

WALES FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
SUNDAY, 3rd JULY, 2022
LANTRA BUILDING, RWAS 10AM

MINUTES

CHAIRMAN: Miss Nerys Lewis

VICE CHAIRMAN: Miss Caitlin Harley

PRESENT: Nerys Lewis (Chairman - NL), Caitlin Harley (Vice Chairman - CH), Cathrin Jones (Carmarthenshire - CJ), Iestyn Owen (Carmarthenshire - IO), Cerys Baker (Gwent - CB), Niall Evans (Ex chair - NE)

IN ATTENDANCE: Rhianwen Jones (International and Competitions - In part), Hefin Evans (Wales YFC Vice Chair - In part)

I/41/2022 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Madam Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the showground. The committee were asked to introduce themselves due to this being the first in person meeting of the committee held since January 2020.

I/42/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Leah Bevan (Glamorgan), Tomos Lewis (Pembrokeshire), Lwsi Morgan (Montgomeryshire) and Andrew Spencer (YFA)

I/43/2022 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were read and confirmed as correct;

Proposer: Caitlin Harley

Seconder: Niall Evans

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

I/44/2022 ACTION POINTS AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Action points from the previous minutes were read and noted as follows;

Rhianwen to contact Alan from America – This action point is complete.

All delegates are happy to stay at YPV.

I/45/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

An email was received from the YHA.

They would like to know if we could make use of their accommodation. They attached a link to their email with a survey to fill out. The basis of the email is that they are looking to explore opportunities to work closer with us and they were wondering how this may look.

It was suggested that we look at a Youth Forum residential, possibly splitting Wales into 3 sections, north, mid and south. This will limit the travelling for members and parents, and it was felt that more members would join the trip if travelling wasn't such an issue.

I/46/22 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE 2022 INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

The committee were informed that 2 members would be joining us from Ulster along with 1 member from Scotland as part of the short haul exchanges. These members will join the 2 members currently here from America.

We currently have 2 members out in America at the moment. The trip is being promoted on their own personal Instagram and the question was asked regarding how can we promote the trips more on CFFi Cymru to increase the reach.

NE suggested a takeover of the CFFi Cymru Instagram for promotion.

Due to the complication with the travel arrangements of the safari, the committee stressed the need for all outgoing members to get travel insurance.

The cost of Safari has gone up £425 from the original price due to the company that were organising the internal flights have seized trading.

We are not yet sure if the Canada trip is going to go ahead at the present time.

A discussion was had around the idea of promoting county and club exchanges. It was noted that this topic had come up in the pandemic but was not followed up on.

IO asked how do we develop this within the organisation?

It was agreed to look into a form to gauge interest within the network and would allow those interested to be put in contact with each other.

Action 1: Form to be developed for county exchanges.

I/47/22 2023 TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

The issue was raised with finding hosts for the American's. The majority of counties had already committed members to host but there were still a couple who had yet to confirm or acknowledge the correspondence. It was noted that it was extremely difficult to find members to host for 2 weeks at any one time, especially at this time of year due to other commitments.

Due to the difficulty in finding hosts, the committee discussed whether we would look at hosting incoming delegates every year or every couple of years to allow counties to find hosts and not be overwhelmed.

A question was raised regarding if you travel, should you then be expected to host as part of the travelling conditions? The committee felt that there should be some requirement for this, and it needs to be enforced.

A point was brought up that it is difficult for some members to host, so should it be a requirement for them to help host rather than forcing to host.

The committee felt it would be useful to have a welcoming reception for the incoming exchangee's at the YFC centre on the Saturday before the show. Nothing formal, possibly a BBQ.

Action 2: To look into putting on an informal welcome BBQ on the Saturday before the Royal Welsh Show so that the incoming delegates could have a look around and meet the committee prior to the show.

Council previously agreed to hold a ski trip in January 2022, but this needed to be postponed due to COVID. With this being the case, we will look at holding the trip in January 2023. Contiki were previously looked to organise the trip. The committee felt that 4 or 5 days would be the ideal length of the trip and to look at prices over New year.

Action 3: Look into ski trip prices over New year

The committee agreed to keep the short haul exchanges in the programme for 2023. Due to the current difficulty in finding hosts, the question was asked whether those that go on the trips next year can host the same year on their return.

Agreed to keep the study session, European rally and Autumn seminar hosted by Rural Youth Europe.

The committee felt that more short haul group trips should be offered for 2023. Possible max limit of 16 members. Areas to look at included the Orkney Isles, Isle of White, Republic of Ireland, Netherlands, Northern France and the Channel Islands.

Due to the increasing cost of the safari and other factors the committee felt that we shouldn't offer a long-haul group trip for 2023 and possibly put this on hold for a couple of years, focusing on the short haul group travel for the foreseeable.

Other opportunities to be offered in 2023 were:

- Canada – Providing members can travel there this year
- Finland
- New Zealand dairy scholarship
- Look into the Germany exchange opportunity and set up for 2023
- New homestay opportunities to look at included Switzerland and Austria

It was agreed to keep Interrailing in the programme

After a discussion around the Sailing challenge and its merits, the committee agreed to discuss with the youth forum and look to remove from the program. With the removal of the sailing challenge, the international programme would not have any opportunities on offer for the younger members. We therefore agree to investigate the possibility of offering youth forum residentials. This will need to be discussed with the youth forum committee, but we felt it would offer better opportunities and a wider scope for more members to attend. It was suggested to look at October half term for the first trip.

Action 3: Look into hosting Youth forum residentials by end of the year.

I/48/22 AGENDA ITEMS & DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Saturday 17th September 2022 to be held at the Wales YFC AGM

I/49/22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No further business was noted, and the meeting was declared closed at 11:50am.

ACTION	COMMENT
Action 1: To look into putting on an informal welcome BBQ on the Saturday before the Royal Welsh Show so that the incoming delegates could have a look around and meet the committee prior to the show.	Completed by committee members
Action 2: To discuss the idea of Youth Forum residential trips with the Youth Forum committee.	Completed by committee members
Action 3: Form to be developed for County and club exchanges	
Action 4: To look at prices for the Ski trip 2023 in more detail	Due to NFYFC holding a Ski Trip in January 2023, Wales YFC now looking at alternative ideas