



**COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 18TH APRIL, 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), Caryl Haf Jones (Wales YFC Chairman), Hefin Evans (Wales YFC Vice-Chairman), Bleddyn Davies (Ceredigion), Delun Evans (Pembrokeshire), Deryn Evans (Brecknock), Elizabeth Swancott (Radnor), Eiliw Griffith (Ynys Mon), Eloisa Isaac (Montgomery), Ffion Rees (Carmarthenshire), Gwen Thomas (Eryri), Gwyneth Thomas (Glamorgan County Organiser), Manon Williams (Meirionnydd), Sion Evans (Carmarthenshire), Will Hughes (Ynys Mon), Emma Powell (Brecknock), James Nixon (Radnor), Manon (Ynys Mon)

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

C/60/2022 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Sian Healey welcomed everyone to the Competitions sub-committee. Sian also congratulated everyone that competed at the Public Speaking Day. She also congratulated Caryl Haf on the birth of her son.

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/61/2022 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were given from: Katie Court (Ex-Officio), Carys Philips (Pembrokeshire), Rhiannon Davies (Ceredigion), Emma Rees (Brecknock), Kate Thomas (Glamorgan)

C/62/2022 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

Seconder: James Nixon, Radnor

C/63/2022 ACTION POINTS AND MATTER ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ACTION	COMMENT
Action Point 1: Wales YFC to update the Fencing rules and circulate to counties	Completed
Action Point 2: Wales YFC to create wording for the new Public Speaking rule to be approved at the next meeting	Completed
Action Point 3: Wales YFC to add an under 14 section to the Athletics rules	Completed
Action Point 4: Wales YFC to amend Royal Welsh Show rules and circulate to counties.	Completed

Action Point 2, to confirm wording for public speaking rules. The committee agreed on the following wording: **"At public speaking day any competition where a panel is made up with members from two different counties a £100 fine will be in place if a team withdraws from the competition after the draw is made three weeks prior to the competition."**

In terms of Eisteddfod, it should be noted that the following was agreed. Even if there is a cup for a certain competition, this does not mean that a County has to choose that competition in their Eisteddfod list.

Action Point 1: Wales YFC to update the General rules to include Public Speaking Day rule

C/64/2022 CORRESPONDENCE

Information has been received regarding a pilot Stock Judging competition with the Five Nations that will be held at the Highland show. Wales YFC are able to send forward 3 members to compete. The committee agreed that the top three from Wales YFC Field Day senior Stockman competition would be asked to go forward.

A letter has been received from Meirionnydd. The letter noted their concerns that there is not a Cerdd Dant competition in the Eisteddfod 2022. They also noted that the Wales YFC entry closing date is before their county Eisteddfod.

After discussion, the committee decided to extend the closing date to the 7th November as several other counties had the same issues.

In terms of the Cerdd Dant, it was proposed that the host county get to decide what competitions are in the Eisteddfod programme.

Proposer: Sion Evans, Carmarthenshire

Seconded: Sioned Davies, Ceredigion

Action Point 2: Wales YFC to approach the Field Day Stockman top 3 individuals to compete at the Highland Show

Action Point 3: Wales YFC to extend the closing date of the Eisteddfod to the 7th November

C/65/2022 TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON THE EISTEDDFOD VENUE RULE

Caryl informed the committee on discussions that were taken place in the Finance and Management committee. It was noted that it was discussed at the Council meeting that

took place 14th July 2020. It was also discussed in the competitions meeting prior to this, which there were ten county federations present.

Caryl noted that Claire is currently working on budget and would be in a position to share those within 7-10 days.

Concerns were raised from several committee members regarding the time this decision was made and that most counties were not meeting in July 2020 due to COVID restrictions.

It was strongly felt, if counties are able to host the Eisteddfod within their counties, Wales YFC should support this.

It was agreed that the competitions committee is to write a letter to finance and management committee to ask for the current decision is changed and that Wales YFC support counties to host the Eisteddfod in their own county pending they are able to make it financially successful. The three set venues should be kept as backup in case a county does have a suitable location.

Proposer: Sioned Davies, Ceredigion

Seconder: Delun Evans, Pembrokeshire

Action Point 4: Letter to be sent to the Finance and Management committee regarding the Eisteddfod venue rule

C/66/2022 TO REVIEW FESTIVAL OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

A report of the day was shared on screen and Sian talked the committee through it.

Counties agreed that an earlier results ceremony for the morning competition should be done due to young members travelling a long distance.

Points were raised regarding the Senior Member of Year competition. It was noted that the judges asked competitors to keep their answers short. Sian apologised for this.

Disappointment was raised regarding the Welsh After Dinner Speaking as one county pulled out last minute. It felt that the other county at that dinner didn't have the best chance to respond.

It was noted that the room where the results was shared was a little small for the amount of people there.

For future competition it was raised that we avoid celebrations day such as Mother's Day or Cardiff Half Marathon. Sian asked that counties discuss if a Saturday or Sunday would suit competitors better.

The committee decided that the Welsh Senior topics should be released four weeks prior to the competition to be in line with the English section.

It was decided to add a question in the Junior Member of the Year form to ask if they require laptop/projector etc.

Some members would wish to know the full results for the Senior and Junior member of the year competition. Sian asked that the committee take it back to county level for all opinions.

Action Point 4: Wales YFC to update the Event Report to include the feedback for next year

C/67/2022 CONFIRM COMPETITION LIST & RULES FOR 2022 / 2023

1. Royal Welsh Show

Discussion was made around the 2023 Royal Welsh competition. The following competitions were suggested:

Theme: Circus

Proposer: Will Hughes, Ynys Mon

Secunder: Sion Evans, Carmarthenshire

- Federation Display
- Members competition
 - Cookery U21– street food, 2 courses to be served at the circus
 - Floral U28 – “Circus”
 - Craft U16– A gift for the circus / decorate a ringmaster hat
- Sheep Shearing
- Wool Handling
- Hand Shearing
- Singing (group & solo)
 - Group: A song/medley to open the circus
 - Solo – A song/medley to close the circus
- Dancing – A dance using a circus accessory and a contrasting dance
- Main Ring Display – Welcome to the Circus (no race)
- Holstein Stock Judging
- Dressing Up – Circus Performer or animal
- Sheep Stock Judging (Counties to provide ideas)
- Create a TV advert (Counties to provide ideas)
- Tug of War
- Junior Tug of War
- Junior Woodwork (Counties to provide ideas)
- Senior Woodwork (Counties to provide ideas)
- Generation Game
- Pigs Stock Judging (Counties to provide breed ideas)
- Rugby 7s
- Scrapbook
- Create Farm Sing – TBC
- On the spot competition – TBC
- County Chairman Competition – TBC

2. Winter Fair 2022

Rhianwen shared Cywain’s suggestion for the competition at the Winter Fair which would include catering a business plan for their food venture. The winner would get an opportunity to sell their produce on the Winter Fair Cywain stand at the food hall and a mentorship scheme from Menter a Busnes. It would be judged through an interview. This would be suited for members already with a food/drink business.

Sian asked that all member asked their counties for feedback.

Discussion was held on the video competition. It was decided that it would be changed to a video promoting a local business.

It was agreed that the promotion of the Baby Beef competition should start earlier than usual in order for member to have opportunity to find a calf. Wales YFC are to look for sponsorship for the competition as an incentive for members to compete. It was decided to keep the information board as compulsory.

The Prime Lamb competition was discussed. It was decided to take out the carcass element of the competition.

Action Point 5: Wales YFC to update the Winter Fair rules, and start promoting Baby Beef as soon as possible

C/68/2022 AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on morning of council – date tbc. Backup date if Council were to be on zoom will be Tuesday 14 June 7pm via Zoom.

C/69/2022 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Rhianwen shared feedback from county organisers in regards to the Sports Day. Many counties are struggling to find equipment for the athletics in terms of cost and availability. It has come to light that the referee must be level 3 qualified. The committee agreed that Wales YFC should try and look for a level 3 qualified ref, but if none are available or they are too expensive, officers will take the decision to pull those competitions.

Ceredigion asked if the list of implements for the Farm Skills competition has been shared. Rhianwen explained that the dealership providing the machines has not yet shared this. It was hoped that this information will be shared tomorrow.

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, Raiff Devlin in the Senior Member of the Year and to all competing in the Wales YFC Field Day.

The meeting was declared closed at 21:31pm.

ACTION	COMMENT
Action Point 1: Wales YFC to update the General rules to include Public Speaking Day rule	Completed
Action Point 2: 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)
Action Point 3: Wales YFC to extend the closing date of the Eisteddfod to the 7 th November	Completed
Action Point 4: Wales YFC to update the Event Report to include the feedback for next year	Completed
Action Point 5: 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