



Shropshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

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Competitions Committee Minutes Thursday 23rd September 2021 8pm

1. **Attendance:** Emily Grandfield, Rebecca Joynt, Daniel Hughes, Ami Bower, Jim Griffiths, Rosie Woodcock, Ruby Brooker, Hafina John, Charlotte Mason, Lucy Holins, Lara Holins, Jack Benbow, Annabel Lea, Lucy Maginess, Huw Roberts, Georgie Talbot, Chloe Talbot, Max Porter, Joe Jackson, Tom Everall, Maisie Evans

Apologies: Jack Lea, Millie Preece, James Kempster, Rachel Cooper, Aimee Pritchard

2. **Minutes from the last meeting:** were agreed to be a true representation of the meeting.
3. **Correspondence:** None
4. **Treasurers Report:** No report given.
5. **Report on 2021/2021 year:** Emily Grandfield gave a short report on the 2020/2021 year. "Covid continued into the winter of 2020, making it difficult to plan and hold competitions. However we organised the speaking competitions to be held virtually, which were well supported. The Christmas card and calendar competition, new for this year was really popular and made a good amount of money for the county. The first in-person competition was the clay pigeon shooting, followed by field day, sports day, stock judging and Tug of War. Some competitions were cancelled by NFYFC and SFYFC voted to cancel some, although we hope to reinstate these for 2021. Emily thanked clubs as most competitions were well supported, with members joining up to compete, and lots of teams have qualified for national finals."
6. **Voting in of new Committee Officers:**
 - a. Chairman: Rebecca Joynt proposed Emily Grandfield to remain as Chairman. Seconded by Jim Griffiths.
 - b. Secretary: Rebecca Joynt proposed Hafina John for Secretary. Seconded by Ruby Brooker.
 - c. Treasurer: There were no proposals for Treasurer.
7. **Handover.**
8. **Upcoming competitions/plan for the year:** Emily Grandfield presented the 2021-2022 NFYFC Competitions programme and expanded on some current plans for SFYFC

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- a. **Christmas card & Calendar competition:** Planning to run again this year, will get entries open sooner this year. Decided to allow advisory to enter again this year as worked well last year.
Action: Entries to open
- b. **Speaking Competitions and Choir:** Will look to hold north and south rounds for Intermediate Braintrust. Rest of speaking competitions will be held on competitions day as normal, as well as the choir competition. Have been offered free use of Walford college.
Action: Committee Officers to book date and venue for Braintrust rounds. Committee Officers to book date at Walford college for remaining speaking competitions and choir. Entries to open.
- c. **Bowling:** Looking to bring back this year in January.
- d. **Pantomime:** Discussed venue options, general opinion was Whitchurch Civic Centre is a good venue, know what to expect and staff accommodate young farmers well. Will be held end of February as normal. Would be good to encourage more clubs to enter a panto.
Action: Committee Officers to book Whitchurch Civic Centre
- e. **Sports Day:** Will aim to hold in spring as normal.
- f. **Tug of War:** Discussed moving it to Shropshire Show as it is a good spectator event. There was concern regarding the time it might take and clashing with animal showing, other YFC competitions in the marquee and floats. It was suggested to hold the semi-final and final at the show and have an eliminator prior to show day.
- g. **Rugby 7s:** The idea of bringing back a Shropshire Ruby 7s competition was raised, although it is not a NFYFC competition this year.

9. Items for the next agenda:

- a. Speaking Competitions/Choir
- b. Bowling
- c. Pantomime
- d. Stewarding
- e. Fines

10. **Any urgent business:** None

11. **Date of next meeting:** 18th November 2021

Meeting closed at 8.33pm

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