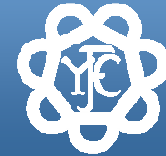




NFYFC Council

9 February 2014

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Agriculture & Rural Affairs



Agriculture & Rural Affairs Steering Group

Council to approve

- The Steering Group will be known as Agriculture and Rural Issues Steering Group using the hash tag #YFCAGRI for social media and acronym AGRI. **Approved**

Agriculture & Rural Affairs Steering Group

Council to note

- Lynsey Martin has been elected as Vice-Chairman of the Steering Group
- We have had a discussion with Steve Webster about the future of the matching service.
- We heard from Caroline Trude about her experience of the World Youth Ag Summit.
- Ed Humber gave us a presentation about the South West TB Advisory Service.
- Planning for the AGRI Forum is in progress with the theme Agri-technology.
- Defra Grant events have been very successful and we are planning 2014/15.
- CEJA Update.



Agriculture & Rural Affairs Steering Group

Council to note

- Our aims for this year are:
 - To improve communications with AGRI Links persons at County Level.
 - To empower members to speak out on their views to the wider agricultural industry and the forces that effect them.
 - To have varying topical focuses throughout the year such as flooding.



Competitions

Competitions Steering Group

Council to note

- Parental consent forms will be circulated on green paper and a reminder placed on social media prior to the National Final of competitions
- Dodgeball UK representative to attend Staff Conference to forge links with YFC ready for 2015 national competition
- BASC competitions committee to look into a clay pigeon shooting competition
- Judges & Stewards 2013-14 suggestions made, please note NODA to judge the entertainments at both North and South Regional Finals and Finals
- Cube Exhibit to be held at Tenbury Show
- Request to be made to Tenbury Show to also host the Sewing and Journey of Tweed

Competitions Steering Group

Council to note

- Clarification has been made with regard to the Side by Side ATV competency certificate required
- Performing Arts competition. Child Performance Licence – Letter sent to Edward Timpson Minister for Education to gain exemption
- To Note 2014-2015 Rules
- Pop Video will now be Pop Dancing
- Mixed Kwik Cricket 10 - 16 & under
- Mixed Dodgeball 17 – 26 & under
- Cross Country Individual & Team of 4 – 2x U26, 1x U21, 1x U16, includes a minimum of 1 male or 1 female
- A darts competition will be held at Annual Convention

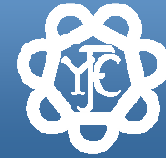


Competitions Steering Group

Council to approve

- The photography competition held in 2013 – the committee have decided that the photos will be made into blank greetings cards to be on sale through Club Shop **Approved**

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CEM

CEM Steering Group

Council to note

- Line up for Annual Convention is mostly confirmed. Acts so far are:
 - Friday night: Jameela Jamil and Boomin
 - Saturday night: Aled Haydn Jones (plus one TBC) and Queen tribute act (as voted for by members)
 - Sunday night: Scott Mills and Chris Stark, and the Tzars
- A new website dedicated to Annual Convention has been created and will be online soon. www.yfconvention.org.uk
- Massey Ferguson are confirmed as the main Convention sponsor
- We need more volunteers to be stewards at Annual Convention
- Annual Convention 2015 and 2017 are booked and signed for Torquay

CEM Steering Group

Council to note

- The social media guide book for counties was approved and will be sent out to counties and clubs
- The group agreed to invite a range of high profile people to become NFYFC ambassadors (such as Matt Baker, Adam Henson)
- The CEM Steering Group will now be looking after the YFC Ski trip. Tignes, France. 3rd – 10th January 2015. Base price including coach travel €399. A range of upgrades will be available, including accommodation upgrades, travel upgrades.
- CEM is reviewing its name and will confirm the new title at the next Council meeting in June.
- CEM reviewed the question on Facebook from a member who asked for ideas on how to recruit new members for counties that are struggling. We discussed the idea of a recruitment drive and for clubs to increase contacts with local journalists.



Personal Development

Personal Development Steering Group

Council to note

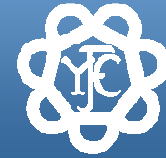
- Ski trip 2015 – handed over to CEM Steering team
- Co-options – Robert Williams, Herefordshire, David Gwatkins – Agricultural Chaplain and Heather Coar
- Events Health and Safety support guide now launched and available on the NFYFC website
- Trainers Forum – 13th April in Swindon
- Quotations are being obtained for 'The Source' printing and folder
- We will be working with NCYVS, RSPB and the Canal and Rivers Trust to promote Youth Social Action in rural areas through community and environmental projects

Personal Development Steering Group

Council to note

- Nicola, Ben and Sioned will be speaking about Overcoming Barriers to Participation in rural areas at a national event organised by the Woodcraft Folk
- All spaces are now filled on the YFC Travel trips - 50% more applicants on this selection day from previous day
- Working on a 'YFC Travel All you need to know' document
- India selected as the volunteering trip
- There is now a YFA rep in each Area.

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Youth Forum




Youth Forum Steering Group

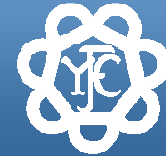
Council to note

- That Sioned Davies has been voted in as Steering Group Chairman and Danielle McNulty and Helen Brown have been voted in as Vice Chairs.
- That Ben Cavill, Sioned Davies and Tom Collison had a successful pitch to the CLA in December and have managed to obtain a stand for gratis at the CLA Game Fair in the Exploring Nature section.
- That AGCO Parts have agreed (with gentle persuasion of the youth forum members) to provided branded polo shirts and pop-up stands for both the Discover AGCO trade show and CLA Game Fair.

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- That Freddie Wootton and Georgie Morris have successfully secured places on the U18 Tall Ships trip.
 - That Mid Devon Council have finally carried out all checks and have given permission for the Youth Forum to bury the Time Capsule in Hemyock. The Youth Forum are considering holding the event during the start of the Easter Holidays.
 - That the Youth Forum have now raised £2.54 through Easy Fundraising up from 3p at the last meeting. Their next target is £10 by June – please help.
 - That the Field to Fork game is progressing nicely. The game has been tested and production quotes are being obtained. A funder will be required.

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- That members held a productive discussion regarding thoughts on developing work with Emily Sharlot of AGCO..
 - The members have fed in into the other steering groups agendas.
 - That Ben Cavill and Sioned Davies will be joining Nicola Chegwidden to lead a discussion on overcoming barriers to participation in rural areas at a national conference in February.
 - That the Youth Forum members had an amazing time at the residential all thanks to AGCO Parts. They are very grateful for the support and funding they have received.

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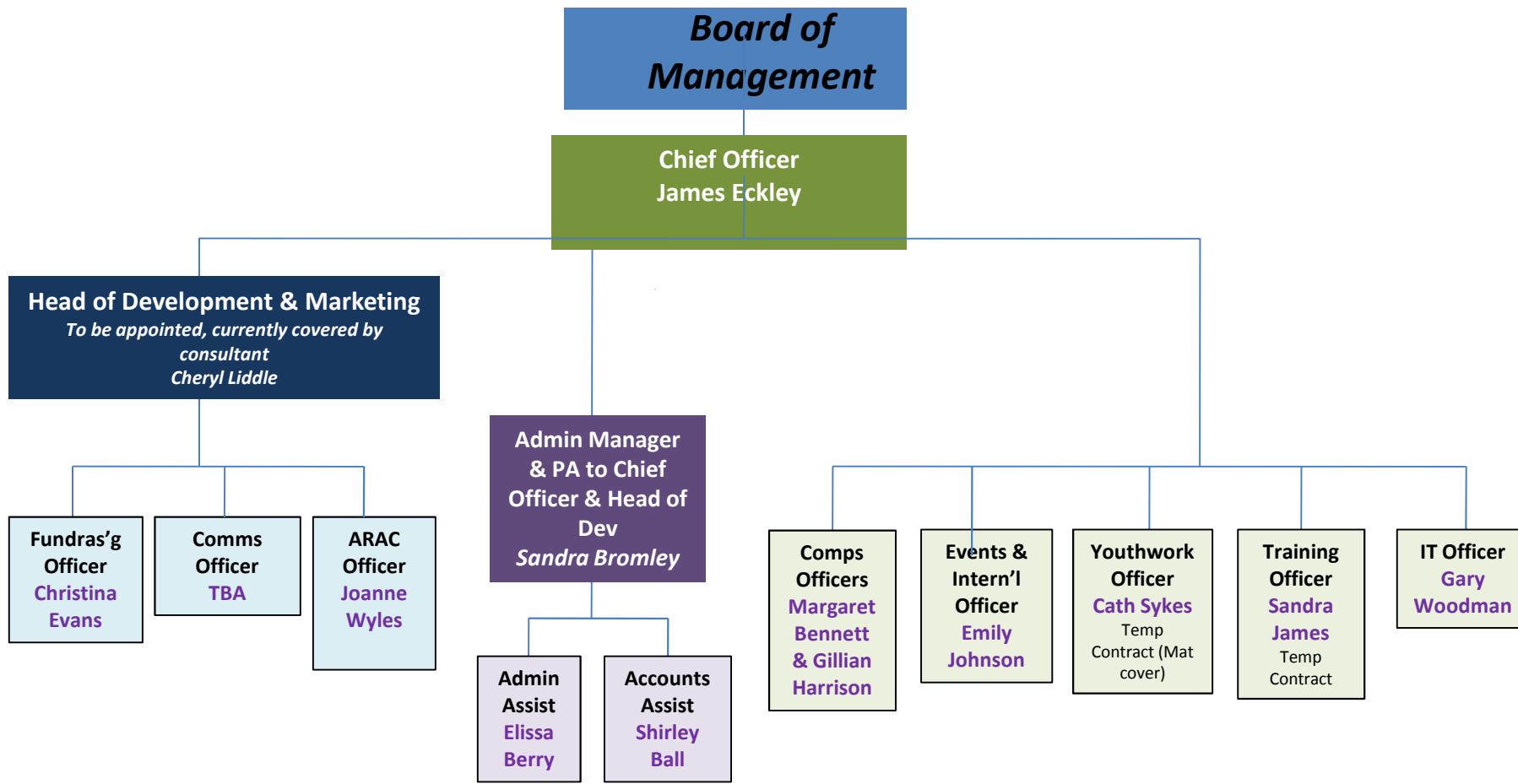
Board of Management



Board of management from 14 December 2013, & 7 February 2014

Council to note

1. that the board have appointed James Eckley as Chief Officer for NFYFC.
2. that the board have approved the new structure for the NFYFC Staff Team which can be seen on the following slide.
3. that the board have established a 'Risk, Audit & Finance Sub Committee' which will report directly back to the board.
4. that the board have established a working group to look at office accommodation.
5. that the board have approved the 'Vulnerable Adults Statement' which will be published shortly.
6. that all expense claims to NFYFC, including council members travel, must be submitted to NFYFC within a 3 month period.



NFYFC STAFF TEAM



Board of management from 14 December 2013, & 7 February 2014

Council to Approve

1. that the board supports the suggestion from the NFYFC Chairman of Council to propose to change the date for the February 2015 Council meeting. This will give sufficient time to the auditors and accountants to prepare Year End Accounts. The February 2015 Council weekend will be 21/22 February 2015.
Approved
2. that the board supports the suggestion that the Steering Group Officers and National Officers are elected at the first meeting in February 2015 and thereafter. **Approved.**

Board of management from 14 December 2013 & 7 February 2014

Council to note

NFYFC Finance Update

1. Draft accounts year end 2013
2. Income and Expenditure
3. Balance Sheet
4. Notes to the accounts
5. Accounts overview & Q&A

Investment Portfolio Update

NFYFC 2014 Budget Update

1. Budget overview

Levy Discussion

1. Key points

- HOPS donation for 2014 is budgeted to be £0
- The NFYFC budgeted deficit is £209,000
- Levy has got to increase!

Board of management from 14 December 2013 & 7 February 2014

Council to approve

1. the following Motion be considered “That the gross National Subscription (National Levy) for the period 1st September 2014 to 31st August 2015 be increased by 20%” **Approved**
2. that following Motion be considered “That the National Levy for Associate Members be increased from £5.00 to £6.00 for the period 1st September 2014 to 31st August 2015. (20%) **Approved**
3. that the standard mileage rate for all NFYFC claims against NFYFC budgets should be standardised and set at 25p per mile (HMRC lower rate). Exceptions are where an Expenses Policy is in place (NFYFC Officers of Council and NFYFC employed staff) or where a contractor states a rate in the contract to provide services to NFYFC.
Approved
4. that Council Members Fares Pool will remain at £188.00 per Council place. Council members mileage rate will remain at 24 pence per mile. **Approved**



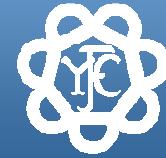
Election of Northern Area & East Midlands Area Representative on the Board of Management

- David Hamer (Yorkshire) **Elected**

Election of Co-options to Council (2 Vacancies)

- Caroline Baker (County Durham) **Elected**
- Faith Cosgrove (Cambridgeshire) **Elected**

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Rural+ Campaign

Rural+ the idea

- The need to support our members living in rural Communities
- **The Commission for Rural Communities identified three main causes of rural isolation:**
 1. Lack of income and employment
 2. Lack of transport and other services
 3. Social isolation – the lack of contact with, and help from relatives, friends and neighbours etc.
- A survey with FCN reinforced these points and highlighted the issues affecting our members





Rural+ the aims

- To raise awareness of the factors contributing to rural isolation and the signs and symptoms for young people experiencing mental health issues.
- To identify how YFC supports members (as individuals) to help reduce the feelings of rural isolation and alleviate the symptoms.
- To address the issues of rural isolation through NFYFC projects, making sure members are available to voice their opinions and influence policy makers.
- To identify and work with organisations that can help members and make sure that club members have access to them.



Rural+ the plan

1. To find out who your local contacts are who support young people with mental health issues – such as The Farming Community Network, the NHS or a similar organisation.
 2. To host a club evening on mental health and invite one of the above contacts to run the session.
 3. To promote YFC in their local communities to encourage more rural young people to get involved and understand how YFC can help combat feelings of rural isolation through our varied programme of activities.
- #rural+
 - Support from TAMA, the Farming Community Network and YoungMinds
 - Case studies



Annual General Meeting Agenda

Reminder – Motions from Clubs, Counties and Areas must be with Chief Officer by 27th February 2014

After 27th February – 2nd Draft Agenda and Invitation for Amendments



Date of Next Council Meeting

Sunday 29th June 2014, Coventry