

82nd Annual General Meeting



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7.1. **To receive the report of the Board of Management and presentation of Audited Accounts**

7.1.1. **Board of Management**

Presented by: Frank Chester, Chairman, NFYFC Board of Management 2013/14

7.1.2. **Presentation of the Audited Accounts.**

Presented by: John Hardman, NFYFC Hon Treasurer 2013/14

7.2. **MOTION FROM NFYFC COUNCIL**

7.2.1. **“That the audited accounts for 2013 as printed be adopted.”**

7.2.2. **“That a firm of auditors, Grant Thornton – Birmingham, be appointed for 2014.”**

Proposer: Caroline Trude, Devon FYFC

Seconder: Sean Gerrard, Lincolnshire FYFC

7.3. **MOTION FROM NFYFC COUNCIL**

7.3.1. **“That the gross National Subscription (National Levy) for the period 1st September 2014 to 31st August 2015 be increased by 20%”** (Note: Based on most recent membership return, this equates £2.27 per member)

Proposer: Keith Forster, Cumbria FYFC

Seconder: Joy Davenport, Somerset FYFC

7.3.2. **“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.”**

Proposer: Paul Glanvill, Devon FYFC

Seconder: Duncan Howie, Essex FYFC

7.4. **To receive the report of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee(ARAC)**

Presented by: Chris Bateman, Chairman, NFYFC ARAC Steering Group 2013

7.5. **To receive the report of the Competitions Steering Group**

Presented by: Hannah Talbot, Chairman, NFYFC Competitions Steering Group 2013

7.5.1. **Announcement of Member of the Year (18 & over) competition results**

Announced by: David Hamer, Chairman, NFYFC Competitions Steering Group 2014

7.6. **To receive the report of the Communications, Events & Marketing Steering Group**

Presented by: Gareth Laking, Chairman, NFYFC CEM Steering Group 2013

7.7. **To receive the report of the Personal Development Steering Group**

Presented by: Toby France, Chairman, NFYFC Personal Development Steering Group 2013

7.7.1. **Young Farmers Ambassadors presentation**

7.8. **To receive the report of the Youth Forum**

Presented by: Sioned Davies, Chairman NFYFC Youth Forum 2013

7.9. **To receive the report of the Wales Young Farmers' Clubs**

Presented by Kate Miles, Chairman Wales Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs 2013.

The adoption of the Annual Report will be proposed by Milly Wastie, Chairman, NFYFC Council 2013, and seconded by Claire Worden, Chairman, NFYFC Council 2014.

8. **MOTION from Cumbria Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs**

“That in recognition of 17 years dedicated service to Cumbria County Federation as Chief Officer and to YFC, Mrs Jan Davinson be elected Life Member of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs”

Proposer: Mark Curr, Chairman Cumbria FYFC

Seconder: Mark Hurst, Vice Chairman, Cumbria FYFC)

9. **Presentation of awards**

Announcer: Hannah Talbot, Chairman, NFYFC Competitions Steering Group 2013

Assisted by: David Hamer, Chairman, NFYFC Competitions Steering Group 2014

10. **Vote of thanks**

Chris Manley, Vice Chairman, NFYFC Council 2014

11. **Close**

Notes

1. The latest time for closure is 12.30pm. No new business will be accepted after 12 noon.
2. Proposers and Seconders of Motions (other than Presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts) and those speaking to Motions are reminded that the following time limits are laid down and will be adhered to:
 - Proposers – not to exceed 4 minutes*
 - Seconders – not to exceed 2 minutes*
 - Those speaking to a Motion – not to exceed 2 minutes*

3. EXTRACT FROM THE STANDING ORDERS OF NFYFC GENERAL MEETING

“Any member may move, with debate, that the question be now put and, if the Motion be seconded and carried by a majority, the Motion or amendment before the meeting shall, after the Move of the Motion has been offered the right to reply, be at once put.”

4. SIDNEY FAWCETT TROPHY

This trophy is awarded to the YFC member (member defined as a member aged 10 to 26 yrs of age) making the greatest contribution to the democratic proceedings of the NFYFC Annual General Meeting. It should be noted that this trophy is not awarded in the same way as a Public Speaking Competition – it is awarded to the member that makes a significant or memorable contribution to the AGM meeting. This could simply be two or three words of humour at just the right moment, or a contribution that significantly turns around a debate. Therefore, the timing stated in the Standing Orders of the AGM (above) are not used to bring a penalty for those that speak for just a few seconds or those that may speak for longer than stated above. In exceptional circumstances (for example, all speakers being 26 years of age or over) overage members or speakers from the top table will be considered as recipients for the trophy.

Annual General Meeting Administration Timetable 2014

6 th January 2014	First <i>draft</i> agenda circulated & call for Motions from clubs, county federations, area committees etc.
27 th February 2014	Copies of motions to be proposed to AGM must be received by the Acting Chief Executive (12 noon deadline)
7 th March 2014	Copies of Motions circulated (2 nd draft agenda)
7 th April 2014	Any amendments to Motions must be received by the Chief Officer (12 noon deadline)
w/c 7 th April 2014	Final agenda approved by Board of Management
By 13 th April 2014	Circulation of final agenda & AGM Pack

NOTES

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total 2013	Total 2012
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Donations, sponsorship and gifts	82,766	15,000	-	97,766	126,786
Grants	-	-	71,784	71,784	60,954
Membership levy	225,085	-	-	225,085	222,265
Investment income - HOPS	125,000	-	-	125,000	319,000
Investment income - other	50,117	-	336	50,453	50,542
Membership convention	259,235	-	-	259,235	217,048
Events	-	-	-	-	20,334
Other income	39,768	-	-	39,768	38,445
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	781,971	15,000	72,120	869,091	1,055,374
Resources expended					
Direct programme expenditure					
Membership convention	148,475	-	-	148,475	161,812
Club supplies	23,655	-	-	23,655	19,971
Youthwork	55,383	-	-	55,383)
Training	5,151	-	49,560	54,711) 141,009
Travel	26,410	-	26,020	52,430)
Competitions	68,005	-	-	68,005	66,891
Agriculture and rural affairs	82,010	-	-	82,010	108,369
	409,089	-	75,580	484,669	498,052
Other expenditure					
Central	148,647	-	4,542	153,189)
Management	92,774	-	-	92,774) 262,896
Governance	113,263	-	-	113,263)
Fundraising and marketing	183,705	-	625	184,330	132,930
Events	-	-	-	-	29,383
Information technology	43,428	-	-	43,428	31,913
	581,817	-	5,167	586,984	457,122
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	990,906	-	80,747	1,071,653	955,174
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES					
	(208,935)	15,000	(8,627)	(202,562)	100,200
Realised gain on sale of investments	4,465	-	-	4,465	11,295
Unrealised gain on revaluation of investments	146,838	-	90,189	237,027	112,287
Transfer between funds	5,553	-	(5,553)	-	-
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS	(52,079)	15,000	76,009	38,930	223,782
Fund balances at 1 January 2013	1,381,773	181,544	778,395	2,341,712	2,117,930
FUND BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2013	1,329,694	196,544	854,404	2,380,642	2,341,712

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013
FINAL AUDITED ACCOUNTS

	2013	2012
	£	£
ASSETS EMPLOYED		
Tangible fixed assets	16,942	15,931
Investments - Listed	2,065,384	1,781,292
- Unlisted	3	3
 CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock - Club supplies	8,000	8,000
Debtors & prepayments	165,944	374,680
Cash at bank & in hand	389,451	435,756
	563,395	818,436
 CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
Creditors & accruals	265,082	273,950
	265,082	273,950
 NET CURRENT ASSETS	298,313	544,486
 NET ASSETS	2,380,642	2,341,712
 FUNDED BY		
Restricted funds	854,404	778,395
Unrestricted funds - designated	196,544	181,544
- general	1,329,694	1,381,773
	2,380,642	2,341,712

The information in these pages is a summary of the Federation's Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2013.

Copies of the full Financial Statements can be obtained from the Federation's Headquarters at the YFC Centre, 10th Street, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG.

Notes to the Annual General Meeting agenda

AGENDA ITEM 6.1 MOTION FROM COUNCIL – Election of President

“That MR POUL CHRISTENSEN be elected as President from May 2014 – May 2015”

Poul is President of National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs. He is Director of a family dairy farming business at Kingston Hill Farm in Oxfordshire and a Member of Tesco Independent Supply Chain Advisory Panel.

Poul was Chairman of Natural England from 2009 to December 2013 and Deputy Chairman from 2006. He was also a Board Member of the UK's Joint Nature Conservation Committee for this period.

Prior to that, he was Chairman of the Rural Development Service overseeing the launch of modern Environmental Stewardship schemes. He also served as a member of the Defra Management Board. He Chaired Milk Marque in the late 1990's, steering the dairy sector through a period of significant change. In 1981 he was the joint founder of the Tenant Farmers Association. He was a Board Member of Agricultural Central Trading (a farming supply co-operative) until 2013.

Poul received the CBE in 1991 for services to agriculture and the commercial development of the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service (ADAS) and in 2013 was advanced as a Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Societies (FRAGS).

Poul is married to Margaret and they have four children.

AGENDA ITEM 6.3 MOTION FROM COUNCIL – Election of Deputy Presidents

Eastern Area – STUART COOPER

Stuart is a dairy farmer's son from Woodham Ferrers in Essex. A keen sportsman, Stuart represented his country at Basketball totalling 18 appearances in international level.

Stuart joined Wickford YFC in 1976, where he met his wife Carole. Stuart held several club positions and became club Chairman in 1979 and Carole was voted his secretary. Stuart held various county positions before they married in 1982 and had their family. Both of their children were very active members of Chelmsford YFC and both were involved at county level before they too settled into marriage to fellow young farmers. His enthusiasm for sport led him to coaching YFC Tug of War teams getting to the national finals on 5 occasions.

He was president of Essex FYFC for 3 years, an 'ideas' man, during that time he introduced an annual pantomime, A strictly Come Dancing evening and a cycle ride all raising several thousands of pounds for the building Essex YFC Centre before being elected to Eastern Area President. Stuart's enthusiasm for Young Farmers and everything they stand for is immense. Outside of YFC he is involved with the local church and loves to spend time with his grandchildren.

East Midlands Area – DAVID ARMSTRONG

Growing up on a mixed Dairy and arable farm, David joined Wragby YFC at the age of 15, soon engaging in many of their activities, some of these shaping his future direction.

David is a keen cyclist, played hockey for many years and recently finished his role as Lincolnshire NFU County Chairman. The skills required for his Chairmanship together with his love of sport were all nurtured in Young Farmers. In Young Farmers he has carried out the roles of Programme Secretary, Club Chairman, and County Rally Chairperson and was awarded what turned out to be a life changing cultural exchange to Australia in 1985.

More recently he was very honoured to be Lincolnshire Young Farmers President for 2 years. David farms an arable farming business with his wife Della, at Bardney and he is very passionate about the “humble spud”, producing potatoes for some of the major multiple retailers.

His children have also been steered by YFC, Kate since returning from university is presently Club Secretary for North Holland YFC and County Rally Chairperson, Ollie has performed for the County in the Regional drama competition, winning best actor before going onto a career in dance. Ross is crazed on farming and is eager to be a young farmer when a little older!

Abbey Farm has been a venue for many YFC events, barn dances, mock auctions and this summer we will host the County Rally. David says “I got the chance to run my own business from a relatively early age. This makes me determined to help other young people to take the networking, training and socialising chances that an organisation like YFC help to create. Some of the skills that I learnt were Chairmanship, networking and lateral thinking. This has given me the chance to gain life long friendships including meeting and marrying my wife Della who was the time club secretary at Harmston YFC” When not at work, he likes to try to keep fit. Recently he raised £20000 for charity by cycling from Lands End to John O’Groats. Don’t be surprised to see him turn up to an EMA event on his cycle!

Northern Area – DIANE COLES

I joined Durham City Young Farmers Club in 1971 with my 2 sisters when the youngest turned 10, so a long time ago. I was brought up on the family farm and spent all of my spare time and holidays helping out with any job from feeding lambs to baling hay. I left Durham for 3 years when I trained to become a teacher in Leicester and began teaching in Darlington and later in Chester-le-Street. I began teaching Domestic Science, this later became Home Economics and is today Technology. I also work with Post 16 students teaching General Studies and delivering CoPE and The Extended Project Qualification. I met Terry, my husband, in the local pub after a Young Farmers meeting. He is not a farmer but he has supported everything I have done for YFC.

Before going to college I was Club Secretary and then when I returned to Durham I became Club Treasurer before sitting on County Finance Committee. The competitions I enjoyed ranged from cookery and sewing to quizzes and public speaking. I then became F and O Chairman and later County Chairman. After a brief retirement from the County Executive I was asked to become County Treasurer a position I still hold today. In 2009 I was nominated by County Durham for the position of Northern Area President which made me extremely proud and am a Trustee of the Northern Area.

South East Area - ALETHEA SNELLING

Alethea started her YFC career with Newbury Juniors and some 30 years on, is extremely proud to continue being part of Newbury YFC as their President. In her second year as Berkshire's President, she has been asked to stand for a further twelve months, taking the County in to their 70th Anniversary year. Currently South East Area President, Alethea has also been Area Chairwoman and National Development & Training Steering Group Chairwoman - both for two years.

Alethea has given as much time as possible to YFC at Club, County, Area and National levels, Alethea enjoys her involvement as a trustee of the Lord Sieff Fund in Berkshire, which was set up to be available for grants and loans for individual members, Clubs or the County Federation for specific projects of an educational or personal development nature.

During her involvement with YFC, she has attended numerous training courses (both as participant and as tutor) and competed in many national finals, including being in the winning Grand Prix Pit Stop team at the Royal Show in 1993. Alethea gets as much pleasure witnessing the enjoyment and achievements of the current membership as she did being a competitive YFC member.

South West Area – CATHERINE LOOK

Catherine was first “persuaded” to join Young Farmers by her parents, both having played an active role in the movement. Almost 35 years later, and Catherine retains a very active and supportive role to Young Farmers. From those early days, she went on to hold numerous club and County positions, including Somerset County Chairman and South West Area Chairman. In more recent years Catherine has been a voluntary Field Officer in Somerset for four years and then County President. She has recently been elected as the President of South West Area and is still as committed as ever to supporting YFC from the grass roots.

Catherine travelled on the Discovery programme with NFYFC and took part in competitions at a National level. She also undertook a number of training and leadership development courses and is particularly keen that current members make the most of opportunities that are available to them, thereby maximising their own personal development. She enjoys taking a hands on role to all things YFC, whether judging, stewarding or taking on behind the scenes roles. Catherine seeks to support members and officers in their roles and enable them to achieve their potential.

Catherine, and her husband Nicholas (they met through YFC!) live in Somerset with their daughters, who are both members of YFC.

Wales – SHARON JONES

Sharon is delighted to have been elected as Wales YFC vice-President for NFYFC. She was born and brought up on a sheep and beef hill farm above the beautiful North Wales town of Llangollen. She has been a member of Llangollen and District Young Farmers from the age of 16 and even now it is rare for me to miss a Tuesday evening meeting! Public speaking and tug of war were two of my favourite YFC activities and she tries to help with our club and county teams each year.

Sharon is a very proud mum of Aled who is in his third year of a law degree in Cardiff University. “With a mum like me, he had no choice but to come along to YFC. There were nights when he hated it, I am sure, but by now he enjoys it too. He's already a tug of war and debating addict and has just become Clwyd Senior member at just 20 years of age.”

Sharon has been Clwyd YFC treasurer for the last ten years and was made a Life Member of Clwyd YFC in 2000. She worked as County Co-ordinator for Clwyd from 1999 to 2003 and so funding and finance are something she has a big interest in. Just as we'll really because, in her daytime job, she worked for NatWest Bank.

Sharon's spare time is in short supply at present as her poor Dad has recently been admitted to an EMI nursing home. She tries and visits him every day and if there is any time left after that, she enjoys making celebration cakes, gardening and hot curries.

Sharon will do her best during her term to help YFC in any way she can so never be afraid to ask - if she can, she will! Sharon wishes everyone at National YFC a happy and successful year.

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West Midlands Area – LINDA SAVAGE

Linda joined her local club in Shropshire at the age of 16 and has been involved in YFC ever since. After being a County Vice-President for several years she served as President for 3 years and thoroughly enjoyed spending as much time as possible attending club meetings and the very varied events in the YFC calendar. Her particular interest has always been the speaking, drama and entertainment competitions, gaining huge satisfaction from helping and watching young people develop in skill and self confidence. Linda is still very close to her Club as their Vice-President and feels very privileged to have become President of the West Midlands Area.

Before becoming a farmer's wife and mother of 3 sons, Linda worked for an animal feed company and then later for the Shropshire & West Midlands Agricultural Society. For the last 10 years she has been full time Personal Assistant to the Bishop of Ludlow. She enjoys theatre and is a member of a reading club, flower club, WI and her local church. However, she believes being with Young Farmers is much more effective than anti-wrinkle cream at keeping her young at heart and is always keen to encourage members to take full advantage of the opportunities available to them.

AGENDA ITEM 9 MOTION FROM CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

MR WILLIE BENDLE

Willie lives on a mixed dairy and beef farm, north of Carlisle. He has been involved with the YFC for nearly 70 years being a former member of Kirklington YFC in the North of Cumbria where he is still President today. Willie had great involvement for 32 years with the Smithfield Show Stockjudging teams taking between 100 and 160 people from Cumbria each year on a trip to the show and also acting as Master Judge.

After being a member he became club leader and is also a past President of the Northern District of Cumbria. Willies other interests include playing the accordion which he does at YFC meetings and around local old people's homes and parties. He is Church warden and organist at his home village of Scaleby.

His own family are all past members, with 3 grandchildren currently in Kirklington YFC and he is a very keen supporter and promoter of the movement.

AGENDA ITEM 10 MOTION FROM CLITHEROE YFC OF THE LANCASHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

MISS MARY BAILEY

Mary is a retired teacher and joined YFC during what would now be called my "gap year"! It was the best thing she ever did and YFC has played an enormous part in her life, from the educational, social, travel opportunities, and above all the friendship aspect.

Mary was Secretary for her club Clitheroe in Lancashire, and is now President. She was County Chairman and President of Lancashire, a council delegate, and also a member of the now defunct National Girls Committee! Mary was also Chairman and President of Northern Area.

Mary enjoys all aspects of public speaking and it has always been her greatest YFC interest and as well as competing years ago, she has trained teams and happily judged at all levels. Mary has always enjoyed putting back into YFC all the wonderful benefits she has derived from her membership. Mary says that being with young farmers has kept her "on the ball" and dare she say it "Young" !

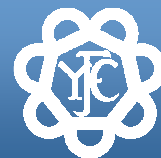
Mary is extremely honoured and humbled to be asked to be a Life Vice President of NFYFC, and a role which she will endeavour to fulfil with pride, and to the best of her ability.

AGENDA ITEM 11 MOTION FROM CUMBRIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

MRS JAN DAVINSON

Jan first worked in Cumbria as a detached Youth Worker in the 70's, then moved to be research assistant to the Professor of Sociology at Durham University and later worked with inner city young people in Leeds.

She returned to the Cumbria Youth Service in the 90's and joined YFC in 1997. In the intervening years Cumbria YFC has increased its' membership, achieved financial stability and is currently holder of the NFU Trophy for Champion County for the fourth year running. This success is down to all members and staff working together as a happy team! ! Jan is now looking forward to nights in and grandchildren!



Minutes of the 81st Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 5 May 2013, Winter Gardens, Blackpool

PRESENT: Matt Baker (President), Milly Wastie (Chairman of National Council), Claire Worden (Vice-Chairman of Council), Helen Reeve (Chairman, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Group), Hannah Talbot (Vice-Chairman of Council) & (Chairman, Competitions Steering Group), James Williams (Retiring National Chairman), Frank Chester (Chairman, Board of Management), Gwenno Griffiths (Chairman, Wales YFC), Hollie Harris (Chairman, Events Steering Group), Claire Raw (Chairman, Personal Development Steering Group), Diane Calvert (Chief Executive Officer). Club & County voting delegates.

IN ATTENDANCE: Scottish Association of YFCs - Delegates Sally Wilson & Jenny Baillie, together with other Scottish members Laura Fleming, Scott Wilson, Heather Charles, & Anna Dickinson, Young Farmers' Clubs of Ulster - Derek Fenton & James Gilpin, Macra Na Feirme - Derry Dillon & Michelle O'Callaghan, County and NFYFC staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Matt Baker and Diane Calvert confirmed the voting procedures for the meeting and Matt Baker explained the rules for the Sidney Fawcett Trophy and introduced the judges Mr Julian Sayers & Mr Derek Kerr supported by Competition Steward Mrs Sue Fellows.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE AGM PROCEEDINGS, FULL VERBATIM MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE FROM NFYFC

AGM/01/13 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Matt Baker (MB) welcomed everyone to the meeting and he had enjoyed going on stage on Saturday evening, he was sad to be stepping down but would promote YFC whenever and wherever he got the opportunity.

MB welcomed NFYFC Supporters & Sponsors from; BPI, CEJA, Defra, Grant Thornton our Auditors, HOPS Labour Solutions Limited, Massey Fergusson, Mole Valley, Nat-West, NFYFC Life Vice Presidents, Honorary Presidents and Deputy Presidents, NFU, Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute, The Rural Youth Trust and The Young Farmers Ambassadors.

MB introduced visiting delegates from Scottish Association of YFCs - Sally Wilson & Jenny Baillie, together with other Scottish members Laura Fleming, Scott Wilson, Heather Charles, & Anna Dickinson, Young Farmers' Clubs of Ulster - Derek Fenton & James Gilpin, Macra Na Feirme - Derry Dillon & Michelle O'Callaghan.

MB thanked members of the press from Farmers Guardian and Farmers Weekly for all their support and all the coverage you give throughout the year

MB called for a one minutes silence to remember members and friends who had sadly passed away during the year, especially those in tragic accidents and road accidents.

MB introduced the rules for the Sidney Fawcett Trophy, together with the judges and steward.

AGM/02/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Valerie Baker-Gillam, Richard Camp, Diane Chennells, Sir John Cotterell, Sheila Dingley, Gerald Haines, Peter Jackson CBE, Douglas Murray, Anne Philips-Davies, Mark Houlton.

AGM/03/13 INTRODUCTION OF THE TOP TABLE: MB invited Milly Wastie to introduce the top table; Claire Worden (National Vice Chairman & Chairman 2011/13 Competitions Steering Group, Cornwall FYFC), Hollie Harris (Chairman 2011/12 Comms Events & Marketing Steering Group, East Riding of Yorkshire FYFC), Helen Reeve (Chairman 2011/12 Agriculture & Rural Affairs Steering Group, Norfolk FYFC).

Hannah Talbot (National Vice Chairman 2012/13, current Chairman of Competitions, Worcestershire FYFC), Milly Wastie (National Chairman of Council 2012/13, Northamptonshire FYFC), Matt Baker (National President and Chairman of the meeting, County Durham). Diane Calvert (NFYFC Chief Executive Officer), James Williams (Retiring Chairman of Council for 2011/12, Hertfordshire YFC), Frank Chester (Chairman Board of Management, Cumbria), Claire Raw (Chairman 2011/12 Personal Development Steering Group, County Durham FYFC), Gwenno Griffiths (Wales Chairman 2011/12, Eryri YFC).

AGM/04/13 APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICERS AND TELLERS

MB introduced Mr John Hardman (Returning Officer), Mrs Anne Sarsfield & Mr David Fellows (Scrutineers), Mr Jon Sarsfield, Mr David Heminsley (tellers), Mr Chris Lloyd (Chief Steward).

AGM/05/13 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 80th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 29 April 2012, TORQUAY

By the show of voting cards the minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 29 April 2012, held in Torquay, were agreed as a true record and signed by Mr Matthew James Baker.

AGM/06/13 PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

James Williams (JW) addressed the meeting and presented the highlights of the Annual Report to be adopted for 2012. JW introduced Mr Frank Chester and the Hon Treasurer Mr John Hardman.

AGM/07/13 To receive the report of the Board of Management and Presentation of the Audited Accounts:

Mr Frank Chester (FC) addressed the meeting and noted he had been Board Chairman since December. FC thanked Mike Stirk and Jon Sarsfield retiring Chairman & Vice Chairman for their previous work on the board. FC hoped that the members were enjoying the experience of a convention weekend.

FC thanked the YFC staff, the helpers and the supporters for making the AGM weekend possible.

John Hardman (Hon Board Treasurer) gave a summary of the accounts. He noted the budget team anticipated a break even position at best, but with new departmental accountability and cost savings, as well as some unanticipated income, we have achieved a surplus of £44,519. Despite challenging stock market conditions our investments have increased in value by over £163,000. Sadly our investments are like land, and this increase in value would only turn into "real cash" if we were to sell some of our portfolio. However, this swells our "Net movement" of funds by £124,370; sadly it is only paper and not cash in the bank. In the early 90's membership levy accounted for nearly 35% of the federation's income, falling to less than 15% 10 years ago, although the current percentage is above 20%, this is on a downward trend from 26% last year at £214,746 and this is very concerning.

NFYFC's trading arm, HOP's Labour Solutions Limited, has between 2007 and 2012 contributed over £1.5 million pounds to help run NFYFC. 2012 was an exceptional year for the business and managed to invest £319,000 to help run NFYFC - £119,000 over and above the year previously. It is highly likely that due to inward investment and tighter trading conditions HOP's income to NFYFC may reduce and NFYFC should not be so reliant on this income in his opinion.

To summarise, we have been very lucky to have had a bumper year, with support from HOPS and excellent efforts from the CEO and the NFYFC team we have made considerable operational savings that have been re-invested during the year. Our sponsorship revenue has increased, and we have been lucky enough to have some "windfalls", with adequate reserves and investments arrangements by our Trustees. When I came to office I was very keen to ensure that our finances are seen to be transparent, because it is your money. The finance team and I are happy to field any questions after the meeting, as we are throughout the year, and a copy of the full accounts is available at the back of the room. To conclude, 2012 was a year to be proud of financially, we should consider ourselves extremely fortunate, now is not the time for complacency, we would sell ourselves and our future members short by not continuing to re-invest in our future. If we don't reinvest in our own movement, grow our membership, and build on our own successes, why should anyone else.

AGM/08/13 MOTION FROM NFYFC COUNCIL

“That the audited accounts for 2012 as printed be adopted” and “That a firm of auditors, Grant Thornton – Birmingham be appointed for 2013”

Proposer: Faith Cosgrove (Cambridgeshire), Seconder: Alex Ross (Herefordshire)

Faith Cosgrove addressed the meeting and was glad to propose the motion from NFYFC Council that the audited accounts for 2012 be adopted as printed. The 80th year has been a fruitful and profitable year, with many wonderful events occurring around the country in celebration. The accounts reflect the stellar year, that as a Federation we have had. However, we must continue to be aware that the costs of running the federation are as ever continuing to increase which is reflected within the accounts before you.

At the NFYFC Council meeting in February 2013, we had an extensive discussion around the accounts, with Frank Chester and Di Calvert coping well with the rigorous questioning, apologies. After anxious scrutiny, from the Council and a detailed review by the Board of Management on the Friday previous, the accounts were passed with a resounding vote. I am therefore glad to propose the motion from NFYFC Council that the audited accounts for 2012 be adopted as printed.

In addition, I am pleased to propose the motion from NFYFC Council that a firm of auditors Grant Thornton LLP from Birmingham be appointed as auditors for 2013. Grant Thornton LLP. Faith highlighted the good work Grant Thornton has done in presenting the accounts and carrying out a professional audit.

Alex Ross addressed the meeting and seconded the motion from NFYFC Council that the audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2012 be adopted as printed and that Grant Thornton LLP of Birmingham be appointed as auditors for 2013. Mr President, it is fair to say that even on my best day I am not a numbers man and so I am glad that Faith has explained everything to you so well and I must second everything that she said. The financial position of the Federation, as you can see from the accounts are much more complicated and so it is important that they are properly looked after on behalf of the membership and that proper financial statements are prepared, checked and audited. I would like to thank everyone involved in this during 2012.

The members voted on both Motions and these were carried unanimously, both Motions were passed.

AGM/09/13 MOTION FROM NFYFC COUNCIL

“That the gross National Subscription (National Levy) for the period 1st September 2013 to 31st August 2014 be increased by 5%

Proposer: Claire Worden (Cornwall), Seconder: Gareth Laking (Lincolnshire)

Claire Worden advised the members that council wished to propose an increase in the National Base Levy of 5% for the Period 1st September 2013 - 31st August 2014, and gave an overview.

Now I'm sure there are a few of you members here today wondering why we need an increase. Or indeed what an increase actually means to you as members? Well I want you to ask yourself a couple of questions.....What have you gained from your membership, have you been travelling, have you taken part in competitions, have you gained qualifications that you wouldn't have gained without your membership? Now looking at the slides this is the current situation that we have, so as a membership we actually contribute about 44% of our income as shown on the slide, and by that we have our membership levy, we have convention that we all attend and obviously pay our money towards and we also have events that we put on ourselves. The other 56% you see is a mixture of investment incomes, HOPS incomes, donations and sponsorships, but actually as a membership we only contribute 44%, and our levy section of that 44% is 21%.

On the expenditure side as members we actually use about 50% of the expenditure so in that there is 28% which is admin which is the general staffing costs, 17% on convention, 3% on information technology our IT and database and 2% on club supplies. Within that 50% expenditure it doesn't even take into consideration the money that we actually spend on competitions and events as well. So as you can see as a membership we always talk about being members led by members, but what we actually currently contribute is a worryingly small figure. The reason why it is worrying is we rely very heavily on grants, donations and sponsorships and our arm of HOPS.

The 5% we are asking for today is actually only in line with inflation, we didn't have an increase last year, and if we weren't to get the increase this year, we would be staying at a flat rate. 5% what does that illy mean in money terms? At the moment our levy sits in a pot of £249,297, if we increase that by 5% it is actually going to give the Federation £12,464.00. With that £12,000 what we will do for you as members is we will keep the Federation running as it is now. We will still be able to offer the variety that we have, we will be able to build, we are looking at different activities with Discovery, you may have seen 'Outgoing' on your way in, they are exploring different avenues, so that we can try and build a more varied programme that you keep asking for as members, but unfortunately without a little thing like a levy increase sometimes some of this will just have to be put on hold.

CW proposed the motion for an increase in National Base Levy of 5% for the period 1st September 2013 – 31st August 2014.

Gareth Laking seconded Claire Worden's proposal that the gross National Levy for the period 1st September 2013 to 31st August 2014 be increased by 5% or approximately 56p. In the Financial year gone the national levy or in other words the amount of your membership that made up NFYFC's income was 21% but this figure keeps reducing. Don't you find it worrying that our membership accounts for just over 1/5th of NFYFC's income? I certainly do. It can't be sustainable for us to be contributing less and less each year. As John rightly pointed out in the early 90's membership levy accounted for nearly 35% of the federation's income and 26% last year and 21% for the year just gone. How can the Federation expect to survive another 80 years if this trend continues?

The money raised from the National levy helps towards staging big events such as competitions, training, discovery, marketing and publications such as Ten 26 and YFC Buzz. It also funds things which you might not see but are critical to running a successful organisation such as safeguarding plans, employment and IT support for counties, and a voice on many agricultural committees and organisations. This time last year I was fortunate enough to have been the County Chairman for the Lincolnshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs. The day after I got back from the annual convention our County Organiser handed in her notice. This was obviously a very difficult time for the federation and one I am not sure how we would have got through without the help and support from the NFU Employment Service. Just one of the many things the national levy contributes to. Also I am not sure if you are all aware or not but last year the gross National Level didn't increase so another way to look at this increase is 2.5% each year over the last 2 years.

Claire, Council and I are not asking for a lot here, were asking for a 5% increase approximately 56p or in layman's terms about 1/6th of a pint of beer to help secure the future of NFYFC for the next 80 years. Thank you."

Matt Baker noted Yorkshire FYFC had put in an amendment to the Motion, for 2.5% increase but this was subsequently 'withdrawn'. Matt Baker asked if anyone wished to speak in response to the Motion tabled; Adele Middlebrook – County Vice Chairman Yorkshire spoke on the Motion: "I urge you to vote against this Motion. Agriculture has just battled through the longest, hardest winter for generations. Just look at the headlines, the Daily Telegraph "Farmers will go to the wall without your help", Prince warns Britain. RABI Addlington Fund and other farming charities having to battle and support our farming families like never before. Our farming friends in the Isle of Man have lost millions, likewise our friends in Wales and of course the hills of England.

It is not just livestock farmers, flooding and weather has meant that arable farmers are facing the prospect of the worst harvest in their life. All this on the back of rising world commodity prices because of reducing world supplies. Is it really the right message for the young persons farming organisation to increase its fees, when everyone else is assisting farming businesses throughout these tough times? It simply strikes me as greed, and looks like NFYFC is out of touch with its roots. Especially when we are a 'not for profit' organisation are making profits year on year. Thank you."

Claire Worden replied to Adele's proposal; " One thing that I would like to pick up on is that we are asking for an increase of 5% in line with inflation, if we increase our membership numbers, your membership would not increase as an actual monetary figure. The way that it works, is that it is a levy pot and the reason why it is a percentage increase, is because it is a pot of money and it is that which increases. That pot then gets divided by however many members we have on the 31st August that year and that then gets divided with the money we have, so last year the figure was £11.05, if we keep our membership exactly the same number it will increase by 56p.

If we increase our membership base, we want to actively recruit new people; your money which we actually physically pay will still be reduced. We are a membership organisation that needs to be recruiting members and that is going to help for the future of us as an organisation and it will help your pockets as well. Thank you."

Matt Baker called on the members to vote, the votes were counted and the results were announced during the meeting: For the Motion increase **77 members, Against 115**. The Motion was defeated. At the point when the Motion was defeated John Hardman (Treasurer) addressed the meeting and gave his response: "As Treasurer I am really disappointed because I don't think it is in the best interests of the Federation not to increase the levy as some point. So we have had two years on the bounce with no increase in the levy, however, I respect our Constitution and our right to vote here, but there is something you really need to consider, and we as a Board need to consider listening more as I believe there are other reasons why this did not go through.

The levy proposal didn't come from Milly; it didn't come from our Chief Executive, from Frank or from me. It came from Council, your representatives, so I have 'one of these' and I have 'two of these' (*JH points to mouth and holds up hands*), so please talk to me and tell me why you didn't push this through. I am at your service and I still will be a very proud young farmer."

AGM/10/13 MOTION FROM NFYFC COUNCIL

"That the National Levy for Associate Members be increased from £5.00 to £10.00 for the period 1st September 2013 to 31st August 2014

Proposer: Lynsey Martin (Kent), Seconder: Lizzy Hunt (Bedfordshire)

Lynsey Martin noted I am here today to propose the associate levy rise from £5 to £10 from the year starting September 2013. If the competing members are the heart of the organisation, then the associate members are the blood without which the heart could not survive because without the associates' knowledge, support and guidance competing age members would not be able to get as much out of young farmers as we do, I certainly would not be here today without the help and support from some fantastic associates. However to go back to the analogy what is the blood without the heart?

If the heart where to have to support the blood the both would wither and eventually die. This some of you may believe to be more than an overstatement but how else would you put it when essentially we are partly subsidising our associates.

Unfortunately the £5 associate levy that was bought in back in 2009 is no longer adequate to cover the benefits that they receive from their membership. The perks that come with our membership have grown and changed since this levy was first introduced, such as the changes to Ten26 and the introduction of the affinity deals. As we have already heard from John Hardman during the presentation of the accountants if it weren't for the unexpected windfall the accounts would not look so rosy.

As always with young farmers a lot of the funding that we receive is restricted as to what it is spent on, as to be the funding generated from the associate levy. According to part 6(c) of the constitution that states Funding generated by this subscription is restricted for use by the Federations' Personal Development and or Training programmes of work.

As we all know both of these programmes of work are at the very core of young farmers creating learning and achievement opportunities that the members so desire.

These programmes of work are open to all members of the organisation, not limited to competing members so associate members would be benefiting from the further investment. With these two programmes of work it is also important that they have the opportunity to develop and grow as our industry and membership changes and develops to accommodate new aspects of career and personal development. How would this be possible without increasing investment to provide new, fresh and vibrant training as well as the old favourites to keep giving our members the opportunity to grow throughout their time with us? This surely is the very essence of personal development and it is this that we all go far to promote as one of the key aspects of young farmers.

You have heard me speak about providing opportunities a lot today and it happens to be an unfortunate fact that in this day and age that providing opportunities requires money and investment. It is also an unfortunate fact that in this day and age even given how trendy it is currently to be a young farmer that economic climate makes it hard to secure grants or investment.

Lizzy Hunt addressed the meeting: I am not standing here to win a prize just to second Lindsey and simply back the reasons that have been given for the need of an increase in the levy for associate members.

I have always felt as a member of young farmers you only get out what you put in. This is also something which I believe is true for associate members. At present associate members are getting back far more than they are financially contributing, which as an associate member myself I do not like the thought of when I still get so much from being a part of the organisation. The rise would still only mean a contribution of less than 85p a month for access to so many resources, opportunities and benefits.

I would therefore like to second the proposal that the associate levy rise from £5 to £10 from the year starting September 2013. I strongly urge you to back this motion so that associate members pay their way in the organisation.

Edward Humber (Cornwall) responded I wish to oppose the Motion that the National Levy for Associate Members be increased from £5 to £10. In Cornwall we have over 60 Associate members and each and every one of these subsidises the junior membership in our clubs. It is an overwhelming view that if their membership costs rise, they will not continue to sign up and this will have a huge detrimental effect on our County and our young members of YFC. In general Associates are the 'wise owls' who have been there and got the T-shirt, without them our clubs won't have their knowledge to fall back on. Associates have already paid their dues in their active years, why penalise them now, when they are securing our junior memberships, if it is a cost thing that is the big issue, then remove their TEN26, as they would happily go on-line and read it, rather than receive it through their door. Please think about the wider impact of this Motion, and I urge you to join me and oppose the Motion that the National Levy for Associate Members be increased from £5 to £10 for the period 1 September 2013 to 31st August 2014.

Lynsey replied, we all know within counties how the associate levy is charged and this varies greatly from county to county. You look at Cornwall who as Ed has says they subsidise their member's events, but look at Norfolk who appreciate that associates get as much out of young farmers still, as the rest of the senior membership, yet they are charged as the same price levy as a senior member at a county level. This rise is not about marginalising associates, and I wouldn't want anybody to think that. It is just asking that instead of partially subsidising them, that they are just paying their fair share.

Matt Baker called on the members to vote, the votes were counted and the results were announced during the meeting: **For the Motion increase 84 members, Against 101.** The Motion was defeated.

AGM/11/13 MOTION FROM NFYFC COUNCIL

“That Matthew James Baker is thanked for his services to the federation over the past year, and Poul Christensen be elected from May 2013 – May 2014.”

Proposer: Caroline Baker (County Durham), Seconder: Keith Foster (Cumbria)

Caroline Baker addressed the meeting; It gives me great pleasure to be standing here today, at my first National AGM to propose the Motion that Mr Matthew James Baker is thanked for his services to the Federation over the past year, and Mr Poul Christensen CBE be elected from May 2013-May 2014. I find it remarkable what you can be talked into after a long day of debating and some socialising at my first ever council weekend.

Caroline thanked Matt Baker for his contribution to NFYFC over the past year. There have been many occasions to mention and memories that members will cherish for years to come. Cast your minds back to summer 2012 and rain, rain and more rain, but aside from the weather the 2012 Olympics played a huge part for many of us all over the country. It was an honour for County Durham to be given the opportunity to welcome Matt back to his home County as part of the Great British Food for Great British Athletes project which took place during the torch relay prior to the Olympic Games.

I think you'll all agree that it has been exciting having such a well known celebrity as National President and up in Durham there has been a huge amount of pride thrown in the mix with Janice, Matt's Mother being our County Organiser. For me one of the best sights of the past year was at the National 80th Gala Ball, during which a dance with Matt was auctioned. It created such a feel good factor within the room and brought a lot of smiles to everyone's faces! So there you have a whirlwind tour of Matt's 2nd year as National President and I am sure you will all agree that this has merely touched the sides of the support and enthusiasm for YFC that Matt has shown us over the past 2 years, so I would like you all to join with me and thank Matt for all of his hard work in true Young Farmers style.

Up until 2 weeks ago I hadn't had the pleasure of meeting or even indeed speaking to Mr Poul Christensen. After a brief email conversation I picked up the phone and rang Poul with the intention of discovering a little more about our incoming president. Feeling a little nervous I managed to tell Poul, within the first few moments of our conversation that I had already goggled him. Slightly taken aback we continued chatting and the first thing to strike me was that Poul was totally calm amidst my flapping and babbling on about Young Farmers.

Digging deeper into Poul's back ground I discovered that he became a Young Farmers Club Chairman at aged just 12 and that he has four children all of whom have taken full advantage of Young Farmers and 2 of whom have been married off to fellow Young Farmers, another prime example of the dating service YFC also provides. During our conversation it became clear to me that Poul is extremely enthusiastic about Young Farmers and in particular how to reach out to every single member ensuring that every single one of us has a voice and knows how to use it. This is an area that Poul feels very passionate about and he most certainly wants to continue to drive the Federation forward to help individual members realise their potential. Poul is extremely keen to promote the Federation and get us firmly stuck on the map, to become a force to be reckoned with amongst youth organisations and to continue the fabulous work of Young Farmers Clubs up and down the country to equip members with vital life skills and experience in the topsy turvy industry that is farming and beyond!

Currently outside of Young Farmers Poul is a member of the BBC Rural Affairs Advisory Committee for Countryfile another very important link that can be continued on from Matt's connection. Other links include being a current Board Member of Agricultural Central Trading and Chairman of Natural England. And the list doesn't stop there; Poul is a Senior Partner of a successful family dairy farming business in Oxford and is the joint founder of the Tenant Farmers' Association.

His past roles have included Chair of the Milk Marque, Chair of the Rural Development Service, and a member of the DEFRA Management Board until 2009 and received the Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1991 for his services to Agriculture. I am sure by now you are starting to build a picture, as I was whilst on the phone to Poul, of a very well informed Gentleman who is knowledgeable, passionate, approachable, and experienced in our field with a spectacular CV so without further ado I would like you all to join with me to add another string to his bow and support the motion to Elect Mr Poul Christensen as President of NFYFC. “

Keith Foster; thanked Matt Baker for all the time and effort he has put into our federation over the past two years, I believe having such a high profile President who members can see nearly every day on the television, has really helped to raise our profile in the public and media as our organisation goes from strength to strength. It has been a pleasure to have him as our President, as I am sure you will all agree he has been an excellent role model for all our younger members.

Poul Christensen who I have just met this morning, and who I have just only goggled this morning which says a lot about my organisation, I couldn't help but be impressed. A Director of a successful dairy business in Oxfordshire, Poul's roots are firmly in agriculture, he has done so much to progress in our sector over the years and in 1981 he was a joint founder member of the Tenant Farmers Association, to enable tenant farmers to have a voice within the industry on key issues. He was Chairman of the Milk Marketing Board and Rural Development Agency until 2006 where he oversaw the modern environment obstructory schemes now the backbone of balancing food production and looking after the environment and so many farms across the UK today. Poul has also held roles within Defra's management board, and is the current Chairman of Natural England.

I am sure a man with Poul's track record and as our President we will continue to go from strength to strength, and I am sure we are all looking forward to get to know Poul a lot better over the next year. So young farmers I would like to ask you to join myself and Caroline and support the Motion to elect Poul Christensen NFYFC President from May 2013 – May 2014.

Matt Baker noted I can tell you without the use of Google, he is a thoroughly lovely bloke, and I am very happy to be handing over the reign to Poul.

Matt Baker called for the members to vote, the vote was unanimous and Mr Poul Christensen was duly elected National President from May 2013 – May 2014.

Poul Christensen; Thanked young farmers and thanked Matt for holding the seat and handing over to him, which gave him enormous pride. Before I go on to that, the fact that Margaret was stood beside me a second ago, indicates that we will do this job as a team and we are both looking forward to that very much indeed. I am absolutely conscious of the very very big boots to which I am stepping into, Matt you are going to be a hard act to follow, I watched you yesterday being mopped by your adoring fans, I am looking forward to the same treatment, but my 'running mate' has already told me not to expect too much!

The federation of which I have just been elected your President is second to none in my view, in terms of youth organisations in this country, the life skills that you as individual members gain from being members of this organisation will stand you in good stead for the rest of your lives, and you are learning so much subconsciously as you go through your time with YFC you don't realise it is happening. Caroline when she spoke to me on the telephone said that she had never done anything like this before, she had never been to a convention of this size and she has stood up here and leave aside what she said about me, the way she did it, Caroline I thought was outstandingly good, and that is the sort of skill that you learn. The leaders of our industry if you look around them now, they have mostly been through young farmers, and this organisation has set them on the road to success.

I stood last night, and the night before looking down on the dance floor, and I mean last night was just something else, and I reckon if you could have harnessed that(I couldn't find my wife I don't know why), and I was looking for Matt all night and I never found him.

With the energy that came out of that room last night you could have driven the national grid for a week, and that is something else that we should all be proud of.

I will do my very best to represent you all in the time I have to do this job, we both will, you are such a worthy cause, but you contribute so much, not just to the farming industry, but much wider than that indeed to society, you have been involved in the most important agenda in the world and that is producing food, looking after our environment and I will do everything I can to help you to continue to do that.

AGM/12/13 MOTION FROM NFYFC COUNCIL

“That the 2012 deputy presidents be thanked for their services to the federation over the past year and that the following be elected from May 2013 – May 2014.”

Eastern Area – Christopher Hunt, East Midlands Area – David Herbert, Northern Area – Diane Coles, South East Area – Alethea Snelling, South West Area – Richard Camp, Wales – Gwynne Davies

Proposer: Matt Tomkins (Worcestershire), Seconder: Chris Manley (Devon)

Matt Tomkins & Chris Manley both gave brief summaries of the Deputy Presidents (full biographies are available in the AGM Booklet). Matt Baker then called for the members to vote on this Motion, the members voted and members were unanimous in electing the NFYFC Deputy President as listed from May 2013 – May 2014.

AGM/13/13 Continuation of the Presentation of the Annual Report – Presentation & report of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee (ARAC). Helen Reeve

Helen Reeve presented the report of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee (ARAC) and noted the highlights of the ARAC year and wished Chris Bateman and the committee the best of luck for the forthcoming year. *[Full report available upon request to NFYFC]*

AGM/14/13 ‘Drive It Home’ Rural Road Safety Campaign - Milly Wastie gave an update on the ‘Drive It Home’ Rural Road Safety Campaign and full details were available on the NFYFC Website. *[Full report available upon request to NFYFC]*

AGM/15/13 Presentation & report of the Competitions Steering Group - Claire Worden thanked everybody for the contribution they give to the competitions programme and the steering group every year. Claire outlined the competitions during her year of office and wished Hannah Talbot and the committee all the best for the coming year. *[Full report available upon request to NFYFC]*

AGM/16/13 Announcement of ‘The Member of The Year’ Competition finalists & Winner – Claire Worden and Hannah Talbot announced the 7 finalists and invited them to the front of the meeting, Lynsey Martin (Kent), Craig Brough (Cumbria), Paul Glanvill (Devon), Alice Cook (Bedfordshire), Kate Wainwright (Derbyshire), Gwennan Davies (Ceredigion), Toby Lawton (Staffordshire). In Joint 3rd Place – Alice Cook and Kate Wainwright, 2nd place Gwennan Davies, 1st place awarded to Paul Glanvill (Devon), the Trophy was awarded by Matt Baker.

AGM/17/13 Presentation & report of the Events Steering Group - Hollie Harris gave the report of the Events Steering Group Committee for the year 2011 – 2012 and highlighted all the events organised and supported by the members during the year. *[Full report available upon request to NFYFC]*

AGM/18/13 Presentation & report of the Personal Development Steering Group - Claire Raw presented the Personal Development Steering Group Annual Report for 2011-2012 and highlighted the projects covered by the committee during the year. *[Full report available upon request to NFYFC]*

AGM/19/13 Presentation of “The Trainer of the Year” award - Claire Raw announced all three of the top trainers were from Worcestershire FYFC, two runners up were Hannah Talbot and Demelza Jackson. In 1st place Karen Hodges (Worcestershire). The award was presented by Matt Baker.

AGM/19a/13 Presentation & report from the Youth Forum – Helen Brown highlighted the work of the Youth Forum. *[Full report available upon request to NFYFC]*

AGM/20/13 Presentation from the Young Farmers’ Ambassadors – Dai Jones Chairman of the Young Farmers’ Ambassadors outlined the work of the Ambassadors who have previously been on discovery trips and exchanges. Dai made a presentation of a cheque for £3,200 to Matt Baker, for NFYFC to use on Discovery work. Matt Baker presented Ed Lovelock with The YFA Trophy for the best powerpoint competition 2012 for his trip to Uganda. Matt Baker presented YFA scholarship cheques to Elizabeth Prince (Staffordshire) for her trip to Canada 4H, and Jo Hamer (Shropshire) for his trip to Scotland.

AGM/21/13 Presentation & Report Wales FYFC – Gwenno Griffiths Chairman gave the highlights of the year for Wales YFC. *[Full report available upon request to NFYFC]*

AGM/22/13 James Williams gave a lively presentation on his year as Chairman [*Full report available upon request to NFYFC*]. James Williams proposed the adoption of the Annual Report for 2012, this was then seconded by Milly Wastie, Milly thanked James for his presentation and for all his work during his year as National Chairman.

AGM/23/13 **MOTION FROM NORFOLK FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS – “That Mr Rod Tuck be elected a Life Vice President in recognition of his services to the National Federation and Norfolk YFC Federation”**

Proposer: Helen Reeve, Seconder: Annelise Ford (Norfolk FYFC)

Matt Baker announced to the meeting that following receipt of this Motion, an amendment Motion had been received from Wales YFC – The following Motion would therefore stand and Norfolk YFC had given their agreement to this Amendment:

AMENDMENT FROM WALES YFC “That Mr Rod Tuck be elected a Life Vice President in recognition of his services to the National Federation and Norfolk YFC Federation and that Mr Delme Harries be elected a Life Vice President in acknowledgement of his contribution to YFC at Lllysyfran Club, Pembrokeshire County, Wales YFC, NFYFC, and at a European Level”.

Proposer: Kate Miles (Glamorgan), Seconder: Aled Jones (Carmarthenshire)

Annelise Ford gave an interesting presentation on the work and life of Rob Tuck [*Full presentations are available upon request to NFYFC*]

Kate Miles gave an interesting presentation in support of Mr Delme Harries; [*Full presentations are available upon request to NFYFC*]

Aled Jones seconded the motion in support of Delme Harries [*Full presentations available upon request to NFYFC*]

Matt Baker called for the members to vote on the amendment to the Motion. The members voted and were unanimous in electing Mr Rod Tuck & Mr Delme Harries.

Both Rod Tuck and Delme Harries addressed the meeting and thanked the membership for their awards. [*Full presentations are available upon request to NFYFC*]

Matt Baker presented Mr Rod Tuck and Mr Delme Harries with their Life Vice President's official badges.

AGM/24/13 **Presentation of Awards** Matt Baker presented the following awards, supported by Claire Worden and Hannah Talbot:

The NFU Trophy – Champion County Federation in National Competitions Final 2011/2012 awarded to Cumbria FYFC – received by Jan Mason.

2011/2012 **The Tug Wilson Trophy** – Reserve Champion County Federation in National Competitions Final – awarded to Derbyshire FYFC – received by Jo Stubbs.

The Worshipful Company of Farmers Trophy – Champion Small County Federation whose membership figures are amongst the lowest 50% of counties), NFYFC Competitions finals 2011/2012 – awarded to Bedfordshire and received by Lizzy Hunt.

The Merrick Burrell Tankard – The County Federation with the largest percentage increase in membership over the past three years – awarded to Hertfordshire FYFC – received by Sam Buckton.

The Prince of Wales Trophy – Claire Worden explained “that the trophy has been kindly donated by HRH Prince of Wales. The aim of the competition is to highlight the work carried out throughout the organisation in raising funds for charities and other worthy causes. The Trophy is awarded to the county federation that has raised the most funds per member in the year. This year's total amount raised from 14 County entries is £335,223.27. 3rd place goes to Suffolk FYFC, 2nd place to Essex FYFC and in 1st place Oxfordshire FYFC raising a total of £88.56 per member totalling £23,998.81.”

Grace Bennett Oxfordshire County Chairman gave a short presentation [*Full presentation is available upon request to NFYFC*]. Matt Baker presented the trophy to Grace Bennett.

The Lionel J Hill MBE NFYFC Club Charity Cup – For the Club which has raised the most funds per member in 2012. Lionel Hill awarded this trophy to: Faringdon YFC in Oxfordshire County for raising £18,712.00, received by Sam Allen.

The RABI Cup – Awarded by The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) to a YFC club which has given the most support to RABI – presented by Julian Sayers & Milly Wastie (RABI) jointly to Acle & North Walsham YFC for tackling the 3 peaks and raising over £5,000. The two clubs will share the trophy 6 months each – received by James Youngman, Harry Jones and Robert Hirst.

The Sidney Fawcett Trophy – awarded for the best AGM Contribution and judged by Mr Julian Sayers and Mr Derek Kerr. Awarded to Caroline Baker - County Durham FYFC. Julian Sayers gave his feedback on the speeches and a few tips for those speaking in public.

The Speakers Trophy – Donated by John Hardman (Treasurer), awarded to those members who have spoken during the meeting and kept to the nearest allocated time. Presented to Keith Foster Cumbria FYFC.

AGM/25/13

Vote of Thanks and Chairman’s Closing Remarks – Hannah Talbot addressed the meeting to give the vote of thanks. In summary Hannah thanked everyone who had made the AGM meeting and the Annual Convention as a whole run smoothly. She thanked the staff at the Winter Gardens and the national staff team. Hannah thanked the outgoing officers. Hannah thanked Matt Baker and Poul Christensen.

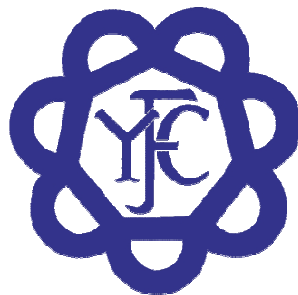
Matt Baker spoke to the member for his closing address: He thanked all the members for electing him as President. He wished Poul Christensen all the best. He noted his connection with YFC was by no means over and it would make it easier for him to be able to shout YFC from the roof tops. He was incredibly proud to have members as future farmers, and he wished them all the very best in making the best of opportunities that Young Farmers can offer. *[Full closing speech available upon request to NFYFC].*

Milly Wastie and James Williams presented Matt Baker with engraved crystal glasses and champagne on the occasion of his retirement as President, and flowers for Mrs Nicola Baker. With no further business the Chairman Mr Matt Baker declared the meeting closed at 1.30 pm.

Signed:

Date:

Mr Poul Christensen (National President 2013)



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