:** Wales YFC to update the Fencing rules and circulate to counties

**Action Point 2:** Wales YFC to create wording for the new Public Speaking rule to be approved at the next meeting

**Action Point 3:** Wales YFC to add an under 14 section to the Athletics rules

## **C/56/2022 TO CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS**

### **1. Show Choir**

Sian informed the committee that initially there were three counties interested in competing, but since, two have pulled out. Therefore, Brecknock will be representing Wales YFC at the NFYFC final with no Wales round taking place.

### **2. Royal Welsh Show 2022**

Some queries have been sent in regarding the Royal Welsh 2022 competition rules. The rules were shared on screen for the committee to go through the queries.

The following changes were decided.

**Cooking competition** - Add a line in the rules to encourage people to use empty bottles of drinks/alcohol. An additional 15 minutes will be allowed to complete the questionnaire.

**Craft competition** - Half a trestle table to display item and mood board.

**Blade shearing** - This competition will be included in the overall Royal Welsh trophy.

**Singing competition** - Change to include "reference in the lyrics to any animal name or noise". Minimum of 2 minutes.

**Dancing** - Time penalty to occur if competitors don't reach minimum time limit.

**Relay Race** - Fancy dress to be added to the theme "on the farm". Commentary element also to be added. This element should include an introduction of the members and club. Up to 3 minutes presentation. A mark scheme should be added to include costume and commentary. The split should be as follows:

50 marks – race (1<sup>st</sup> place gets 50 marks and then work down)

30 marks – commentary (time penalties will occur if over 3 minutes)

10 marks – costume

10 marks – originality

**Hereford Stock Judging** - The word handling should be taken out of the rules.

**Dressing up competition** - Include the sentence "animals are not considered an item"

**TV advert** - "Backing track only" should be added to be in line with the singing and dancing competitions. Change the title from "Welsh produce" to "Welsh produce or product".

**Junior woodwork** - Clarification needs to be added that the design from RSPB does not need to be the final design and that it is only a guide. Add that members would need to supply their own workbench. The only materials that will be used are the timber supplied and fixings. They should bring their own fixings.

**Make a halter** - The twine will not need to be recycled.

**Capable Campers** - Should state that a pole tent should be used and not a pop-up tent. Counties will be able to borrow tents from Wales YFC but they will be expected to return it in the same condition and they receive them. Wales YFC to contact RWAS to see if they'd be happy for members to boil an egg. If not, it will remain as an air bed. If the air bed option will be used, state in the rules that it will be a single air bed.

**Scrapbook** - The scrapbook should include 12 months of the YFC calendar. An individual or group can compete in this competition.

**Farm / place name sign** - An individual or group can compete in this competition. Note in the rules that at least one member needs to be present for the question part of the

competition at the Royal Welsh. Display board only for questions. Freestanding post will not be included in the judging.

**From gate to plate** - PowerPoint is not allowed.

**Action Point 4:** Wales YFC to amend Royal Welsh Show rules and circulate to counties.

## **C/57/2022 CONFIRM COMPETITIONS LIST AND RULES FOR 2022 / 2023**

### **1. Eisteddfod 2022 – c/o Pembrokeshire**

Sian informed the committee that the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft rules have been circulated and welcomed any questions. The committee had no further questions.

Sian raised a point regarding the Cerdd Dant. There is a trophy dedicated for the Cerdd Dant competition and some Counties have been made to include this competition in previous years. It is not included in Pembrokeshire's rules.

A discussion was held that in future years, counties are able to decide what competitions they hold when hosting the Eisteddfod.

**Proposer:** Carys Phillips, Pembrokeshire

**Seconded:** Deryn Evans, Brecknock

Ffion, Carmarthenshire suggested that the above proposal is in place for the next three years in order to avoid re discussing things at committee. All committee members were happy with this.

Rhiannon, Ceredigion asked if the Contemporary Song was still under the light entertainment section. Their concern that some light entertainment judges do not have the correct signing knowledge to judge this competition.

Delun, Pembrokeshire responded stating that they had discussed this at county level and decided that it would remain in the light entertainment section. But, in the rules they have included would be judged alongside one of the music judges.

### **2. Winter Fair 2022**

Sian explained that Cywain had responded in regards to the "Bring Your Own Ideas" competition. They would like to further develop this competition with Wales YFC. Their ideas include a scholarship type of award that would allow the winner access to a range of different services.

It was agreed that this idea should be taken back to counties and fed back at the next competitions meeting.

### **3. National Competitions**

The national competitions list has been circulated with counties. There were no further questions regarding the competitions list.

### **4. Royal Welsh Show 2023**

Due to the time, it was decided to take this agenda point onto the next meeting.

## **C/58/2022 AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on April 19th via Zoom.

Agenda items should include:

- Royal Welsh 2023
- Ynys Mon's proposal – Eisteddfod location
- Public Speaking Day – wording of fine implications
- Winter Fair 2022 – Cywain competition

## **C/59/2022 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire and Montgomery noted that their sports competitions are being held after the closing date. The committee are happy to allow these counties to submit their entries after their competitions.

Sion, Carmarthenshire raised a question regarding the Farm Skills competition at the Field Day. A member asked if a nursing degree can be used for the First Aid part of the competition. It was decided that this would not be sufficient.

Kate, Glamorgan noted that it was a shame that NFYFC Pantomime will be clashing with Wales YFC Field Day. Sian apologised on behalf of Wales YFC that this has happened and noted that they have spoken to both counties competing in the Pantomime. Sian noted that she will write a letter of apology to NFYFC.

Sian asked the committee if anyone would be available to steward at the Wales YFC Public Speaking Day that will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March.

There were no further matters and Sian thanked everyone for their time and input and wished Glamorgan and Gwent the best of luck at the National Pantomime competition.

The meeting was declared closed at 21:49pm.

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