



Competitions Steering Group

Saturday 18th February, 2017 - Quality Hotel, Coventry

Chairman: Oonagh O'Neill (Bedfordshire)

Vice-Chairman: Rachel Parker (Lancashire)

Present: Oonagh O'Neill (OO) (Chair 2016, Eastern), Rachel Parker (RP) (Vice 2016, Northern), Natalie Moore (NM) (Northern), Amy Poore (AP) (South East), Dewi Parry (DP) (Wales), Fay Thomas (FT) (West Midlands), Ben Bakel (BB) (East Midlands), Matthew Frampton (MF) (South West), David Hamer (DH) (Tug of War Rep), Jodie Collin (JC) (Co-Option; Northern), Christina Coulthard (CC) (Co-Option; Northern).

Observers - Claire Worden (CW)(South West), Rebecca Beaty (RB) (West Midlands), Victoria Rowlands (VR) (West Midlands), Tom Oaty (TO) (Youth Forum Chair;), Edward Harris (EH); South West), Tom Baker (TB) (Eastern), Emily Blount (EB) (South East)

Part Meeting:

Chris Manley (CM) (NFYFC Chair); Ed Ford (EF) (NFYFC Vice Chair); Lynsey Martin (LM) (NFYFC Vice Chair), (CW), Laura Elliott (LE) (Events Steering Group Representative), Ben Westwood (BW) (Events Steering Group Representative), (Events Steering Group Representative),

In attendance:

Margaret Bennett (MB) (NFYFC Competitions Officer), Gill Harrison (GH) (NFYFC Competitions Officer), James Eckley (JCE)(NFYFC Chief Officer)

1. Opening Remarks

Oonagh O'Neill (OO) welcomed members to the Committee meeting and asked them to sign the record of attendance. OO thanked all the Committee for all their help and support with events. She asked all members to introduce themselves and contribute as much as possible to the discussions.

2. Apologies

Katy Kirkham (KK) (East Midlands), Rebecca Horner (RH) (Eastern), Katie Davies (KD) (Wales), Edward Potter (EP) (West Midlands), Colin Tucker (CT) (South West),

3. Confirmation of Minutes (22nd October, 2016)

The Minutes of the previous Competitions Steering Group (CSG) meeting, held on Saturday 22nd October, 2016 had been circulated; these were signed by Oonagh O'Neill (OO) as a true and correct record. Proposed by Dewi Parry (DP) and seconded by Fay Thomas (FT)

4. Matters arising from those Steering Group minutes

- 4.1. Competitions Facebook Group will be set up with the new steering group members. Forms were given out and asked to be completed and returned by the end of the meeting. The facebook group will provide an additional area for discussion amongst the steering group members.
- 4.2. Competitions Budget to Date explanation was given by Margaret Bennett (MB). Increased expenditure was associated with trophy renewals, increased postage charges (NFYFC Competitions will be aiming to limit postage charges by emailing more correspondence); theatre costs combined with smaller drama audiences. Budget has been moved from farm skills to competitions day with regard to fence erecting and efficiency with safety. Competitions Day budget also includes North and South Regional Finals. Harper Adams costs includes overnight accommodation for Judges and stewards as it is a 2 day event. Sheep shearing has been added to the current budget but this will actually be spent in the competitions year 2017-18. The actual expenses for 2016 were £26,572.30 less the income of £5,900.00.85 which left a deficit of £20,671.45 as opposed to £14,857.14 - £2,841 was related to Drama as already mentioned. Budget Expenses for 2017-18 is predicted at £26,496.00 with an income of £9,702.21 a revised budget is now £18,708.13 as further sponsorship has been received from £5000 from Rutland fencing, £1500 from Delacy, £500 From Ladies Circle and £1000 from Tenbury Show Society. This will hopefully give a deficit on the year of -£9,537.67.
- 4.3. Entry Forms reminder to all CSG members to ensure that Area Final organisers collate and to use NFYFC entry forms as signing in sheets. Entry forms for those teams progressing to the national final must then be sent to Gill Harrison (GH) at NFYFC. Demonstrations of how to complete entry forms using the Silo database mail merge were shown at both the staff conference in January 2017 and chairs weekend in November 2016. A "How to Steward" Guideline document has been published for county but mainly Area competition organisers to use and to give to stewards with clear instructions of what is required, in particular, with the NFYFC entry forms.

- 4.4. County Monitoring Forms to be completed by all counties by the deadline of 4th August 2017.
- 4.5. Fines for withdrawing from NFYFC national finals will be incurred by Areas with competition held within the 2 week fine period. CSG members were reminded to ensure teams taking part at Area finals taking place within the 2 week fine period are available to progress. Fines still remain at £25 for withdrawing 2 weeks prior to the final, £40 for within 48 hours and £20 for nonproduction of a valid membership card.
- 4.6. Performing Arts exemption from child licences has been awarded from the Department of Education for all 10 to 16 year olds taking part in Area, Regional and National Finals in 2017. An exemption for County rounds was not applied for as currently NFYFC cannot ensure child safety procedures are in place, but this may be possible in the future. NFYFC will continue to support Counties to follow child licence guidelines.
- 4.7. Update of Sponsorship was given by MB. Rutland Fencing now sponsoring Stockman of the Year, Young Stockman, Fence Erecting, Efficiency with Safety and Dairy Stockjudging. Four Ring Animal stockjudging have been produced with the Rutland logo on them. These are now available from NFYFC club shop, priced at £5.50 per 100 + P&P. AHDB booklets have been reprinted and now have accompanying Stockjudging how to videos which are available to view from the NFYFC website. Stockjudging booklets are available free of charge from NFYFC but P&P is charged. Trainers/coaches should be using these resources. Darts sponsorship is currently being investigated for the 2017 competition in Torquay.
- 4.8. Youth Forum Guide to NFYFC Competitions update was given by Tom Oaty (TO) the current Youth Forum Chair. 2 video diaries were shown to the CSG. These videos are a fantastic resource and will be added to the guideline suit. Claire Worden (CW) suggested that the youth forum could perhaps interview other people such as stewards. OO thanks the Youth Forum for all of their work to date.
- 4.9. Competitions Link Persons have now been emailed by GH. GH will continue to use emails to these comps link reps, encouraging further communication between NFYFC and grass roots members. Brecknock, Carmarthenshire, Meirionnydd, Surrey and Wiltshire do not currently have members to be link representatives.

ACTION POINTS

- **Facebook Group – those that haven't already completed the code of conduct form should return to NFYFC. All current CSG members to accept friendship request onto group and use as a discussion platform – All CSG members**
- **County Monitoring Forms to be completed by 4th August 2017 by all counties – All CSG members to encourage Council to Note: Performing Arts Exemption has been awarded for all 10 to 16 year olds taking part in Area, Regional and National Finals in 2017**

Council to Approve: None

Council to Report: None

5. Election of Officers

The following people were elected:

Chairman – Rachel Parker; Lancashire. Proposed by Natalie Moore (NM) and Seconded by Dewi Parry (DP) with 6 votes in favour

Vice Chairman – Fay Thomas; Herefordshire. Proposed by DW and seconded by Matthew Frampton (MF) with 6 votes in favour

Co-option 1 – Christina Coulthard; Cumbria. Proposed by NM and seconded by Fay Thomas (FT) with 7 votes in favour

Co-option 2 – Jodie Collin; County Durham. Proposed by MF and seconded by FT with 7 votes in favour

Co-option 3 – Kate Edginton; Gloucestershire. Proposed by MF and seconded by FT with 7 votes in favour

Representative to the English Winter Fair Committee (up to 5 meetings per year) – Fay Thomas; Herefordshire. Proposed by Rachel Parker (RP) and seconded by DP

Representative to the Tug of War Association (approx 4 meetings per year) – David Hamer; Yorkshire. Proposed by DP and seconded by FT.

6. Meetings/Site visits since previous meeting

6.1. English Winter Fair (EWF) meeting was reported on MB. The Staffordshire and Birmingham Agricultural Society (SBAS) thanked young farmers for their support. Supper numbers were slightly down but relationship continues to be strong.

6.2. Tug of War Association (ToWA) meeting was reported on by David Hamer (DH). The ToWA booklet is now out with contact details for judges, complete with picture of YFC's on front cover. Outdoor Champs take place 21st to 24th September so advert will be circulated in the club mailing. YFC's are encouraged to take part or act as spectators. The GENSB Tournament takes place 26-27 August in Belgium. Judges and Recorders courses are taking place on 4th and 5th March at Cattrick. Members and past members are encouraged to become qualified judges or recorders and if interested should contact Gavin Corden at ToWA. NFYFC to post ToWA events on social media.

ACTION POINTS

- **Tug of War information to be circulated to all counties – GH**

Council to note: None

Council to approve: None

Council to report: None

7. Review of Competitions Since the Last Meeting

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English Winter Fair, County Showground, Stafford – Saturday, 19th and Sunday, 20th November, 2016

- 7.1. Beef Live and Carcase – sponsored AHDB (Beef & Lamb) – comments combined with below.
- 7.2. Pigs Live and Carcase – sponsored AHDB (Beef & Lamb) - comments were received from Northern Area that the Tamworth Pigs were not up to standard but this was up to what is available by the Exhibitors. Comments received from Shropshire that there was too much waiting around but this is simply due to the number of participants. The CSG asked FT to ask Shropshire to put forward suggestions of how they feel the competition could be run to prevent unnecessary waiting around. Comments from EMA were that the travel and overnight stay for a 2 day competition puts people off taking part. MB explained that it has to be over 2 days due to the availability of stock to judge as NFYFC competitor's judge all elements. If it were to be on 1 day, the judging would go on late into the evening. Other members of the CSG felt it would lessen the profile of NFYFC at the event. Jodie Collin (JC) said that Parents from County Durham came to support and made a good weekend of it, getting involved an enjoying the dinner. The CSG decided to remain a 2 day event.
- 7.3. Standard of Reason Giving was commented on by Katie Brian of AHDB. Very disappointed at standard of reason giving. Meat for the market training has been included in the DEFRA grant which will enable members/trainers to get some help with judging/reason giving/classification. AHDB booklet and video need to be used by trainers.
- 7.4. Saturday Evening meal was sponsored by Bagshaws Agriculture. The judges spoke at the evening meal which has had very positive feedback as competitors were able to learn more about the judges.

ACTION POINTS

- **Shropshire to put forward suggestions of how they feel the competition could be run to prevent unnecessary waiting around**
- FT

Council to note: None

Council to approve: None

Council to report: None

8. Competition Rules for 2016/2017 (Overall Theme Around the World)

- 8.1. **North and South Regional Finals** of the speaking and Entertainments Judges, Stewards and Comperes are now confirmed
- 8.2. **Annual Convention Finals** of Member of the Year 18 & over, performing arts, cheerleading and street dance judges, stewards and comperes are all confirmed. The committee noted that NODA Judges are being used for the Entertainments and there will be a display from Cheerleading and Street Dance professionals.
 - 8.2.1. CSG noted Additional Changing Rooms (currently one portakabin) have been organised to accommodate the 5 entertainment teams at Torquay due to lack of changing facilities.
 - 8.2.2. CSG discussed at length the sales of programmes for the Entertainments Competition at this year's Regional Final and Annual Convention. There is no sponsor to cover the cost of production so it was agreed that North and South would have A5 booklets and the Final would have A4. MB and GH to approach possible people to advertise in the booklets to try to recover some costs. The cost of the programme for the audience to purchase will remain at £2. The cost of ticket prices was discussed, with the ability to increase prices to cover costs without a sponsor. WMA reported that they charge £15 and £7 with Wales charging £10 and £5 but also charging the cast to watch. CSG members together with Council will discuss the potential for increasing the cost of tickets for 2018 at the June meeting from £10 and £5.
 - 8.2.3. Aerial Silks being performed by Cornwall was discussed. In preparation for Cornwall qualifying from SWA to South Regional finals and then potentially the national finals. The use of the silks with the performers not being harnessed requires specialist health and safety procedures and equipment. Cornwall understands that any additional charges will apply. Both the Bacon Theatre and Princess Theatre have agreed in principle that they are happy to do the necessary rigging and bring expertise if necessary.
 - 8.2.4. Cornwall would use up their allocated technical rehearsal time (approx 15 minutes) to attach the silks to the rigging structure. It was agreed that any additional time the theatre take to ensure the safety requirements

are in place will not be timed (approx 45 minutes). FT commented it is better to be safe. BB stated that the team would receive no advantage as other people (Theatre staff) would be setting it up. DP commented that de-rigging would be quick. This is in line with the NFYFC Performing Arts Rules so the time taken to set the silks on the bar is included time as setting and striking the set. The additional theatre checks are not timed is permitted as part of rigging and not included as setting and striking the set. All CSG were in agreement.

- 8.2.5. Trophies – there is no replacement sponsor for the performing arts competition to replace Massey Ferguson so therefore, £250 has been spent on trophies for the North, South and Final for the best Female and Male Actor and the winning teams.
- 8.2.6. Darts for Fun competition is still looking for sponsorship of between £200 and £600 and this will be held on the Saturday of Convention. This needs to be publicised within Counties and a flier will be set out in the club post.
- 8.2.7. Raffle taking place throughout Annual Convention still requires prizes. A rota was drawn up with members of the CSG volunteering for the different events at Convention. If anyone had any ideas who could be contacted from prizes then to let MB and GH know.
- 8.2.8. Competitions Stand (Friday) - OO, RP, DH, DP and Ben Bakel (BB) volunteer. Pin the meat on the cow, the raffle, posters advertising darts and participants in competitions to be on display.
- 8.3. **Competitions Day** judges and stewards were proposed. MB to contact county offices directly for further judges and stewards.
 - 8.3.1. **Competitions Day added value events** were discussed. AGRI work to be included on the day involves MacDonalds Careers and the Rare Breeds Survival Trust to do a demonstration on showing. CSG ideas include a “Surgery” where competitors, trainers and supporters can come and ask any questions about comps, this could include displays and demonstrations and would be informal. Darts - 6 dart challenge as per the annual convention could also be possible. An open mic/ yfc’s got talent type show was also discussed. Honda UK Easi Demonstration to be used as training for anyone wishing to attend is due to be held at competitions day, participants would be able to complete their certificate of competency. Adverts for Competitions Day and Sports Day to be added to the Club Mailing. Laura Elliott (LE) and Michael Wood (MW) representing the Events Steering Group gave an update on their work. They now have 3 members of the Events steering group attending the day and are currently choosing from the shortlist 25 activities of what to do on the day. They will liaise with each other over facebook but will sort for the day. Ben Westwood (BW) announced that the YFC ski trip will be launched at Competitions Day rather than Annual Convention. Edward Harris (EH) reminded CSG to put on entertainment that would detract from the highest level competitions taking place.
 - 8.3.2. **Reading (14 & Under)** – Issues have arisen with regard to additional arrangements for those competitors with additional needs such as Dyslexia. MB has liaised with the Dyslexia Society and will continue to liaise to update counties of what procedures to put in place. Information sheets will be circulated. The CSG discussed how it might be possible to flag on Silo what needs Dyslexic people have when they submit their “statement” so that arrangements can be made for them. However it was decided that it was easier for those taking part needing additional procedures should contact competition organisers themselves to discuss what needs to be done.
 - 8.3.3. **Public Speaking (16 & Under)** – The CSG noted that the vote of thanks has a time limit of 1 min and 30 seconds. Edward Harris (EH) asked if the rules could be amended so speakers were not able to use the same speech as previous years. It was discussed that this would prove difficult to police. DP voted to leave the rules as they currently are, which was seconded by BB. It was advised that Counties could enforce this at the first rounds of the competition.
 - 8.3.4. **Brainstrust (21 & Under)** – EMA added that they enjoyed this competition at wondered if it could be included for Under 26 level.
 - 8.3.5. **After Dinner Speaking (26 & Under)** – Generally a lower uptake than debating. Timings for this competition to be discussed at the June Meeting.
 - 8.3.6. **Situation Vacant (16 – 21)**. GH noted that the deadline date should read 12th June 2017 rather than 13th June 2016.
 - 8.3.7. **Fence Erecting** – Betafence have agreed to provide Area rounds with wire. Areas are to advise MB of when and where wire is needed.
 - 8.3.8. **Efficiency with Safety** – it was noted that Massey Ferguson have agreed to provide the equipment for the national final.
 - 8.3.9. **Clay Pigeon Shooting** – it was noted that the clay pigeon shooting will take place at Oakedge Shooting Ground. The CSG asked if the new NFYFC fundraising officer could look into sponsorship for this competition

once in post.

- 8.4. **Sports Day** venue was discussed and it was decided to use Stafford Grammar School, J13 of M6, that was financially more favourable. Therefore the CSG agreed that the men's 5 aside football would be played outside on grass. GH to circulate information to all counties with regard to footwear requirements. To clarify rounders will be outside on grass and netball outside on hard courts. Sports Day will remain on Sunday 2nd July. Judges will be from the relevant sporting associations.
- 8.5. **Dairy Stockjudging** will use breed society judges. The Ayrshire's will be in one group. Cattle handlers will be required. Any volunteers should contact MB. Early bird tickets for the Great Yorkshire Show will be on sale via link from NFYFC website.
- 8.6. **Tug of War** main ring event at Tenbury Show was discussed. It was very difficult last year to ask those that had taken part in the finals to pull again in the main ring as they had given everything to the competition and it had been a particularly hot day. MB to approach the Tenbury Show Society explaining that the YFC ring holds an audience all day and we are unable to contribute the main ring programme. 2018 will be the last year of the 5 year partnership between NFYFC and Tenbury show. The CSG will discuss where to take Tug of War Finals for 2019 in June. DH encouraged more YFC's to become recorders/scorers and judges.
- 8.7. **Stockjudging Weekend** venue was agreed to be kind permission of the Wright Family, located J12 of M6 in Cannock, Staffordshire. Saturday will be the vet tasks and project interviews in a nearby hotel with the stock being judged on the Sunday, so Harper Adams will not be used in 2017. The Dairy Cattle will be Jerseys.
- 8.7.1. **The Stockman of the Year project** was discussed at length with suggestions of 500 word personal plan on themselves but this was deemed unsuitable for nonfarmers, journalistic article, interview with the title "Your Aspirations for Agriculture" accompanied by a short personal statement. It was decided that the headings used in the 2016 final would be used as stock situations and finalists would have an interview to talk about this with no written element. The stockman of the year format for 2017 would be a 20 minute interview broken into 10 minutes of "tell me about the chosen title" then 10 minutes for an informal chat. Competitors would need to confirm to MB which topic they have selected with a short biography form of approximately A5 size. GH and MB to produce guidelines to confirm project process in June.
- 8.8. **Cookery** judges to be investigated with Rosemary Shrager to be asked.
- 8.9. **Floral Art** judges to be from the floristry commission.

ACTION POINTS

- Judges and Stewards Nominations – MB
- Cornwall Aerial Silk timings preparation – MB
- Raffle Prizes – all CSG
- Darts Sponsorship – GH & MB
- Competitions Day added value –MB & GH & Events, Youth Forum and PD and Agri
- Men's 5 aside football pitch and clothing confirmation to be circulated to all counties - GH
- The CSG will discuss where to take Tug of War Finals for 2019 in June.
- Stockman of the Year project guidelines – MB & GH
- Early bird tickets for the Great Yorkshire Show will be on sale via link from NFYFC website -GH
- Clay Pigeon Shooting Sponsor – NFYFC Fundraising Officer
- Fence Erecting Wire requirements for Area Finals – CSG reps/ Area Organisers to MB
- Dyslexic Association Liaison for guidelines to counties and paragraph for General Rules – MB and Cath Sykes

Discussion for June:

1. After Dinner Speaking Rules including timing
2. Tug of War venue

Council to note: Sports Day Venue and Men's football will be outside on grass.

Council to approve: None

Council to report: Increased Ticket price for Performing Arts Competition from £10 and £5 for 2018

9. COMPETITION RULES FOR 2017-18 (Theme Magic & Mystery)

- 9.1. Theme of Magic and Mystery was noted just for the competitions programme such as Floral Art, Cookery and Craft Competitions.
- 9.2. Rules amendments were made as follows:
- 9.2.1. **General Rules:** Title of membership cards change to eligibility. Comment from Sussex with regard to substitutes being eligible in a county final is already included in the general rules rather than individual competition as it applies for all NFYFC competitions. GH to reply to Sussex
- 9.2.2. **Beef Live and Carcase (18 & Under, 26 & Under):** – the CSG discussed the age grouping and if it should remain

at Under 18 or return to Under 21. GH presented stats to indicate the ages of participants over the last 4 years in Beef, Lamb and Pig. The stats also showed which Counties had taken part over the last 4 years, indicating how Cornwall and Devon had been unable to enter in 2016 due to under 18s not wanting to travel. EMA reported that they were happy with Under 18s. JC commented that County Durham parents came and thoroughly enjoyed joining in with the event. Rebecca Beaty commented that her very young club would not take part as 21 & under sounds far too old for them to compete against and puts them off straight away. The CSG voted unanimously to keep the age at 18 & Under

- 9.2.3. **Lamb Live and Carcase (18 & Under, 26 & Under):** As above
- 9.2.4. **Performing Arts (26 & Under) – Pantomime:** No further changes – Guidelines to be produced
- 9.2.5. **Member of the Year (18 & Over):** No Further changes
- 9.2.6. **Jump Rope (26 & Under):** No further changes
- 9.2.7. **Reading (14 & Under):** No further changes
- 9.2.8. **Public Speaking (16 & Under) and guidelines:** No further changes
- 9.2.9. **Just a Minute (21 & Under) and guidelines:** No further changes
- 9.2.10. **Debating (26 & Under) and guidelines:** CW and GH to check guideline document.
- 9.2.11. **Member of the Year (17 & Under):** The number of elements involved compared to the over 18 Member of the year was discussed. It was agreed that the competitors would complete a synopsis form instead of the CV and Personal Statement. GH to prepare Synopsis Form template and all CSG members to confirm if any further amendments are required.
- 9.2.12. **Situations Vacant (16 to 21):** No further changes
- 9.2.13. **Clay Pigeon Shooting (26 & Under and 17 & Under):** No further changes
- 9.2.14. **YFC Live (26 & Under):** No further changes
- 9.2.15. **Dodgeball (10 to 16):** No further changes
- 9.2.16. **Hockey 7 a side (16 to 26):** No further changes
- 9.2.17. **Dairy Stockjudging – U16, U21, U26:** No further changes
- 9.2.18. **Tug of War – GENSB / Male and Female:** No further changes
- 9.2.19. **Stockman of the Year (18 & Under):** No further changes
- 9.2.20. **Stockman of the Year (26 & Under):** No further changes
- 9.2.21. **Cookery:** No further changes
- 9.2.22. **Floral Art (U16, U21, U26):** No further changes
- 9.3. **Rules to be discussed and approved by CSG**
 - 9.3.1. **Disco Dancing (26 & Under):** Amendments include inclusion of the word medley. No further feedback received.
 - 9.3.2. **Dream Machine (26 & Under):** patent information to be added by James Eckley. No further feedback received. No rule changes required.
 - 9.3.3. **Workshop Skills (26 & Under):** GH liaising with Yellow Wellies to add a hazard perception type team task to the rules. This will be for the national final only. Feedback received: Northamptonshire use of a foreman for the first aid. The first aid will be an individual element and there is no requirement for a foreman. GH to reply to clarify this with Northamptonshire. Worcestershire has requested training. No further changes to be made to the rules. GH to check insurance for counties operating the welding and angle grinding.
 - 9.3.4. **Fence Erecting:** Feedback received: Northamptonshire commented that it was good to see written adaptations to be used at county level, very useful! Rules amendments required included an update to the picture with the box strainer the other way around and a change in option 1 should read 7 posts instead of 9 and 34m instead of 30.
 - 9.3.5. **Tennis Mixed Doubles (16-26).** A discussion was had with regard to keeping mixed tennis doubles 16 to 26 on the 2017-18 programmes or exchanging them for mixed ultimate Frisbee 16 to 26 or mixed touch rugby 14-17. Feedback received from Northampton stated tennis wouldn't work as they would play it in the winter and they would prefer a team sport to get more members involved. Worcestershire has suggested Kwik Cricket and Tag Rugby. Mark Harding, County Durham suggested Men's Basketball. The CSG discussed this option with the main problem being access to facilities for counties. Most sports halls only have one basketball court as the backboards for the nets would be required. This would mean that only 2 teams can play at any time and for those events with lots of teams, it was felt that this would be very time consuming. RP to reply to Mark Harding and thank him for his comments. Cumbria raised concerns over low participation numbers and the time it would take to play the games, but put forward Kwik cricket, rounder's, tag rugby and dodgeball as a 4 year rotation. Each area put forward their preferred option: WMA – Tennis, NA – Frisbee, EMA – Frisbee, SWA – Tennis, SEA – Frisbee, E – Frisbee, Wales – Rugby. So it was agreed that the sports for 2017-18 would be: Mixed Dodgeball 10-

16, Mixed Ultimate Frisbee 16-26, Mixed 7 aside Hockey 16-26.

- 9.3.5.1. The CSG examined the potential to change the age ranges of the sports on the NFYFC programme. Statistics indicating ages of participants taking part over the last 4 years in the national final were discussed. It was evident that those aged 10 to 14 had a very low, if any, uptake. The CSG would like council to return in June with any feedback to aid further discussions.
- 9.3.6. **Frisbee** Rules will be as per 2015-16 (replacing Mixed Tennis Doubles) – no further changes required.
- 9.3.7. **Sheep Shearing** – feedback received: Northamptonshire are interested in taking part. Rules will be in line with BISCA and all competitors require a Blue Seal qualification. Rule amendments required included stating minimum age of 16 on 1st September 2017 and the two age categories to be 26 & under and 21 & under. MB will continue to liaise with the Great Yorkshire Show and Wool Board. OO thanked Mark Curr and DH for all of their work to date.
- 9.4. **Competition Guidelines**
- 9.4.1. Judges/Stewards “How to” Guide are now available on the NFYFC website and should be used by competition organisers to give to judges and stewards to ensure constituency and quality of volunteers.
- 9.4.2. New member of staff now have a guideline document “Basics of NFYFC Competitions”. This was circulated at the Staff Conference, given out to the CSG and will be given to those new staff attending NFYFC’s staff induction days. Any new staff will be emailed the document.
- 9.4.3. Speaking Videos are under construction by NFYFCs Digital Communication Officer David Green, with the target of completing After Dinner Speaking, Debating, Just a Minute, Braintrust and Junior Public Speaking. These will be alongside the Youth Forum videos.
- 9.4.4. Competition Guidelines for all Public Speaking – Junior Speaking, Braintrust, Just a Minute and After Dinner Speaking now complete and are available on the NFYFC website. CW and GH to make final edit of Debating guidelines.
- 9.4.5. Risk Assessments to be made available as templates are currently under construction and will be available on the NFYFC website as soon as possible
- 9.4.6. Performing Arts Guidelines under construction and aiming to be ready for 2017-18

ACTION POINTS

- **Substitution eligibility comment from Sussex reply – RP**
- **Rule Amendments - GH**
- **Member of the Year (17 & Under): Synopsis Form template – GH and all CSG members to confirm if any further amendments are required.**
- **Reply to Mark Harding – RP**
- **Sheep Shearing Liaison with Great Yorkshire Show – MB, DH & Mark Curr**
- **Speaking videos – David Green**
- **Debating Guidelines – CW & GH**
- **Risk assessment templates – GH, James Eckley and John Radford**
- **Performing Arts Guidelines – GH, MB & James Eckley**

Council to note:

- **Sports for 2017-18 would be: Mixed Dodgeball 10-16, Mixed Ultimate Frisbee 16-26, Mixed 7 aside Hockey 16-26.**
- **Age grouping of the 2017-18 Beef Live & Carcase and Lamb Live & Carcase will be 26 & Under and 18 & Under.**

Council to approve: None

Council to report: None

10. Area Feedback

- 10.1. **Northern Area** – Nothing further
- 10.2. **East Midlands** – Nothing further
- 10.3. **West Midlands** – Nothing Further
- 10.4. **Eastern Area** – Nothing Further
- 10.5. **South West Area** – Area Events clash with Cornwall events. Discussion of if, how and when national events can be moved to. The CSG agreed that NFYFC calendar is published 3 years ahead to allow counties and areas to prepare their calendars in advance. Counties and Areas need to work back from National events. CW commented that it was local shows causing more of a problem.
- 10.6. **Wales** – Nothing Further
- 10.7. **South East Area** – Street Dance has no marks awarded for adhering to the theme. It was noted that this was included under costume and overall presentation marks.

ACTIONS POINTS

- Encourage representatives to be present at the meeting as Areas do not get their voice heard – all CSG members

Council to note: None

Council to approve: None

Council to report: None

11. Any Other Business

- 11.1. Competing Teams at NFYFC finals was noted– 2 x Northern Area; 2 x South West Area; 2 x Wales; 1 x West Midlands; 1 x West Midlands; 1 x Eastern Area; 1 x South East Area – Total of 10 Team at National Final
- 11.2. Safeguarding of those under 18 staying away when competing in a National Competition was noted. Parental consent forms must be used and adult medical forms are also available for those over 18s with any notable issues.
- 11.3. For the June meeting committee members to come with ideas for Competitions for the 2018/2019 Competitions Programme – 2 x Dancing at Convention; 3 x Sports; Themes Cookery and 3 x Floral Art – 2 x Competitions to Watch; Efficiency with Safety/Workshop Skills; Fence Erecting style. This was put to council to discuss and bring to June meeting.
- 11.4. Request was put forward by NFYFC to change the rotation order of the performing arts competition. The current order stands at 2018 Pantomime in Blackpool, 2019 Drama in Blackpool and 2020 Entertainments in an unknown venue. As Entertainments has 5 teams and usually the most participants, it is requested that Blackpool, a known venue, is used to make planning easier and to ensure the competition can be accommodated and then Drama take place at the unknown venue, when there are less participants. Therefore the proposed rotation would be 2018 Pantomime in Blackpool, 2019 Entertainments in Blackpool and 2020 Drama in an unknown venue. This will be put to council to return in June with feedback.
- 11.5. Press report from Cheryl Liddle (NFYFC's external communications officer) indicated that web based and regional press coverage of the English Winter Fair had a reach of 87,266. Equivalent advertising space would cost in the region of £2600. Press releases are sent to counties so they can adapt them for their own local press and event reports are also placed on NFYFC website. A photo gallery will also be in NFYFC website after events so use #yfcomps.
- 11.6. The CSG acknowledged the thanks from staff attending the staff conference for all of the resources. They have found them very useful.
- 11.7. Harriet Wilson correspondence was acknowledged with regard to stockman of the year competition potentially leading to participants representing Great Britain in Canada. Potential issues discussed were the age range of 18-21 not corresponding to the current NFYFC age banding and if it would require an additional competition and also the funding of £1500. MB to investigate and discussions to continue at the June meeting.

ACTIONS POINTS

- Competition ideas for 2018-19 for June meeting – All CSG
- Feedback regarding performing arts rotation from Areas in June – All CSG
- Harriet Wilson correspondence with regard to stock judging in Canada – MB

Council to note: None

Council to approve: None

Council to report:

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12. Date of next meeting

Saturday 24th June, 2016 at the Quality Hotel, Coventry 1:30pm

13. Closing remarks

Meeting closed at 18:10

14. Summary of action points

ACTION POINTS

- Facebook Group – those that haven't already completed the code of conduct form should return to NFYFC. All current CSG members to accept friendship request onto group and use as a discussion platform – All CSG members
- County Monitoring Forms to be completed by 4th August 2017 by all counties – All CSG members to encourage
- Tug of War information to be circulated to all counties – GH
- Shropshire to put forward suggestions of how they feel the competition could be run to prevent unnecessary waiting around - FT
- Judges and Stewards Nominations – MB
- Cornwall Aerial Silk timings preparation – MB
- Raffle Prizes – all CSG
- Darts Sponsorship – GH & MB
- Competitions Day added value – MB, GH, Events, Youth Forum, PD and Agri
- Men's 5 aside football pitch and clothing confirmation to be circulated to all counties - GH
- The CSG will discuss where to take Tug of War Finals for 2019 in June.
- Stockman of the Year project guidelines – MB & GH
- Early bird tickets for the Great Yorkshire Show will be on sale via link from NFYFC website -GH
- Clay Pigeon Shooting Sponsor – NFYFC Fundraising Officer
- Fence Erecting Wire requirements for Area Finals – CSG reps/ Area Organisers to MB
- Dyslexic Association Liaison for guidelines to counties and paragraph for General Rules – MB
- Substitution eligibility comment from Sussex reply – RP
- Rule Amendments - GH
- Member of the Year (17 & Under): Synopsis Form template – GH and all CSG members to confirm if any further amendments are required.
- Reply to Mark Harding – RP
- Sheep Shearing Liaison with Great Yorkshire Show – MB, DH & Mark Curr
- Speaking videos – David Green
- Debating Guidelines – CW & GH
- Risk assessment templates – GH, James Eckley and John Radford
- Performing Arts Guidelines – GH, MB & James Eckley
- Encourage representatives to be present at the meeting as Areas do not get their voice heard – all CSG members
- Competition ideas for 2018-19 for June meeting – All CSG
- Feedback regarding performing arts rotation from Areas in June – All CSG
- Harriet Wilson correspondence with regard to stock judging in Canada – MB

15. Summary of Council to note

- Elections of officers – Chairman Rachel Parker (Lancashire), Vice Chairman Fay Thomas (Herefordshire) – Co-Options - Jodie Collin (County Durham), Christina Coulthard (Cumbria), Kate Edington (Gloucestershire) Representatives to English Winter Fair - Fay Thomas, Tug of War – David Hamer

2016-17 Programme

- NFYFC have been given an exemption for the Performing Arts Competition (Entertainments) for child licences for 2017 only this covers English Area, Regional and National Rounds only. NFYFC will continue to support counties and Wales.
- Sports Day venue, hosting Mixed Rounders (10-16), Ladies Netball (16-26) and Men's 5 aside football (16-26), which will be played outside on grass, information will be circulated to counties. Venue to be at Stafford Grammar School.
- Stockjudging venue, hosting Stockman of the Year and Junior Stockman of the Year to be at a farm in Staffordshire the dairy cows will be Jersey.

2017-18 Programme

- Junior member of the year to include a synopsis form rather than CV and Personal Statement.
- Sports for 2017/2018 are to be Mixed Dodgeball (10-16), Mixed Ultimate Frisbee (16-26), Mixed 7 a side Hockey (16-26)
- Ages for Beef Live & Carcase and Lamb Live & Carcase for 2017-18 to remain at Under 18 and Under 26.
- Videos to accompany "How to Guide" for speaking competitions currently under construction and should be available online from September, ready for the 2017-18 Competitions year.

16. Summary of Council to approve

- Nothing

17. Summary of Council to report

- Ideas for Competitions for the 2018/2019 Programme are to be discussed at the June meeting. Council is invited to offer the Competitions Steering Groups suggestions for:
 - 2 dance type competitions for Sunday afternoon at Annual Convention
 - 3 Competitions for Competitions Day (Should clay shooting at U18 & U26 remain)
 - Suggestions for the style of fence for fence erecting
 - 3 sports
 - Cookery theme/meal idea
 - 3 floral art theme/exhibit ideas (one for each age category)
- Sports – for 2018/2019 to raise the age group of participants in NFYFC sports programme from 10 to 26 years old up to 14 years to 26 years.
- Discuss the increase for the ticket price for the Performing Arts in 2018 from £5.00 and £10.00
- Performing Arts rota for 2018 (Blackpool – Pantomime), 2019 (Blackpool – Drama) 2020 (No Venue as yet Entertainments year) – would it be possible swap the rota round so that in 2019 it is an Entertainments year due to the sizes of teams.

18. Items taken forward to June Meeting

- **After Dinner Speaking Rules including timing**
- **Tug of War venue**

SIGNED.....

DATED.....

Rachel Parker
Competitions Steering Group Chair 2017-18