



Competitions Steering Group Saturday 21st February 2015, Quality Hotel, Coventry

Chairman: David Hamer (part) Mark Curr

Vice-chairman: Faith Cosgrove (part) Matt Tomkins

Present:

David Hamer (DH) (NA); Faith Cosgrove (FG) (co-option); Mark Curr (MC) (NA); Matt Tomkins (MT) (WMA); Sam Allen (SA) (SEA); Charles Polak (CP) (SEA); Jess Townson (JT) (NA); Amy McWhifter (AM) (Youth Forum Rep); Greig Farmer (GF) (EMA); Oonagh O'Neill (OO) (EA); Charlotte Harris (CH) (SWA); Rhys Jones (RJ) (WMA); Natalie Moore (NM) (Observer); Claire Rogerson (CR) (Observer) Competitions Steering Group (CSG).

Part Meeting:

Claire Worden (CW) (co-option); Hannah Talbot (HT) (NFYFC Chair); Chris Manley (CM) (NFYFC Vice Chair) James Eckley (JCE) (NFYFC Chief Officer); Frank Chester (FC) (Board of Management Chair) Christina Evans (CE) (NFYFC Fundraising Officer); Vicky Hope (VH) (Wales Vice Chair)

In attendance:

Margaret Bennett (MB) (NFYFC Competitions Officer); Gill Harrison (GH) (NFYFC Competitions Officer)

1. Opening Remarks

David Hamer (DH) welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to sign the record of attendance. DH asked all members of the committee to introduce themselves and then thanked relevant people.

2. Apologies

Andrew Smith (AS) (EMA); Phil Debenham (PD) (EA); Georgina Monk (GM) (SWA); Arwel Jones (AJ) (WA); Laura Elliott (LE) (WA);

3. Confirmation of minutes (25th October 2014)

The Minutes of the previous Competitions Steering Group (CSG) meeting, held on Saturday 25th October 2014 had been circulated; these were signed by DH as a true and correct record. Proposed by Mark Curr (MC) and Jess Townson (JT)

4. Matters arising from those Steering Group minutes

- 4.1. The committee noted the Downloadable Academic Calendar is now available on NFYFC Website, JT proposed putting national events onto it, NFYFC to action.
- 4.2. Terms of Reference for Steering Committee were given out to all members. DH asked for the booklets to be taken back and all comments to come back to the meeting in June. SA asked if the terms of reference could be sent out to the Committee members.
- 4.3. The stock rotation for the Stockman of the year project was discussed. JT said that consecutive years should be different for returning competitors, Oonagh O'Neil (OO) suggested competitors that were able to choose their specialist stock perhaps had an advantage although those choosing stock they were less familiar with are pushed and learn more. MC suggested a Situation Vacant style scenario where the project was like a tender for a tenancy where all 4 categories of stock and animal health were included every year but with a different scenario. Competitors would then be asked to incorporate a minimum of 2 categories of stock. This was proposed by CP with all of the CSG in agreement. This style of project will be adopted for 2015 with a draft version sent to all CSG
- 4.4. The CSG noted that the NFYFC website has now been updated. Gill Harrison asked for members to let NFYFC know if they could not find any information or wanted additional information putting on the competitions sections to get in touch.
- 4.5. CSG were made aware that the new Tug of War Rules approved by Council were now in force.
- 4.6. 20 Tug of War Bibs for Coaches at Tenbury Show are to be borrowed and trialled from British Equestrian for this year.
- 4.7. Margaret Bennett (MB) gave a brief overview of the staff conference – Staff were given the opportunity to take part in a Just a Minute Competition, Stockjudging using the ready recknors and a briefing on how to run the Ultimate Frisbee Competition and filling in entry forms from silo; Claire Worden (CW) added that discrepancies in the rules interpretation were apparent between counties which can often cause conflict.

ACTION POINTS

- National events on to downloadable academic calendar on the NFYFC Website – GH
- Terms of Reference to be sent out to members of the committee and amendments to MB prior to June meeting – All CSG
- Stockman of the Year Project to be compiled and email to all CSG - MB

5. To receive relevant correspondence

5.1. The following correspondence was received

- 5.1.1. Gwent Ladies Tug of War Appeal Letter dated 17th December, requesting the 7 girls that did not pull for 2 counties could have their ban lifted. The CSG's original stance remained firm that they were a team and recommend to council that the disqualification should remain in place for all of the Gwent Ladies team. With regard to the boy's team, Joshua Davies was in a similar situation as he only competed for Gwent. The CSG agreed that it was the same principal as the girl's team and again recommend to council that the original disqualification terms remain. The CSG did not discuss the correspondence further including the letter from Matthew Heath as the issue now lies with Council to resolve. DH reiterated that competitors must only represent one club and county.
- 5.1.2. Letter from Peter Rose thanking the CSG for his time judging at the English Winter Fair was noted.
- 5.1.3. Email from Alex and Bryce MacKellar regarding the use of Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) in Stockjudging competitions. The letter suggested competitors give EBVs to select the best ram or bull. JT responded that this could add more pressure onto competitors and the dropout rate might increase. DH suggested adding this to the stockman of the year project and received agreement from the CSG
- 5.1.4. Letter from James Sage thanking the CSG for his time on the committee.

ACTION POINTS

- Reply to Alex and Bryce Mackellar regarding EBV use – MC
- The CSG stance on the Gwent Tug of War Appeal for council to note - MC

6. Officer Elections

- 6.1. Chairman – Mark Curr elected, Proposed by Matt Tomkins (MT) and Seconded by Jess Townson (JT)
- 6.2. Vice Chairman – Matt Tomkins elected, proposed by David Hamer (DH) and seconded by Charles Polak (CP)
- 6.3. 4 candidates for the 3 co-option roles were put forward. Lisa Hawkins proposed by MC and seconded by JT, Faith Cosgrove proposed by MC and seconded by JT, Claire Worden (CW) proposed by CP and seconded by Charlotte Harris (CH) and Kate Lyons (KL) proposed by JT and seconded by MC. Following a vote the following 2 candidates were selected:
- 6.4. Co-option 1 – Lisa Hawkins (LH), Staffordshire
- 6.5. Co-option 2 – Claire Worden (CW), Cornwall
- 6.6. A further vote was conducted due to an initial tie in the number of votes, resulting in the final election of:
Co-option 3 – Faith Cosgrove (FC), Cambridgeshire.
- 6.7. English Winter Fair Representatives were elected as Lisa Hawkins and Matt Tomkins, proposed by JT and seconded by MC
- 6.8. Tug of War Association Rep was elected as David Hamer proposed by MC and JT with George Goodwin as a vice rep who would then be invited as a guest to report to the Competitions Steering Group (CSG) proposed by CP and seconded by DH.

ACTION POINTS

- For council to note the competitions steering group elections - MC

7. Competition since the last meeting

[Mark Curr resumes the meeting as Chairman, thanking DH for all of his work over the past 18 months.]

- 7.1. **English Winter Fair – Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th November, 2014**
 - 7.1.1. Beef and Pig Live & Carcase competitions were successful. MT commented that the space for young farmers was excellent and it flowed better than previous years but it was a shame the main ring timetable was delayed so Young Farmers could not have their presentation in the main ring. English Winter Fair committee have rescheduled the young handler time table to ensure Young Farmers are in the main ring next year.
 - 7.1.2. English Winter Fair YFC supper on the Saturday evening was attended by 79 people. OO and fellow competitors enjoyed the supper so much they will be taking part in the national competition next year, and she encouraged the £10 ticket price to remain and promote the event to other competitors. JT suggested

trying to make additional money with a raffle/ prize draw.

- 7.1.3. Sponsorship logos on white Stockjudging coats was brought into question by Peter Rose one of the judges. JT and Faith Cosgrove (FC) suggested commercial logos would only be appropriate on the back of the coat. Chris Manley (CM) suggested that the rules should be changed to accommodate income from a sponsor. Christina Evans (CE) recommended that logos only be placed on the back of the coat. The CSG agreed that logos would be suitable for the back of the coat but the front of the coat should remain plain white.
- 7.1.4. At the English Winter Fair meeting it was discussed that the young farmers would be able to access the main bar as they wished during the meal.

ACTION POINTS

- **For council to note the recommendations for the stock judging coat logo placement – MC**
- **Organise a Raffle at the English Winter Fair in 2015 – MC, MB and Committee to organise prizes**

8. Meetings/ Site visits since previous meeting

- 8.1. National Society of Ploughman and the CSG would like to build a relationship. It was suggested that the society are invited to the next CSG
- 8.2. Tug of War AGM was attended by DH where they created a job description for the YFC rep which was circulated around the CSG. DH also reminded the CSG that any YFC members that are judges must be paid up members of the Tug of War Association.

ACTION POINTS

- **Invitation to June meeting for the National Society of Ploughman and for Council to note – MC**

9. Competition Rules for 2014-15 (Matters Arising)

- 9.1. Pantomime (Membership age of Live Musicians) – Email from Wayne Davies (Shropshire) and Jess Wright (Herefordshire) were discussed with regard to the musicians now having to be within membership age. Wayne Davies raised concerns that this rule change would actually prevent clubs from putting on shows and consequently reducing opportunities for members. MT commented that teams had a better chance to compete if the music is live. MC added that Cumbria clubs have been hampered this year but accepted the changes for next year. Vicky Hope (VH) said there had been uproar in Wales and it had been decided that up until the Wales Area Final teams were still allowed to use an over age musician but they must be changed for the National Final. OO added that there is a huge difference between a musician just out of age that had been involved for years and paying a professional. CH added that it had already encouraged additional teams as it had been a leveller in the South West Area adding that it had encouraged more members to learn additional skills and take on musical accompaniment. CP proposed and DH seconded that the rule change should remain for 2015-16 and until a full performing arts cycle had been completed including the Pantomime, Drama, Entertainment genres then a review would take place. All of the CSG were in favour.
- 9.2. Correspondence from Warwickshire raising concerns regarding timings of 30 minutes for the hedge cutter element of the Efficiency with Safety and the addition of the health and safety Questionnaire. The CSG agreed the time limit be extended from 30 minutes to 45 minutes and that the questionnaire would only be added at the National Final Stage.
- 9.3. Correspondence from Somerset requesting a video to be produced to demonstrate after dinner speaking. CP suggested filming all entries at the national final then adding them to the member's area of the website. Concerns were raised about the variations and also if this would suitably explain the format and suggest a team be staged and filmed. CE to look into potential funding to produce a training DVD but in the meantime the CSG would aim to produce a YouTube video after this years National Finals.
- 9.4. Correspondence from Cumbria regarding the use of props during the junior member of the year presentation. The CSG agreed that the props should be included in the presentation element of the competition with the addition of photographs on a PowerPoint slide so no additional physical props would be required.
- 9.5. 2014-15 Young Stockman and Senior Stockman stock for both the Area rounds and National Final to be the same. It was suggested commercial breeding ewes be used.
- 9.6. Fence Erecting Rules to be amended to include longer nails (need to be 4 inch instead of 3)

ACTION POINTS

- **Reply to Wayne Davies and Jess Wright regarding membership age of live musicians within the pantomime competition and for council to note – MC**
- **Reply to Warwickshire regarding changes to the Efficiency with Safety timings increased to 45 minutes and the health and safety questionnaire will only be at the national final and for Council to note – MC**
- **After Dinner Speaking training video produced by filming teams at the National Final and a staged team to demonstrate the format of the competition – All CSG with the help of the Nfyfc Communications Team**

- **2014-15 Rules Amendments to all counties to include pantomime, Efficiency with safety, Junior member of the year, young and senior stockman of the year, fence erecting - GH**

10. Competitions Guidelines

- 10.1. Child Licences guidelines have been published to all counties and booklets were handed out to the CSG. MB explained that new legislation had been released but the processes being used by Nfyfc is still in line. MB reminded members that some counties offer free chaperone licences using the information they already hold for DBS and it was felt that this would be beneficial and lasts for 3 years.
- 10.2. MB is collating "how to guide" of how to organise competitions, Webinars were also suggested for September to help Counties with the rules for the upcoming years competitions.

ACTION POINTS

- **Child licence support to continue – MB**
- **How to guide and scheduling of webinars – MB**

11. 2014-15: Nominations for stewards, chief stewards, judges and scorers

- 11.1. Judges and Stewards are now in place for both the Southern Regional Final, Public Speaking on Saturday, 21st March, 2015 and Pantomime Sunday, 22nd March, 2015, and the Northern Regional Final – Public Speaking on Saturday, 21st March, 2015 and Pantomime Sunday, 22nd March, 2015
- 11.2. Massey Ferguson Sponsorship of Trophies and Production of Programmes instead of Muller Wiseman for the Pantomime competition for both the regional finals and the national final.
- 11.3. The CSG agreed to sell the Pantomime Programmes priced at £2.00 each for both the regional finals and national final.
- 11.4. Members of the CSG nominated stewards, chief stewards, judges and scorers for the following competitions:
- 11.5. **Annual Convention** – Friday, 24th – Monday, 27th April, 2015 (Torquay) including; Pantomime, Senior Member of the Year, Jump Rope (including demo team), Commercial Dance (including demo team) and Fun Darts
 - 11.5.1. The Fun darts will take place on Saturday 25th April, commencing at 11am and involving a knockout competitions and 6 dart challenge. Entry fee for both is £5 or just £1 for the 6 dart challenge. Prize money for the winners of both competition and also the next highest place winner (opposite sex to winner). The event will also include a video message from world darts champion Scott Mitchell. The CSG also acknowledged the £600 sponsorship from the Round Table which had been secured by CE.
- 11.6. **Competitions Day** – Saturday 4th July, Stafford County Showground, Staffordshire including; Reading, Public Speaking (16 & Under), Braintrust (21 & Under), After Dinner Speaking (26 & Under), Member of the Year (17 & Under), Situation Vacant (16-21), Painted Canvas (16 & Under), Fashion Make and Model (21 & Under), Garden Sculpture (26 & Under), Cube Exhibit (26 & Under)
 - 11.6.1. The CSG noted the change in Cube Exhibit venue from Tenbury show to Competitions Day.
 - 11.6.2. The Committee received feedback from the Situations Vacant Competition and everyone liked the new format.
- 11.7. **Sports Day** – Sunday 5th July, Weston Road Academy, Staffordshire including Kwik Cricket (10-16), Cross Country (10-15, 16-21, 22-26), Dodgeball (16-26)
 - 11.7.1. Cross Country timing was discussed with MT suggesting approaching park runs to see if they could time for us, FC suggested contacting Loughborough University. The CSG also agreed to ask competing counties to supply a race marshal on the day as approximately 18 are needed. We will be using the school and leisure centre for the Cross Country.
- 11.8. **Dairy Stockjudging** – Thursday 16th July, Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate including all age categories – Chief Steward – Jo Stubbs. Judges would come from the various breed societies and Stewards were suggested with handling experience. Holstein UK had agreed for us to use their stand for scoring purposes.
- 11.9. **Tug of War Championships** – Saturday 1st August, Tenbury Show, Worcestershire including mens, ladies and GENSB
 - 11.9.1. 4 x 4 Catch Weight after the national final will go ahead with a maximum of 12 teams taking part. Teams will be made up of Area members and will take place in the YFC ring. It was suggested to ask someone from Wales to comper the competition. The Agricultural Committee had asked if one of the finals could be held in the main ring, but the steering committee felt that it would be better to hold all events in the YFC Ring. To note that we receive £1,000.00 from the Committee to host the competition at the show. To ask the Agricultural Society if a curtain sided lorry could be provided for the Scorers so that they were above the competitors.

- 11.10. **Farm Skills Day** – Saturday 5th and Sunday, 6th September, 2015 at Harper Adams including Stockman of the year, junior stockman, efficiency with safety and fence erecting.
- 11.10.1. Efficiency with Safety has attracted sponsorship from Khun, Honda and Massey Ferguson in the form of equipment.
- 11.10.2. Fence Erecting maintains Betafence Sponsorship for both Area and National Final.
- 11.10.3. Young Stockman and Stockman – to note that Harper Adams will be used for the pigs and dairy and a farm will be used for beef and sheep sections.
- 11.11. **Malvern Autumn Show** – Saturday, 26th and Sunday, 27th September, 2015 including Cookery and Floral Art
- 11.11.1. The CSG agreed to run the Cookery in three sessions and to ask Ben Axford to return as judge, alternatively perhaps he or Heidi could suggest an additional judge to take over

ACTION POINTS

- **Further nominations for Judges and Stewards to be sent to MB at NFYFC – All CSG**
- **Council to note the change of date and venue for the cube exhibit to Competitions Day on 4th July 2015 – MC GH**
- **Council to note a 4+4 catch weight competition will be included after the National Final at Tenbury Show – MC**
- **Tenbury Show – inform them that all Tug of War Competitions and finals would be held in the YFC Ring - MB**

12. Competition Rules for 2015-16

The CSG approved the rules and programme for 2015-16 following the Working Party Meeting Sunday 3rd August 2014. (See 2015-16 Programme)

- 12.1. The Overall Theme “Tomorrows World” and the following rules were approved with no further changes:
- Eligibility Rules
 - Beef Live and Carcase – note change of age from Under 21 to Under 18
 - Lamb Live and Carcase - note change of age from Under 21 to Under 18
 - Member of the Year (18 & over)
 - Performing Arts Drama - Live Musicians to be within membership age remains
 - Reading (14 & Under) – included the use of a Kindle and other electronic devices remains
 - Public Speaking (16 & Under)
 - Just A Minute (21 & under)
 - Member of the Year (17 & under)
 - Situations Vacant (16 to 21 years) – DH suggested splitting the ages but CSG declined. VH put forward that careers Wales have been very complimentary and the judges they have used offered to help boost competitors CVs. The rules remain the same with notes to the judges to offer as much help and feedback as possible to the competitors.
 - Mixed Volleyball (10 to 16 years) – England Volleyball Approved
 - Mixed Touch Rugby (14 to 17 years) – O2 Touch Approved
 - Mixed Ultimate Frisbee (16 to 26 years) – UK Ultimate Approved
 - Dairy Stockjudging (16 & Under)
 - Dairy Stockjudging (21 & Under)
 - Dairy Stockjudging Linear (26 & Under)
 - Ladies & Mens Tug of War
 - GENSB Tug of War
 - Young Stockman of the Year - beef, dairy, sheep, pigs
 - Senior Stockman of the Year - beef, dairy, sheep, pigs, vets and project
 - Cookery
- 12.2. **Following discussion the CSG approved the following rules including amendments:**
- **Debating (26 & under)** – Correspondence from Shropshire was supporting the Lancashire version of the rules. SEA liked both sets of proposed rules as they were less scripted than the current version. Staffordshire put forward views to support both versions. HT suggested that rules requiring competitors to prepare on the day targeted the top confident speakers and it should be suitable for a varied standard across the country. MACE rules are more accessible to increase the quality of speakers. OO suggested if competitors had training beforehand they were more inclined to have a go and if the rules were to prepare on the day and they couldn't practice there would be no takers. A vote followed with 7 in favour of the MACE rules and 3 in favour of the Lancashire version. The rules adapted from the English Speaking Union MACE rules will be adopted for

2015-16. To note that the marking systems, additional chairman and timings have been changed to make them more workable for YFC members competing.

- **Choir (26 & under)** – if teams so wish to have a conductor they must be within membership age was proposed by VH and seconded by CP. The CSG all agreed that the semi directed choice from Glee series 5 was suitable.
- **Ballroom Dancing (26 & Under)** – no further amendments required
- **Cake Decorating (16 & Under)** – Accessories must not be used.
- **Radio Show Live (21 & Under)** – to include a preparation time of 10 minutes for the presenters to meet with the guests.
- **Weathervane (26 & Under)** – to be added that competitors should not that the weathervane will be displayed on a solid floor and should be freestanding if NFYFC is not using the winning weathervane it will be returned to the competitor
- **Clay Pigeon Shooting (26 & under)** – to take place on Staffordshire Showground in line with competitions day rather than at a shooting ground. To include clarification that one licence holder must supervise one gun
- **Efficiency with Safety** – to include a sit astride ATV bike rather than a side by side. Venue for 2015-16 to be confirmed at the June meeting following further area feedback particularly from the East Midlands Area.
- **Fence Erecting** - possible venues were discussed to include remaining at the Farm Skills Weekend held at Harper Adams on the first weekend of September, moving to Competitions Day held at Staffordshire Showground 2nd July 2016, moving to Tenbury Show, Worcestershire on 6th August but this is likely to be very tight on space and competitors would not also be able to compete in the tug of war competition held on the same day or moving to the Driffeld Show, East Yorkshire. This is held on a weekday usually the 3rd week in July (22nd July 2015) which would clash with the Royal Welsh Show (20th – 23rd July, 2015). The CSG agreed to confirm the venue and date of the fence erecting national final at the June meeting following further area feedback particularly from the East Midlands Area.
- **Floral Art** – the CSG noted the 21 & under hand tied bouquet was particularly tricky but it is a very useful skill to have, no further amendments were required to the Floral Art Rules.
- **General Rules** – no further amendments were required at this stage but 6.1.3 may be amended to allow competitors to compete in both the fence erecting and the efficiency with safety competition should it be decided that these competitions both be run at the competitions day on 2nd July 2016.

ACTIONS POINTS

- **Rules amendments and rule circulation to all counties – GH**
- **Council to approve rules and programme for 2015-16 including the MACE debating and that the venues for efficiency with safety and fence erecting are still to be confirmed – MC**

13. Area Feedback

- 13.1. Northern Area – Points covered
- 13.2. Eastern Area – Points covered
- 13.3. East Midlands Area – Points covered
- 13.4. West Midlands Area – Points covered
- 13.5. South East Area – Points covered
- 13.6. South West Area – Points covered
- 13.7. Wales – Points covered

ACTIONS POINTS

- **No Action Points**

14. Any Other Business

- 14.1. Date required for Working Party Meeting to discuss the 2016-17 Competitions and Theme is Saturday, 27th June, 2015 during the normal CSG meeting. To prepare for the meeting 2016-2017 Draft Calendar was circulated to all CSG members so Areas can put forward competition ideas for the Committee to consider. The CSG noted the request from the staff conference to return to traditional sports for 2016-17
- 14.2. The CSG were asked to ask why teams were withdrawing from Competitions and to ensure county monitoring figures were completed and returned to NFYFC
- 14.3. CE provided an update to the CSG regarding fundraising. Income includes £600 from the Round Table for the darts, £200 from the England and Wales Cricket Board for Kwik Cricket and £100 from the UK dodgeball Association for the Dodgeball and RABDF £100 for the dairy Stockjudging. Massey Ferguson have confirmed their sponsorship of £2500 for the pantomime competition and will include the printing of programmes at the regional and national finals and also the production of trophies again for the regional and national finals. Kuhn, Honda and Massey

Ferguson will support the Efficiency with Safety competition by providing the required kit list. CE is currently investigating the possibility of a steering group sponsor for the sum of £6000 together with individual sponsors for each competition; however she has previously struggled to get the Stockjudging cards sponsored. CE asked all of the CSG to engage with the sponsors at convention. CE confirmed the loss of the Defra funding at £60,000.

- 14.4. The Board of Management challenged every steering group to zero their budget. In response the CSG requested a full breakdown of costs for each competition so that a review can take place at the June meeting. OO reinforced that the competitions programme must provide something for everyone. DH responded that we provide lots of Stockjudging and was the dairy at Yorkshire show needed. CW added that the board of management required the CSG to become more financially stable. This issue will be reviewed at the June meeting.
- 14.5. DH asked the committee how co-options should be elected in the future. CW commented that this should be done with care as passionate people were not only required but also those with specialist skills. The committee were in agreement that the same system of inviting members to put themselves forward should remain but also include earlier publicity via the buzz and once weekly.

ACTIONS POINTS

- **2016-17 competition ideas for 27th June – All CSG**
- **County monitoring reminder to all counties – All CSG**
- **Engagement with sponsors at the Annual Convention – All CSG**
- **Ideas to zero the CSG budget ready for the review in June – All CSG**
- **Co-option publicity ready for next elections – MC & MB**

15. Date of next meeting

- 15.1. Saturday 27th June, 2015 at the Quality Hotel, Coventry 1:30pm

16. Closing remarks

- 16.1. Mark Curr thanked all of the committee members and NFYFC staff for their feedback and reminded all council members of the photo prior to the council meeting
- 16.2. **Meeting closed at 7:25pm**

Summary of action points

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- **Child licence support to continue – MB**
- **How to guide and scheduling of webinars – MB**
- **Further nominations for Judges and Stewards to be sent to MB at NFYFC – All CSG**
- **Council to note the change of date and venue for the cube exhibit to Competitions Day on 4th July 2015 – MC**
- **All counties to be updated regarding the Cube venue and date changes – GH**
- **Council to note a 4+4 catch weight competition will be included after the National Final at Tenbury Show – MC**
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- Co-option publicity ready for next elections – MC & MB

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Mark Curr

Competitions Steering Group Chair

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