

SHROPSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 30th September 2021 AT SHREWSBURY LIVESTOCK MARKET
AT 7.30 PM

Action Points: None

Present: Chris Potter (County Chairman), Rachel Cooper (Vice County Chairman), Howard Jones (County President), Gemma Rockell (County Administrator), Chrissie Evans (County Treasurer), David Roberts (Chair of Management Committee), Dan Webster (Management Committee), Sam Williams (Rally Chairman), Ruby Brooker (Rally Secretary), Emily Grandfield (Competitions Chairman), Hafina John (Competitions Secretary), James Henderson (Outgoing Social Chairman), Chris Wynne (County VP), Rob Davies (County VP), Julie Hockenhull (County VP), Dan Link (Brown Clee), Max Porter (Brown Clee), Marcus Sheppard (Chirbury & Marton), Emma Kelly (Cleobury Mortimer), Emily Towlson (Cleobury Mortimer), Andrew Hardy (Cleobury Mortimer), John Sloan (Cleobury Mortimer), Joe Ashley (Dorrington), Ollie Wilson (Dorrington), Richie Lewis (Ludlow), Charlotte Price (Ludlow), Ami Bower (Much Wenlock), Beth Jones (Much Wenlock), Jim Griffiths (Rushbury & Cardington), Rosie Woodcock (Rushbury & Cardington), Stephen Williams (Shawbury), Kayleigh Hughes (Shawbury), Fin Whitehead (Shawbury), Charlotte Mason (Wem), Jordan Page (Wem), Lucy Maginess (Whitchurch)

1 Apologies: Malcolm Roberts (County VP), Linda Green (County VP), Kath Morris (County VP), Victoria Rowlands (Social Chairman), Charlie Moss (Social Secretary), Dan Hughes (Social Treasurer), Rachel Lokier (Stock Judging Officer), Jessica Powell (WMA Chairman), Judy Dixon (Honorary Life Member), James Kynaston (Alberbury), George Hyne (Alberbury), Ben Hughes (Alberbury), James Pugh (Chirbury & Marton), Morgan Pearce (Dorrington), Ellie Beavan (Chirbury & Marton), Tom Everall (Nesscliffe), Pip Maddocks (Nesscliffe), Katie Slawson (Newport), Lucy Hollins (Newport), Megan Davies (Newport), Jack Benbow (Whitchurch), Jo Forrester (Whitchurch), Will Roberts (Whitt & Os), Joe Thomas (Whitt & Os), Molly Hodnett (Whitt & Os), Zoe Kempster (Whitt & Os),

2 Minutes of the Last Meeting:

These were signed as a true and correct record.

3 Matters Arising:

There were none.

4 Correspondence:

- NFYFC and The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons email

5 Nominations for NFYFC County Council Representatives &/or West Midlands Area Representatives

The Committee decided that the same reps would be used for both NFYFC Council and West Midlands Area and will be as follows:

NFYFC – Rachel Cooper and Jessica Powell with Sam Williams and Bobby Brooker and deputies

WMA – Rachel Cooper, Jessica Powell, Sam Williams and Bobby Brooker

6 Proposal of approval of Committee Chairs (Not approved at AGM)

Approval of Committee Chairs – Emily Grandfield (Competitions), Sam Williams (Rally), Victoria Rowlands (Social) and Bobby Brooker (PD & Training). This was proposed by Rebecca Joynt of Bridgnorth YFC and seconded by Ruby Brooker of Shawbury YFC.

7 Appointment of Management Committee

Past County Chairman, Current County Chairman, Vice County Chairman, County President (Howard Jones), County Treasurer (Chrissie Evans), Chair of Management (David Roberts), Chair of Staff Management (Adrian Joynt), County Administrator (Gemma Rockell), SFYFC Committee Chairs, Co-opted Member (Caroline Whiteman), Co-opted Member (Dan Webster), Co-opted Member (Will Warner). This was proposed by Jim Griffiths of Rushbury & Cardington YFC and seconded by Joe Ashley of Dorrington YFC.

8 Approval of Location of County AGM and Agenda

This year's County AGM will be held on Saturday 16th October 7.30pm at Minsterley Parish Hall. Copies of the proposed agenda were circulated to the Committee who agreed to the Agenda.

9 Financial Report – Chrissie Evans

For the financial year until 31st August we made a profit of just over £20,000. This is mainly due to incoming money from furlough and grants.

The Chairman's bash profit will go into this year's accounts.

10 Management Committee Report – David Roberts

Over the past 18th months, the Management Committee have been holding monthly meetings. We have had money going out but not much money coming in. SFYFC took full advantage of the furlough scheme which ends today and Gemma will be back in the office full time from Monday 4th October.

We are changing the Management Committee to allow County reps to be voting members. We are also co-opting 3 new members who are Caroline Whiteman, Dan Webster and Will Warner.

The Committee have also introduced a merchandise / tshirts policy for County Committees. Committees can design the shirts but all orders with printers will go through the County Office and no shirts will be ordered unless payment is received.

DR thanked Chrissie for her hard work this year and advised that the aged debtor list has been greatly reduced.

We have advertised for a County Organiser but will be re-opening applications towards the end of October hopefully appointing this side of Christmas.

11 County Committee Reports

Social Committee – James Henderson

The social year could have been brilliant but unfortunately Covid hit and all we managed to do with a quiz at Bayston Hill.

A couple of clubs have hosted Pub of the Month which have had great turn outs.

Good luck to this year's Officers, Victoria Rowlands, Charlie Moss and Dan Hughes.

2020-21 Chairman's Events – Chris Potter

Shearing marathon at the Minsterley Show went down really well. Thanks to all the clubs for coming to help and also a huge thanks for the Sheppard's and Rob Davies for supplying the sheep. We managed to raise £10,000 for charity which will be split equally between Midlands Air Ambulance and Cancer Research UK. Last year's charity donations will also be presented at the AGM.

The Chairman's Bash went ahead on 11th September. We decided on a smaller TEN's (499) licence which fitted well. We were full to capacity and tickets sold out the day they went on sale. There were no major issues on the night and everyone had a great time. We made a profit of approx. £11,500 on the night. Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up and on the night to make it such a great event.

The County AGM will be held in 2 weeks on 16th October and I will finally be stepping down as County Chair.

Competitions Committee – Emily Grandfield

Competitions finally managed to get going again. We held TOW and sports and have a few teams through to NFYFC finals taking place next weekend

Nesscliffe (Netball)
Brown Clee (Football)
Ludlow (Cricket)
Brown Clee Juniors (TOW)

I am staying on as Comps Chair but Rebecca and Aimee have stepped down this year. Hafina and Maisie have taken on the roles of Secretary and Treasurer.

We are hoping to run the Christmas card and calendar competitions again this year. They were very well supported last year and it's great so many members got involved.

Speaking weekend will likely be 1st weekend in December and we're hopefully going to be at a new venue of Walford College.

Comps league winners will be announced at the County AGM!

Rally Committee – Sam Williams

With Covid restrictions lifting, we finally managed to hold a 'Field Day' with the Fence Erecting and Floral Arts. Shawbury took victory and managed to secure a place at the NFYFC final. We also have 4 floral arts competitors representing Shropshire at the National finals.

We had our handover meeting last week and Alice has stepped down as Secretary with Ruby Brooker taking on the role with Kate Woodcock as Treasurer.

Dan Milner is happy to host the Rally and date is TBC but likely the 1st weekend in July.

12 Other Reports

West Midlands Area & NFYFC Council

No meetings have taken place recently and the next WMA planned meeting is 12th October.

13 SFYFC YFC Grant Update

HJ advised that now clubs are back up and running, we are accepting grant applications again. This could

14 News from the Clubs

Each club discussed the following:

- What the club has been up to
- Something coming up
- Next meeting date

15 Items for Next Agenda

16 Any Urgent Business

GR said that Walford College has kindly offered SFYFC free use of rooms and farm walks for any clubs who are interested in doing on.

Most clubs are up and running on the online membership system. There were a few teething issues which were quickly ironed out and all is working well now. GR advised that discount of £10 until 31st Dec is for those who were members in the 20/21. The SFYFC will be checking membership paid and clubs will be charged the difference for members who pay the wrong amount.

17 Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 3rd February 2022

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed:
Miss Rachel Cooper – Incoming County Chairman