

FEDERATION OF WELSH YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS



**COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE**  
**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY, 2022**  
**LANTRA BUILDING, LLANELWEDD, 10AM**

## **MINUTES**

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**CHAIRMAN:** Miss Sian Healey

**VICE CHAIRMAN:** Miss Sioned Davies

**PRESENT:** Sian Healey (Committee Chairman), Sioned Davies (Committee Vice-Chairman), Meinir Jones (Eryri), Gwen Thomas (Eryri), Fflur Powell-Roberts (Ynys Mon), Will Hughes (Ynys Mon), Leanne Davies (Brecknock), Katie Matthews (Gwent), Deryn Evans (Brecknock), Carys Phillips (Pembrokeshire), Delun Evans (Pembrokeshire), Manon Williams (Meirionnydd), Liz Swancott (Radnor), Sion Evans (Carmarthenshire), Ffion Medi Rees (Carmarthenshire), Rhiannon Davies (Ceredigion), Hefin Evans (Wales YFC Vice Chairman – In part)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Rhianwen Jones (Competitions Officer, Wales YFC – In part)

### **C/70/2022 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Sian Healey welcomed everyone to the Competitions sub-committee. Sian also congratulated everyone that competed at the Sports Day. She also congratulated the team of stock judges that represented Wales at the Royal Highland show.

### **C/71/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were given from Emma Powell (Brecknock), Angharad Jones (Meirionnydd)

### **C/72/2022 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes from the previous meeting were read out and were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Proposer:** Sion Evans, Sir Gar

**Seconder:** Carys Philips, Pembrokeshire

## C/73/2022 ACTION POINTS AND MATTER ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ACTION	COMMENT
<b>Action Point 1:</b> Wales YFC to update the General rules to include Public Speaking Day rule	Completed
<b>Action Point 2:</b> Wales YFC to approach the Field Day Stockman top 3 individuals to compete at the Highland Show	Completed - the team going to the Highland Show are Rhian Lewis (Brecknock), Jess Banks (Montgomery) and Thomas Swancott (Radnor)
<b>Action Point 3:</b> Wales YFC to extend the closing date of the Eisteddfod to the 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Completed
<b>Action Point 4:</b> Wales YFC to update the Event Report to include the feedback for next year	Completed
<b>Action Point 5:</b> Wales YFC to update the Winter Fair rules, and start promoting Baby Beef as soon as possible	Completed – rules to be approved at the next meeting

All action points from previous meeting were completed.

It was noted that it had been agreed that a video would be circulated to promote the baby beef competition in the Winter Fair.

**Action 1:** Wales YFC to produce a promotional video.

## C/74/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

The committee has received a letter from Delyth Powell, the chair of the Wales YFC Staff Association. The following points were covered within the letter:

- Suggested that there should be a cap on the number of competitions at the Royal Welsh show.
- Concerns that the cost of many Royal Welsh competitions are getting expensive. In particular the fencing and woodwork competitions.
- Suggested to introduce "re-use" and "re-purpose" into Royal Welsh competitions.
- Concerns that some breeds of stock are becoming difficult to source. It was suggested that a breed rota is introduced and that it's agreed by all counties. It was also suggested to remove the Sections Bs in future years.
- It suggested that the Royal Welsh show rules are sent to the staff association for scrutiny before being released to the members.
- Suggested that a rule is added to the Efficiency with Safety competitions that make and models of equipment should be shared two weeks prior to the competition.

After discussion the committee agreed the following:

- Efficiency with Safety: The make of machinery should be released two weeks prior to the competition. The exact model and details should not be given until a day before the competition. Members of the committee decided that having this information doesn't not give an advantage to competitors and that the members should be prepared to do the tasks on any make of machinery. The following rule should be added "machinery may change subject to availability"
- Committee agreed to ask the staff association for a list of accessible breeds to produce a stock judging rota.
- The committee agreed that a maximum of 20 competitions should be at the Royal Welsh going forward.

Sian noted that she had raised with the NFYFC Competitions Steering Group the price of the fencing equipment. It has been agreed to reduce fencing length in future to help lower the costs.

**Action 2:** Add the rules to the Farm Machinery Skills competition regarding makes and models being released.

**Action 3:** Ask the staff association for a list of suitable breeds and produce a stockjudging rota.

## **C/75/2022 TO REVIEW RECENT EVENT**

### **1. Field Day**

An event report was created and circulated to the committee members. Sian read through this report. The following comments were made in regard to the actions points.

- Committee members did not feel that asking members to bring their own fencing materials would be an option. There would not be consistency with the materials and would be difficult for members travelling from far to carry materials with them.
- It was suggested that the judge and chief steward go to the merchants prior to the competition to check the materials.
- Wales YFC noted the difficulty of sourcing Beef for the stock judging competition due to the stand still rules. After discussions it was decided that members would prefer to travel a short distance (no more than 15 minutes) than not have beef as part of the competition. It was noted that shuttle buses should be provided if this were to happen.
- It was noted that counties had been contacting the machinery dealers directly to try and find out what will be at the Wales YFC Field Day. This should not be done at any circumstance. A general rules should be added "Counties should not contact any supplier or judge prior to competition"

Members felt that the Vet Paper was too difficult with too many poultry questions. It was suggested that an Agri Lecturer is asked to write the questions.

The committee felt that the fencing competition is outdated and that very little people fence by hand. Sian is to feed this back to the NFYFC Competitions Steering group.

### **2. Sports Day**

An event report was created and circulated to the committee members. Sian read through this report. The following comments were made in regards to the actions points.

- Lower entries: After discussion, the committee felt that this was down to the year we've just had. The hope that the next full restriction free year would help the number of entries.
- A specific timetable should be published for the field events. Allow a member to compete in more than one competition.
- All agreed that the catering worked well.
- 2023 entry closing date = 18<sup>th</sup> June.
- The committee were happy with the facilities at Brecon Leisure Centre. It was agreed that Wales Sports Day should alternate between Brecon and Aberystwyth.
- Clothing – note in rules that teams should wear similar coloured clothing to avoid confusion. It was suggested that Wales YFC is to source some bibs to avoid confusion.

Members felt that Brecon Leisure Centre was a very large venue and members didn't always know what was happening. It was suggested to have a large PA system if this was to happen again.

The committee decided that the track and field competitions should be put on the same time.

It was noted that a lot of members did not have their membership cards. Digital Cards are being introduced in September 2023, therefore, the committee feel that this may not be a problem going forward.

## **C/76/2022 TO CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ROYAL WELSH SHOW**

### **1. Competition Draws**

All committee members were happy with the draws.

## **C/77/2022 CONFIRM COMPETITION LIST & RULES FOR 2022 / 2023**

### **1. Winter Fair 2022**

**Cywain Competition:** Sian read an Email from Lowri, Cywain. It was suggested that the competition winners would get an opportunity to cook at the Royal Welsh show at the Hybu Cig Cymru stand. There was some confusion on what Royal Welsh show the letter was suggestion. Rhianwen to check. If it was Royal Welsh 2022, the previous winner were to have the offer.

After discussion, it was decided that the 2022 competition should be "Create a business plan for your existing or new small business" (within the food and drink industry). There is no requirement for a mood board, just a business plan. This competition should not go towards the overall Winter Fair trophy. One entry per country – it would be up to the county if they would like to hold a county competition.

Marking scheme:

Business Plan: 50

Concepts: 10

Q&A: 40

**Action 4:** Wales YFC to discuss this idea with Cywain and add to the Winter Fair rules.

**Promotional Video:** "Create a video to promote a video of a business attending the Winter Fair". The members should contact the business first to ensure they are happy that they are creating this video – proof will be needed. These videos should be shared on social media the prior to the Winter Fair. Royalty free music only.

### **2. Entertainment Feast 2023**

The competition will be held 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Member of the Year: Feedback should be given to all competitors. Only the top three to be announced at the Entertainment Feast.

### **3. Public Speaking 2023**

The committee decided that the 2023 competition will be held 26 March at the Royal Welsh Showground.

The following timetable was agreed for the Welsh senior public speaking competitions:

<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Brainstrust: U21	Call my bluff: U21	Debating: U21
Debating: U28	After Dinner Speaking: U28	Brainstrust: U28

The committee were happy to follow NFYFC in the English Competitions along with holding the Jump Rope, Street Dancing and Situations Vacant (Junior and Senior) at the Public Speaking day.

#### 4. Field Day 2023

The committee were happy to follow the NFYFC competitions and add the following:

- Junior Fferm Factor
- Junior Fencing (Wales YFC to look for options)
- Sheep Dog trials
- Auctioneering U28

Date for 2023 Field Day (Ceredigion hosting)– Saturday 15 April at Trawscoed.

Closing date for entries – 27 March (except Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and Gwent – these will be submitted following their competition).

#### 5. Sports Day 2023

The committee were happy to follow the NFYFC competitions and add the following:

- Mixed Junior Dodgeball 10 – 16

Some counties noted that the age categories were restrictive. The committee agreed that counties can adapt them as they see fit as long as they ensured the correctly aged team being sent through to the Wales round.

#### 6. Royal Welsh 2023

Sian read the competition list and titles to the committee.

In terms of sheep stock judging, the committee thought the Welsh Mules were celebrating an anniversary next year. Wales YFC is to check this.

It was suggested to introduce a mixed TOW competition at the Royal Welsh. Wales YFC to check with the Royal Welsh about the availability of the Cattle Ring.

It was agreed that Blade Shearing should be included in the overall Royal Welsh shield.

The following suggestion came forward in terms of the 2023 Royal Welsh:

- "A twist on a circus act" 3 minutes long (stage competition)
- Theme of the singing competition "colour"
- Circus promotional show (stage competition)
- Woolhandling – team of two, to coincide with the shearing competition.

Due to time constraints, Sian decided that an additional meeting should be held via Zoom to finish discussing the Royal Welsh 2023 competitions.

## **C/78/2022 AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held via Zoom - Tuesday 26 July at 7:30pm.

Agenda items will include:

- Review of 2022 Royal Welsh
- Confirm Royal Welsh 2023 Competitions

## **C/79/2022 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no further matter arising.

The meeting was declared closed at 12:45pm.

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