



## Competitions Steering Group Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 - Quality Hotel, Coventry

**Chairman: Mark Curr (Cumbria) Oonagh O'Neill (Bedfordshire) (part)**

**Vice-chairman: Oonagh O'Neill (Bedfordshire) and Rachel Parker (Lancashire) (part)**

**Present:** Christina Coulthard (CC) (NA); Rebecca Horner (RH) (EA); Arwel Jones (AJ) (Wales); Carmel McCormack (CMc) (SWA); Rachel Parker (RP) (NA); Andrew Smith (AS)(EMA); James Troop (JT) (EMA).

Representing Laura Elliott – Dewi Parry (DP) (Wales) and Representing Georgina Monk – Sarah Thomas (ST) (SWA).

Also present in the meeting – David Hamer (DH) (Yorkshire); Claire Worden (CW) (Cornwall) and Natalie Moore (NT) (Yorkshire).

### **Part Meeting:**

Hannah Talbot (HT) (NFYFC Chair); Chris Manley (CM) (NFYFC Vice Chair); Jess Townson (JT) (NFYFC Vice Chair); James Eckley (JCE) (NFYFC Chief Officer); Christina Evans (CE) (NFYFC Fundraising Officer).

### **In attendance:**

Margaret Bennett (MB) (NFYFC Competitions Officer) Gill Harrison (GH) (Competitions Administrator) (Part)

### 1. Opening Remarks

Mark Curr (MC) welcomed old members and new members to the Committee meeting and asked them to sign the record of attendance. MC thanked all the Committee for all their help and support over the last year, stewarding, writing rules etc.

### 2. Apologies

Laura Elliott (LE) (Wales); Georgina Monk (GM) (SWA); Charlie Polak (CP) (SEA); Josh Puplett (JP) (SEA). There were no representatives from WMA at the meeting and no apologies received.

### 3. Confirmation of minutes (27<sup>th</sup> June, 2015)

The Minutes of the previous Competitions Steering Group (CSG) meeting, held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 had been circulated; these were signed by Mark Curr as a true and correct record. Proposed by Oonagh O'Neill (OO) and Seconded by Andy Smith (AS).

### 4. Officer Election for 2016

Hannah Talbot Chair of Council conducted the elections along with Mark Curr retiring Competitions Committee Chairman.

- 4.1. Chairman – Oonagh O'Neill was proposed by Rachel Parker and seconded by Rebecca Horner – Oonagh accepted the nomination.
- 4.2. Vice Chairman – Rachel Parker was proposed by Andy Smith and seconded by James Troop – Rachel accepted the nomination.
- 4.3. Co-options to the Committee prior to the meeting nominations had been received from the following – Claire Worden (Cornwall); David Hamer (Yorkshire); Natalie Moore (Yorkshire) and Mark Powell (Brecknock). Other nominations were asked for in the meeting and Dewi Parry (Clwyd) wished his name to go forward – the meeting agreed on block that the above names should be accepted as nominations. Those nominated who were present were asked to leave the room. Those who were eligible to vote were asked to place their top three names onto a sheet which was then handed to Hannah Talbot who then counted the votes. The results of those elected were as follows:-
  - 4.4. Co-Option 1 – David Hamer
  - 4.5. Co-Option 2 – Claire Worden
  - 4.6. Co-Option 3 – Dewi Parry
- 4.7. Election of Representative to the English Winter Fair Committee (up to 5 meetings per year) – David Hamer was proposed by Mark Curr and seconded by Oonagh O'Neill – David accepted.
- 4.8. Election of Representative to the Tug of War Association Meeting (up to 4 meetings per year) – David Hamer was proposed by Mark Curr and seconded by Oonagh O'Neill – David accepted.

## 5. Matters arising from those Steering Group minutes

- 5.1. Senior and Junior Member of the Year Trophies – Sponsorship had been received from TAMA to produce glass mementos for the Winners of both the Junior and Senior Member of the year Competitions. They would be presented for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020.
- 5.2. County Monitoring Forms – Even though Counties had been chased there were still 10 Counties who had not sent in their forms for 2014/2015 year of competitions. Steering Committee members to mention this at their next meeting as it does give a clear reflection as to which and how many competitions are being held and also the number of members. The final information is also used in relation by Christina Evans the NFYFC Fundraising Officer when applying to Companies for sponsorship. To note that anyone within the County can fill in the details of the form it does not need to be a member of staff. Counties have been circulated the blank form for 2015/2016 which needs to be returned in August, 2016..
- 5.3. General Rules Circulated 2015/2016 –Amended copies were circulated which had been discussed at great length in the last meeting – no comments had been received.
- 5.4. Fence Erecting Competition 2015 – As agreed after the last meeting a letter was sent to all Clubs who took part in the Fence Erecting giving reference to the behaviour of members towards the Judges/Stewards on the day. For the benefit of the new members to the Committee an explanation was given. One of the counties in question had been sent an invoice for the wood as we were not able to resell due to it being broken off in the ground. Comments had been received from Radnor and also Herefordshire stating that they did not feel that the winning team were worthy winners and that the judges were unable to explain the places. As discussed in the meeting the Judge’s decision is final and the marks sheets reflect different elements. The judges did look at all aspects of the design and marked accordingly. It was noted in the meeting that for the Fencing Competition we need to clarify which method of fencing we are using as depending in which part of the country you come from depends how you construct fences. This year was a slightly different competition as it was a tree guard. However, it was pointed out in the meeting that it did not specify in the rules as to what type of stock i.e. was it for sheep or beef cattle as one team had constructed the guard for sheep and the others a taller version for beef. The rules are to be looked at for 2016/2017. For the 2016 final to rope off the cars and spectators from the actual fences.
- 5.5. How To Guides for Public Speaking and Video Clips – Since the last meeting Claire Worden had kindly put together “How to Guides” for various Public Speaking Competitions these had been prepared along with the help of a small working group. Claire showed a sample to the meeting and comments were made. All Competitions to include – After Dinner Speaking, Debating, Brains trust, Just a Minute, Junior Speaking and Junior Reading would be included. These would be used for training purposes and put in NFYFC Source folder. A full set would be available at the next meeting. With regard to ‘Voice Over’s’ – videos had been taken of various competitions and these would be looked at in due course once the Guides were ready for circulation. Claire was thanked for preparing the Guides.
- 5.6. Survey for Efficiency with Safety those who did not attend – 11 teams who were eligible to enter the Efficiency with Safety Competition – at the final in 2015 only 3 teams had taken part. To note that Eastern Area, South East Area did not run this competition at an Area Competition. This took the teams down to 9. West Midlands Area only had one team enter at their round of the competition. The remaining 8 teams who entered were asked various questions - only 3 teams sent through a response – 1 team only answered the first question as they thought it was on a Sunday and not Saturday. The winning teams stated that:- they enjoyed the competition especially the first aid element; time of year needs to be looked at for future as September is a difficult time with harvest etc.; venue and location was fine and central to the country; would have been nice to hold the competition at a show. Discussion took place from the Committee and the thoughts were as follows – make the machinery simple i.e. grassland based rather than equipment used on arable farms, ask Counties if they can put on training i.e. first-aid and ATV handling for members taking part in the competition. It was felt that the first-aid section was vital as it could save a members life or one of their colleagues especially working alone. The first aid section was realistic and had been taken from the HSE website of an accident which had happened in the past 2 years. Competitions Committee to work with PD to see if training course could be offered. We need to try and make the competition simpler to encourage more people to take part.
- 5.7. Survey for Stockman of the Year – Competitors had been sent out a questionnaire for those who have competed over the last 2 years totalling 36 only 6 responses had been received – comments were as follows:- competitors for the last two years – enjoyed competing in the competition and the different elements; meeting competitors from around the Country; possibly the standard of dairy cows could be improved; vet tasks were good but perhaps more guidance on what the judge is expecting and also feedback would be useful; various comments received on the project – some said yes to two sets of stock others thought that one was plenty – it was stated in the meeting that you need to have gone to agricultural college to complete the project. You can be just a good a stockman but

struggle with the written words. Taking on board the comments received – it was agreed that we speak to a previous judge from Reasheath College and if he could update the document or if he is unable to speak to Rob Dunn (ask CW for details). On the whole everyone enjoyed the competition it was just the project element that needed to be addressed.

- 5.8. Competition Committee Budget/Finances – 2015 – Income £9,053.84 against a Budget in June of £8,533.00; Expenditure £23,910.98 against a Budget in June £27,648.63 the total was a deficit of £14,857.14 against a Budget of £19,115.63. The Committee and Staff were thanked for keep costs to a minimum. Claire Worden asked if the Sheets could show the following – Previous Year, Budget, Actual and Forecast – Margaret Bennett to see if this was possible with Jim Minshaw. The budget for Competitions Steering Group for 2016 Budget Income £4,243.00 and Expenditure £24,780.00 giving a deficit of a loss of £20,537.00. This was due to lower attendance when it was a Drama year. There are only 3 ways that the Committee can gain income, Ticket Sales for Performing Arts; Sponsorship; Admin/Fines. After discussion two points came from the meeting a) To see if it would be possible to ask Council if a small charge could be made to enter the performing arts competition for those wishing to see the performing arts competition in future years. b) That we increase the price of tickets from £10.00 - £12.00 for adults and from £5.00 to £7.00 for concessions. Both the above would relate to the 2016/2017 competition Finals.
- 5.9. Appeals Panel – Margaret Bennett to write to James Sage, Caroline Westwood and Kate Carless to see if they wished to stand just in case there was a need for an Appeal to take place with regard to future competitions.

### **ACTION POINTS**

- **County and Area Reps to ensure the Counties are filling in the monitoring forms – MB to circulate to Steering Committee Reps**
- **How to Guides – for Public Speaking to finished ready for the next meeting – Working Party CW**
- **Monitor Efficiency with Safety Competition – regarding entries – MB/GH**
- **Project Management Report – Stockman of the Year – contact previous Judge to re-word document for 2016 competition – MB/GH/OO**
- **Write to Appeals Panel for 2016 – MB**
- **Budget Sheets to Show – previous year, budget and forecast – MB/JM**

### **6. To receive relevant correspondence**

- 6.1. Correspondence received would be discussed under the relevant headings.

### **7. Review of Competitions Since the Last Meeting**

#### **7.1. English Winter Fair – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2015**

- 7.1.1. Beef Live and Carcase – the beef were supplied from the exhibitors and carcasses from Bradshaw Bros.
- 7.1.2. Sheep Live and Carcase – the lambs were brought in by a local farmer and the carcasses again from the Bradshaws Bros.
- 7.1.3. English Winter Fair (YFC Supper – Saturday Evening) – the supper had gone really well. The Society have changed the room layout so that for 2016 we would be able to have 100 people for the supper. Everyone enjoyed the supper and it was a good opportunity to socialise with members from different counties.
- 7.1.4. Prize Giving – had taken place in the Main Ring on the Sunday prior to the sale. On the Monday the scores had been put on the website. In the evening a call had been received from a competitor regarding one of the scores asking 'how are you able to get 19 when the maximum score was out of 15'. This was then looked into and it appeared that a figure had been inputted into the spreadsheet incorrectly. The judges cards were checked with the competitors and it turned out that one of the Judges had put 19 when the section was only out of 15. Once this had been established the Judge was contacted and the situation explained he then went on to re mark the card against the other competitors in the class being Under 18 Live Beef. When this had been done the marks were reallocated and it altered the top three people in the Live Beef Class making the 1<sup>st</sup> Place person going down to 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners now becoming first. In the Live Beef & Carcase marks are added together this again changed the order – the 1<sup>st</sup> person came 4<sup>th</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place were now 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with another person coming from 4<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>. A discussion took place with several people and it was agreed that the marks should be re-allocated and those four individuals were to be contacted. Phone calls were made to the 3 individuals whose places which have been moved up. Will Rogerson from Cumbria who this affected the most was called on his mobile and also at home it was established that he was at College so the message was given to his mother to pass on with apologies from everyone concerned on the day. This was then followed up with a letter to all four competitors saying how sorry this error had been made. The Committee were made aware that the marks are checked at least 4 times during the process

manually and by the computer and the error was not picked up. It was felt that a set of procedures should be put together as the process to be followed for future. There would now be a validation code set into the spreadsheets so that you were unable to put a figure higher than the original value. Consequently, a letter had been received from the Chairman of the Cumbria Federation (Richard Carruthers) on behalf of their Council meeting which had been held to say that they were concerned as to the way in which the situation had been handled as it appears as through social media Will's friends new about the re-scoring of the competition before he did and the revised results had also been put on the NFYFC Website and it would have been better if Will had acknowledged that he had been aware of the changes that were made. The letter also stated that they were concerned that taking the 1<sup>st</sup> place position off Will would have a detrimental effect on him competing in future competitions. It was agreed by the whole Committee that the situation was unfortunate but a procedure would be put in place should the need arise in future and all concerned had sympathy with Will and hoped that he would compete again in National Finals in the future.

- 7.1.5. AHDB Sponsorship – Were thanked for their £1,000 split between NFYFC and S&BAS Competitions.
- 7.1.6. Comments from the English Winter Fair Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 – the Committee thanked YFC for coming to the show and said it was excellent to see the young farmers in the main ring.
- 7.1.7. For 2016 we need to have the carcasses covered in plastic and will require a YFC label on them.
- 7.1.8. Age Range – Some Counties struggled having more under 18's in the team (due to the age change from U21) and staying overnight – Herefordshire, East Riding, Cornwall and County Durham - the age group was discussed and it was agreed to keep the age group the same for 2016.
- 7.1.9. To note that an email had been sent to a competitor regarding his attitude and the fact he was not wearing his white coat for the presentation of awards. This would be monitored.
- 7.1.10. Katie Brian from AHDB (Beef and Lamb) also gave her comments with regard to the competition and said it was excellent to see so many Young Farmers taking part. As a past competitor she felt that the introduction of classifying beef and lamb live would benefit the members and this would give them more knowledge to understand what the industry requires. It was agreed that this would be implemented in the 2016/2017 Live & Carcase Competitions for Beef and Lamb only. This did not apply to Pigs. This was proposed by Dewi Parry and seconded by James Troop.
- 7.1.11. Katie was also thanked for the sponsorship of AHDB for a reprint of 3,000 copies of the Stockjudging Guidelines which were available from NFYFC.

#### **ACTION POINTS**

- **Letter to be sent to Cumbria in response to the English Winter Fair - MB/MC/OO**
- **Revise the 2016/2017 Live Beef Rules to include Live Classification – MB/GH**
- **Validation Codes to be added to Mark Sheet**

#### **8. Meetings/ Site visits since previous meeting**

- 8.1. Tug of War Meeting - DH had attended the meeting in November and gave a report as follows – to ask all Counties/Areas not to have their Tug of War competition finals on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in June (18<sup>th</sup> June, 2016) as this is when the Tug of War championships are being held and Counties/Areas would struggle to get qualified Judges. Areas need to ensure that teams pay their permit in time before the competition the cost has now gone up to £20.00. Margaret Bennett to speak to Essex to clarify that you can have a County composite teams to represent the County i.e. made up of several clubs if required. To note that two YFC teams had been involved in the GENSB final in Holland for 2015 and it would be encouraging to see teams in the. The final will be held in Switzerland for 2016. In 2017 the European championships will be held in Southport and young farmers would be welcome to send through teams.
- 8.2. English Winter Fair Meeting – Margaret Bennett had attended a meeting and the Committee enjoyed having the National Finals of the Competition with nothing being too much trouble.

#### **ACTION POINTS**

- **N/A**

#### **9. Competition Rules for 2015/2016**

- 9.1. Cake Decorating – since the last meeting the Cake Decorating Rules have been amended again after receiving further comments. The new rules were circulated to the meeting. Counties/Areas can adapt the rules as they wish but this set of rules would be used for the National Final.
- 9.2. Debating (MACE) – since the last meeting lots of phone calls had been received in the office regarding the procedures etc. In December David Hamer kindly went through and added times to the various speaking parts and a set of guidance notes

prepared with new mark sheets. These have all been sent out to County Offices. The general feeling in the meeting was once it had been seen for the first time everyone started to understand the competition. Some Counties had not circulated the new guidance notes. Competitors were to note that the points of interest that can be accepted or rejected. Need to bear timings in mind. Also to be stated on the rules approx times after the timings for the Chairman as they are not timed or penalised for going over or under time.

- 9.3. Staff Conference – to note that Margaret and Gill had attend the Conference and had run a workshop on Entry Forms using the silo database and also went through the Debating Rules, Radio Edit, Staging an Exhibit (including floral art and cookery) with a 6 dart challenge.
- 9.4. Entry Forms for those who are organising Area eliminators it is important that the entry forms follow the team through from start to finish i.e. County send the team entry form to the Area Organiser the same entry forms is used as a signing in sheet which those competing sign and then this is sent to NFYFC so that we have a record at all levels who took part in the competition.
- 9.5. Performing Arts – Jess Wright from Herefordshire had emailed with regard the rule that state all musicians must be in membership age. This had been discussed previously and it was agreed by the Committee that it should stay the same i.e. all those playing musical instruments must be of membership age.

#### **ACTION POINTS**

- **Contact Jess Wright Herefordshire regarding decision for Performing Arts - MB**

### 10. Competition Guidelines

- 10.1. Child Licences - To note that again this year Local Authorities are requesting different information from teams and individuals so Margret and Cath Sykes are working with Counties and Areas on an individual basis as to what is required. PD are looking at putting a motion forward to the Department of Education to see if NFYFC Performing Arts Competition can be exempt as a whole to include County, Area, Regional and the National Finals.
- 10.2. Area Diary Dates – this is being produced we are just waiting for a few more dates to come in for the eliminators of competitions for 2015/2016.

### 11. Competition Guidelines

- 11.1. **COMPETITION VENUES & DATES 2015/16 – All rules for the 2015/2016 have been approved and been circulated to Counties. Overall Theme “Tomorrows World”.**
- 11.2. **Northern & Southern Regional Finals Public Speaking - for 2016:**
  - 11.2.1. Northern Public Speaking Final to be held at Retford on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at Retford Oaks Academy
  - 11.2.2. Southern Public speaking Final to be held at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2016
  - 11.2.3. Judges and Steward are organised for both finals.
- 11.3. **Northern & Southern Regional Finals Drama – for 2106:**
  - 11.3.1. Northern Performing Arts - to be held at Retford on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at The Majestic Theatre, Retford
  - 11.3.2. Southern Performing Arts – to be held at The Bacon Theatre, Cheltenham Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2016
  - 11.3.3. GODA Judges will be used at the NFYFC Final and Semi Finals.
  - 11.3.4. Stewards have been organised for both finals and Nottinghamshire and Gloucestershire will be involved.
  - 11.3.5. To note that no tickets will be sold prior to the competition they will be sold at the venue of the day of the competition.
- 11.4. **Annual Convention Winter Gardens, Blackpool – Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**
  - 11.4.1. Member of the Year 18 & over – Judges and Stewards organised. Mary Masters had commented that the Senior Member of the Year needs to do a lot less for the competition than a Junior. After discussion it was felt that this should be left the same.
  - 11.4.2. Performing Arts Drama - **GODA Judges** to be used – to note that Massey Ferguson will again produce the programmes and supply glass trophies for the Northern, Southern Regional Finals and Final along with awards for the best Male/Female Actors. Programmes which are being produced from Massey Ferguson would be charged at £2.00 at the Northern, Southern and Final
  - 11.4.3. Performing Arts Trophy – as agreed Whitley Chapel (Northumberland) are giving a trophy in the memory of Gillian Nixon – a trophy had now been purchased and the wording was being prepared. The trophy would be given to the winning team of the Performing Arts Competition on an annual basis.
  - 11.4.4. Darts for Fun – this is run by the CSG but does not go towards the NFU Trophy. Again to be held on the Saturday morning in the Winter Gardens to ensure that the start time coincides with the registration desk. It

was felt that this year we should only use 3 dart boards for the competition and use the other one for the 6 darts challenge as this would ensure that more people could take part and bring in more revenue. Exact arrangements to be discussed with Mark Curr and David Hamer. It was also agreed with Events that we would hold a separate 6 darts challenge on the Friday afternoon for registration. Christina Evans is trying to get sponsorship if this is not the case we need to look at possibly reducing the prize money. Laurie Brunskill will act as commentator the winning prize is £100; £50 for runner up; £25.00 each for two runners up and £25.00 for the opposite sex and £25.00 for the 6 Darts Challenge £5.00 to enter and charge for the 6 dart challenge separately. To see if it would be able to get a signed shirts, darts etc from Scott Mitchell as a prize for the darts competition.

- 11.4.5. Raffle – there is an opportunity to raise more money, however, it was felt that a designated team should be appointed to take on the task from Friday at Registration, The Darts, Performing Arts and the Ballroom Dancing and Choir. It was discussed about having separate raffle but it was agreed that there should be just one. Oonagh O’Neill and Rachel Parker are to co-ordinate this during the weekend.
- 11.4.6. Competitions Steering Group Stand – it was agreed by the Committee that a stand should be set up during registration to promote the competitions being held during the weekend – this would be held in conjunction with the Raffle and Darts – Oonagh and Rachel to co-ordinate. Any posters fliers etc to be sorted out prior to the day.
- 11.5. **Annual Convention Winter Gardens, Blackpool - Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**
  - 11.5.1. Choir – MB needs to discuss the acoustics with Adam Waller ESW to help with equipment to reduce the noise levels. MB to find judges will a suitable background
  - 11.5.2. Ballroom Dancing - MB to find suitable judges and to see if there was a suitable demonstration team available.
- 11.6. **Competitions Day, County Showground, Stafford, Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2016 – Judges and Stewards were suggested for the following:-**
  - 11.6.1. Reading (14 & Under)
  - 11.6.2. Public Speaking (16 & Under)
  - 11.6.3. Just a Minute (21 & under)
  - 11.6.4. Debating Competition (26 & under) – New Rules (MACE)
  - 11.6.5. Member of the Year 17 & under
  - 11.6.6. Situations Vacant Competition
  - 11.6.7. Cake Decorating (16 & Under) – comments had been received with regard to the rules and an amended copy would be sent out to Counties.
  - 11.6.8. Radio Show Live (21 & Under) – local radio station to be invited to send through Judges also to ask Chris Stark and Scott Mills if they would be available.
  - 11.6.9. Weathervane (26 & Under) – rules to be amended that the competitor does not need to be present on the day of the national final. However, they must be available on the day to receive a telephone call.
  - 11.6.10. Clay Pigeon Shooting (26 & Under) – (CE) and (MB) to work with BASC to see if they are able to support the competition. It was agreed by the committee that a charge would be made to competitors if sponsorship was not received for the clays. It was confirmed that it would be a 50 bird shoot with 5/6 stands.
  - 11.6.11. Fence Erecting – new rules have been circulated as the wood to be used had been repeated twice in the rules.
  - 11.6.12. Efficiency with Safety – to be reviewed as to how many teams take part and the format may need to change in future years.
  - 11.6.13. Hog Roast – looking into the possibility of having a hog roast after prize giving on the Saturday – Christina Evans looking to see if we are able to find a sponsor.
  - 11.6.14. Staffordshire County Summer Ball – to note that for 2016 this would not be on the same evening.
- 11.7. **Sports Day – Staffordshire, Sunday, 3<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 – Stewards volunteered.**
  - 11.7.1. Mixed Volleyball (10 – 16) – England Volleyball to provide umpires.
  - 11.7.2. Mixed Touch Rugby (14-17) – 02 Touch – to see if the refs are available as 2014 as they are based in Staffordshire.
  - 11.7.3. Mixed Ultimate Frisbee (16 – 26) – UK Ultimate have given names of contacts which have been sent to County Offices for help and information and they will act as observers at the National Final.
- 11.8. **Dairy Stockjudging – Yorkshire Agricultural Society – Great Yorkshire Show Date Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2016**

- 11.8.1. Dairy Stockjudging (16 & Under)
- 11.8.2. Dairy Stockjudging (21 & Under)
- 11.8.3. Dairy Stockjudging Linear (26 & Under)
- 11.8.4. Judges to be asked from the Breed Societies – names for stewards that can handle dairy cows especially from the north to save on expenses would be appreciated.
- 11.8.5. Jo Stubbs has been asked to Chief Steward
- 11.8.6. Confirmation has been received from YAS to hold the competition at the Show on the Thursday.
- 11.9. **Tug of War Championships – Tenbury Show – Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**
  - 11.9.1. Ladies & Men's Tug of War
  - 11.9.2. GENSB Tug of War (to note no age range change)
  - 11.9.3. To hold at Fun Catch weight competition after the finals of the Tug of War competition in the main around 5.30pm - 6.00p.m.
  - 11.9.4. Gazebos to be positioned around the ring as agreed with the Show Society.
- 11.10. **Stock judging Weekend Venue TBC - Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2016**
  - 11.10.1. Young Stockman of the Year – Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2016
  - 11.10.2. Senior Stockman of the Year – Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2016
  - 11.10.3. Use Harper Adams for the Saturday and Sunday and find a new venue for the Beef/Sheep close to Harper.
- 11.11. **Malvern Autumn Show, Three Counties Showground, Malvern – Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2016**
  - 11.11.1. Cookery – Saturday. 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 – to ask the two judges from previous year to help with the competition.
  - 11.11.2. Floral Art - Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 - to look at new judges as the existing ones have judged for a few years must be NAFAS approved.
  - 11.11.3. Need to put up signage to explain the competitions for the general public.

#### **ACTION POINTS**

- **Write to Judge and Stewards for all forthcoming competitions – MB**
- **Prepare Information for the Darts Competition – MB**
- **Organise a Stand at Registration for the promotion of Competitions – MB OO RP**
- **Organise Hog Roast for Competitions Day – MB**
- **Sort out Traps/Sponsors for Clay Pigeon Shoot – MB/CE**
- **Weathervane rule amendment – GH**
- **Darts Sponsor – CE**
- **Raffle – Co-ordinator – OO RP**
- **Senior & Junior Member of the Year Venue MB**

#### **12. Competition 2016/2017 Overall Theme – Around the World**

To approve the Draft Rules for Circulation to the CSG and County Offices – Any amendments noted  
Calendar for 2016/2017 – Draft circulated to the Committee

#### **The following rules were agreed by the Committee for Circulation with the amendments.**

- Beef Live and Carcase – Under 18 – Under 26 (to add in Classify (Live Beef)
- Pig Live and Carcase – Under 18 – Under 26
- Performing Arts – Entertainments
- Senior Member of the Year
- Junior Reading
- Junior Speaking – to add to mark sheets any time faults will be taken off the individuals score and not the overall score
- Brainstrust U21
- Junior Member of the Year
- Situations Vacant – add in item regarding dress code
- Clay Pigeon Shoot

- Cube Exhibit – committee agreed the new clarification and marking system
- Junior Rounder's 10-16 – to be approved by NFU Insurance and governing body – Rules sent to Umpires for checking
- Senior Ladies Netball 16 and Over - to be approved by NFU Insurance and governing body – Rules have been checked final rules ready to circulate
- Senior Men's Football 5 a side 16 and Over – to be approved by NFU Insurance and governing body to be played on AstroTurf – Rules sent to Umpires for final check
- Ladies and Men's Tug of War
- GENSB – age to be reviewed on an annual basis
- Young Stockman – need to change the age range as per any other business
- Senior Stockman

**The following Competitions Rules were approved by the Committee with amendments.**

- Annual Convention – Dancing Cheerleading – Agreed by the Committee to send to UK Cheer for final check.
- Annual Convention – Dancing Competition – Agreed repeat the Street Dancing rules to be amended
- Fence Erecting – Robert Bell (Cumbria) and Mark Curr and David Hamer to clarify wording – Adele Hamer to prepare a drawing
- Efficiency with Safety to use simple equipment i.e. grassland rules to be re-worded accordingly.
- Floral Art – U16, U21 and U26 (OO) – Agreed by the Committee ready for circulation
- Cookery – (OO) – Agreed by the Committee with a few minor tweaks re wording.
- After Dinner Speaking – Claire Worden submitted the Draft with Guidelines (just a few small tweaks) then will be ready for circulation. Comment was made to keep the Senior Debating for two years for continuity, however it was agreed by the Committee that it should be alternated with After Dinner Speaking.
- All rules for 2016/2017 to be revamped to all have the same format and take into consideration the wording on the general rules. All rules will have the general rules attached to them to save confusion.

**ACTION POINTS**

- **To prepare all rules for 2016/2017 and circulate to Counties and Steering Committee – GH/MB by May 2016**

**13. Area Feedback**

- 13.1 Northern Area – Nothing that has not already been covered.
- 13.1 East Midlands - Asked if all competitions could be viewed – possibly a snapshot of all competitions so that members in future knew what to expect i.e. efficiency with safety.
- 13.1 West Midlands – No one was present
- 13.1 Eastern Area – Radio Edit to note that the competition was judged with the judges and audience facing the other way from the competitor so it was a hearing competition and not a watching competition.
- 13.1 South West Area – Nothing that had not already been covered.
- 13.1 Wales – raised the put that for the Junior Stockman of the Year – could the age range be changed from under 16 to under 18. The Committee discussed this point and agreed to fall in line with the ages for the EWF it should be Under 18. This was proposed by Dewi Parry and seconded by David Hamer – this would not come into force for 2016/2017.
- 13.1 South East Area – No one was present

**ACTIONS POINTS**

- **To amend rules for the Junior Stockman of the Year to reflect the age range – GH/MB**

**12. Any Other Business**

- 12.1. At the next meeting a discussion would take place for the 2017-2018 Competitions and this would be held in conjunction with the usual meeting in June . Ideas required for Overall Theme; 3 Sports; 3 x Floral Arts (Procedure); Cookery Procedure and Crafts/Cube Exhibit.
- 12.2. Sponsorship Update – Christina Evans came into the meeting and discussed sponsorship for the (CSG) – Massey Ferguson would be sponsoring the performing arts competition printing programmes and providing trophies for the Northern, Southern and Final. Equipment would also be provided for the Efficiency with Safety Competition along with Kuhn and Honda. Tama have agreed to provide glassware for the Senior and Junior Member of the Year as a keepsake. Sponsor for the Darts Competition (possibly a bar in Blackpool). BASC were to be contacted to support the Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition and (CE) was in the process of trying to find a sponsor to go towards



the Overall Budget of the Committee which would probably mean having branded clothing or possibly a High Viz jacket. Claire Worden mentioned that South West Area all have shirt with Mole Valley on which are worn during their weekend. Also CE to look a sponsoring a Hog Roast for Competitions day after the presentation of awards.

- 12.3. Annual Convention – Registration – if anyone could help spare a few hours to do ‘wristbanding’ forms are available the times are from 1p-3pm: 3pm-6pm; and 9pm-12midnigt.
- 12.4. The Committee agreed to set up a facebook group – and the necessary ‘Code of Conduct’ would be sent out to Steering Committee reps. This would be classed as a closed group and would just be for the Steering Committee and 3 National Officers.

#### **ACTIONS POINTS**

- Ideas required for the June meeting for Competitions for 2016/2017 – MB/GH/Committee
- Facebook Group to be set up – MB/GH

#### **13. Date of next meeting**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at the Quality Hotel, Coventry 1:30pm

#### **14. Closing remarks**

Oonagh O’Neill – thanked everyone for the attending and look forward to working with the Committee during the year. She also thanked Mark Curr for all his hardworking during the past 12 months.

**Meeting closed at 6.30 pm**

#### **Summary of action points**

- County and Area Reps to ensure the Counties are filling in the monitoring forms – MB to circulate to Steering Committee Reps
- How to Guides – for Public Speaking to finished ready for the next meeting – Working Party
- Monitor Efficiency with Safety Competition – regarding entries – MB/GH
- Project Management Report – Stockman of the Year – contact previous Judge to re-word document for 2016 competition – MB/GH/OO
- Letter to be sent to Cumbria in response to the English Winter Fair - MB/MC/OO
- Revise the 2016/2017 Live Beef Rules to include Live Classification – MB/GH
- Write to Appeals Panel for 2016 – MB
- Budget Sheets to Show – previous year, budget and forecast – MB/JM
- Contact Jess Wright Herefordshire regarding decision for Performing Arts - MB
- Write to Judge and Stewards for all forthcoming competitions – MB
- Prepare Information for the Darts Competition – MB
- Organise a Stand at Registration for the promotion of Competitions – MB
- Organise Hog Road for Competitions Day – MB
- Sort out Traps/Sponsors for Clay Pigeon Shoot – MB/CE
- To amend rules for the Junior Stockman of the Year to reflect the age range – GH/MB
- Ideas required for the June meeting for Competitions for 2016/2017 – MB/GH/Committee
- Facebook Group to be set up – MB/GH

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Oonagh O’Neill  
Competitions Steering Group Chair 2016  
February, 2016