



Competitions Steering Group Saturday 24th June 2017 - Quality Hotel, Coventry

Chairman: Rachel Parker (Lancashire)

Vice-Chairman: Fay Thomas (Herefordshire)

Present: Rachel Parker (RP) (Chair 2017, Northern), Fay Thomas (FT) (Vice-Chair 2017, EWF Rep, West Midlands), Natalie Moore (NM) (Northern), Dewi Parry (DP) (Wales), Katie Davies (KD) (Wales), Colin Tucker (CT) (South West), David Hamer (DH) (Tug of War Rep), Jodie Collin (JC) (Co-Option; Northern), Christina Coulthard (CC) (Co-Option; Northern), Kate Edginton (CE) (Co-Option; South West). Oonagh O'Neill (OO) (Ex-Officio, Eastern). Observers - Claire Worden (CW)(South West), Eleanor Smale (ES) (South East Area) Luke Crossman (LC) (West Midlands Area)

Part Meeting:

Ed Ford (EF) (NFYFC Chair); Lynsey Martin (LM) (NFYFC Vice Chair), (CW), Thomas Oatey (TO) (Youth Forum Chair)

In attendance:

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

1. Opening Remarks

Rachel Parker (RP) welcomed members to the Committee meeting and asked them to sign the record of attendance. RP 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), Sarah Hardman (SH) (West Midlands), Ben Bakel (BB) (East Midlands), Matthew Frampton (MF) (South West), Amy Poore (AP) (South East)

3. Confirmation of Minutes (17th February, 2017)

The Minutes of the previous Competitions Steering Group (CSG) meeting, held on Saturday 17th February 2017 had been circulated; these were signed by Rachel Parker (RP) as a true and correct record. Proposed by Oonagh O'Neil (OO) and seconded by Fay Thomas (FT)

4. Matters arising from those Steering Group minutes

- 4.1. Facebook Group - Steering Group Members who had not signed were asked to do so.
- 4.2. Competition Budget to Date was reported by Margaret Bennett (MB). To date actual surplus stands at £1599, including income from the Ladies Circle, Delacy, Woodstream, Tenbury Show and fines with expenditure primarily from annual convention. The Competitions Steering Group (CSG) noted upcoming expenditure on the next National Finals so it is predicted that there will be a deficit of £7819.17 on the year. To note that the Entertainments competition had brought in a surplus of £7,776.00 due to having five teams at the Final.
- 4.3. Stockman of the Year Project was discussed. Katie Davies (KD) questioned the benefit of the project and perhaps getting the competition on 1 day would be beneficial. Claire Worden (CW) suggested a scenario on the day rather than pre prep. Oonagh O'Neil (OO) suggested a medicine book task. Overall the CSG agreed to keep the project the same as last year and monitor the entries and report back to the next meeting.
- 4.4. Risk Assessments are being looked into by John Radford and will be circulated to all counties.
- 4.5. Canada 4H trip as a prize for the winning Stockman of the year was put to the CSG by AGRI Chair Harriet Wilson. The committee discussed the possibilities of sponsorship but felt this would overlap with breed society sponsorships and so will not currently pursue this.
- 4.6. Video clips for Public Speaking has been prepared by NFYFC and sponsorship is currently being sort so that they can be used as a training aid.
- 4.7. County Monitoring Forms deadline of Friday 4th August was noted and Counties reminded to return their figures.

ACTION POINTS

- Facebook Group – all CSG members
- Stockman Project to remain the same – MB
- Risk Assessments – JCE, GH and MB
- Public Speaking Videos – SW (NFYFC)
- Remind all counties to return Competitions Monitoring Forms – All CSG

Council to Note: None

Council to Approve: None

Council to Report: None

5. Meetings/Site visits since previous meeting

- 5.1. English Winter Fair preparations were noted by the CSG with the supper being supported by Bagshaws Agricultural. Next meeting is 6th September. AHDB Beef and Lamb are to support the competition with prize money.
- 5.2. Tug of War Association report was given by David Hamer (DH). Congratulations went to Upper Eaden, Cumbria for taking part in the National Outdoor Championships. Southport will be hosting the European Championships on 21st to 24th September and YFC members can take part in the open competition. Information about accommodation can be found at tow2017.com. Belgium are hosting the GENSB championships on 25th to 27th September. Information can be found at gensb.eu or from Alec Mason on 07768 208676. Leaflets were sent out with Spring Mailing to all Clubs to get involved. DH reminded all counties to return their TOW permits to the association. All TOW competition organisers should ensure they use an up to date judge which can be found on the association website or by phoning DH. Judges and scorers are arranged for Tenbury show with the compare being the chairman of the tug of war association. Flags and staging to be organised by DH. SWA asked about the standard of boots. Areas are allowed to wear boots that have no studs or steel toe caps and if the judges can ensure safety to help encourage maximum participation, however proper boots must be worn at the national final. DH to write a boots standards guidelines document and this would be sent out with the Competitor Notes.
 - 5.2.1. Julian Lloyd (Trainer of a Herefordshire Tug of War Team) had sent a letter of complaint regarding the WMA Finals of the Competition in the way in which the competition had been run. The letter included weighing in procedure at the West Midlands Area (WMA) Final, rope that was chosen for the final and accusations of his team being ineligible to pull. DH a referee on the day commented that once the teams have signed in any issues that arise should be dealt with afterwards rather than disrupting a team during the competition. CW responded that all of the judges and stewards at the event were very experienced and WMA should consider stating a 2nd form of ID is required on booking in. The CSG agreed that unless the 1st place team was unable to attend the National Final, Herefordshire would not have qualified as WMA are only eligible to send forward 1 team due to their total number of members in the area. DH to draft reply to both WMA and Julian Lloyd.
- 5.3. Three Counties Agricultural Society (TCAS) meeting has been held between MB and Gill Harrison (GH) and the new chief executive. TCAS are happy to continue support of NFYFCs Floral Art and Cookery. They would like NFYFC to promote alternative floral art classes at the show and there is also potential for YFC members to do a cookery demonstration in their food hall.
- 5.4. Yellow Wellies, MB and GH held discussions to support Workshop Skills competition at the National Final 2018 with an additional farm safety task incorporating hazard perception.
- 5.5. Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST), MB and GH held discussions with support for Annual Convention, Competitions Day and proposed ideas for the Cookery Competition 2019.
- 5.6. Agricultural and Horticultural Development Boards (AHDB) Katie Brian is keen to continue to support NFYFC with prize money, stockjudging booklets, video relaunch for reason giving and further training in the form of Meat for the Market training. Counties will be asked to register their interest in live to dead courses for beef or sheep. A reminder to all Counties that the classification of Beef and Sheep will take place at English Winter Fair.

ACTION POINTS

- **Return Tug of War permits – all counties**
- **Tug of War Boot Guidelines – DH**
- **Reply to Julian Lloyd – DH and RP**
- **YFC cookery team for demo at Malvern Show - MB**

Council to note:

1. The group to ask NFYFC Council to support vigilance in YFC areas when checking membership cards of competitors and to be aware of YFC members holding membership in more than one Club/County Federation.
2. YFC GENSB Tug of War teams are encouraged to take part in the GENSB championships to be held on 25th to 27th September in Belgium. Contact Alec Masson 07768 208676

Council to approve: None

Council to report: None

6. Review of Competitions Since the Last Meeting

6.

6.1. **Southern & Northern Regional Finals & Annual Convention**

- 6.1.1. Junior Speaking – Northern – Retford – comments discussed under rules
- 6.1.2. Brainstrust – Northern – Retford – no comments received
- 6.1.3. After Dinner Speaking - Northern – Retford – no comments received

- 6.1.4. Entertainments – Northern – Retford – no comments received
- 6.1.5. Junior Speaking – Southern – Hartpury – no comments received
- 6.1.6. Brainstrust - Southern – Hartpury – no comments received
- 6.1.7. After Dinner Speaking - Southern – Hartpury – Letter and Email from Brindley Hoskins Cornwall were read out. The CSG noted that the 2 judges were very different in opinion with one of the Judges Guy Bond not being available for feedback. However, since the competition he had been more than happy to give feedback to the competitors. The CSG discussed the request from Cornwall for 3 judges. Rachel Parker (RP) commented on the difficulty finding judges that have not been used in previous rounds and the additional costs associated with having 3 judges. Claire Worden the Chief Steward for the day explained the ability of the judges rather than the number of judges is paramount. Senior Member of the year should have 3 judges and Areas need to ensure the quality of judges they recommend. Dewi Parry (DP) suggested 1 judge only as Wales Area Finals, with expert knowledge so the judges single decision is final. However Colin Tucker (CT) advised this maybe a lot of pressure for one judge. The discussion continued with judges feedback required to be factual rather than personal emotion. A vote was then taken with 7 votes for 2 judges and 2 votes for 1 judge. Therefore, it was agreed that for the Northern, Southern Regional Finals and National Final only 2 Judges will be appointed.
- 6.1.8. Entertainments - Southern – Cheltenham and Northern – Retford – no comments received
- 6.1.9. Senior Member of the Year Final – Annual Convention – Torquay. OO commented that there have been some good articles about the winner Alice Singleton, raising the profile of her, the competition and NFYFC.
- 6.1.10. Entertainments - Annual Convention – Torquay – Letter from Cornwall Producer Mike Meer was discussed with issues including; health and safety and risk assessments, reduced rehearsal times, definition of “Entertainments”, adjudicators qualifications and overall lack of progress within the performing arts competition. These complaints were also echoed in a letter from Cornwall Chair Cat Ede commenting on poor facilities. It was decided that the National Chair of Council Ed Ford (EF) would respond to the letters from Cat Ede and Mike Meers, primarily stating that the CSG would not tolerate behaviour that was disruptive to other teams and answering each issue raised in a positive manner. A Working Party to be set up to go through the Entertainments, Pantomime and Drama Rules. Gordon Brown from Brampton, who won the national final with the performance on Foot and Mouth and Dan Nixon, Lewis Short with NODA judges checking the rules once written.
- 6.1.11. Cheerleading - Annual Convention - Torquay was included in the letter from Cat Ede, commenting that 3 judges should have been used and although the demonstration was great, having both judges from the same place (Devon) and same organisation was not acceptable. Margaret Bennett explained how the judges were professionals cheerleaders and more than qualified and experienced to judge the competition and had no connection to YFC. The Committee were fine with the decision to have only two judges.
- 6.1.12. Street Dancing - Annual Convention – Torquay – Christina Coulthard who competed thanked everyone as it was Brilliant! CW commented that stewarding was easy with everything colour co-ordinated.
- 6.1.13. Competitions Stand – Annual Convention –Torquay. RP thanked everyone for their help but more boys were needed for next year.
- 6.1.14. Darts Competition – Annual Convention – Torquay. A really enjoyable event but clashed with Agri Forum. Needs to be made an event on facebook.
- 6.1.15. Raffle – Annual Convention – Torquay. £630 was made to add to the Annual Convention budget.
- 6.1.16. Child Licences will be applied for for next year – Cath Sykes and MB to work on this and report back to the next meeting.

ACTION POINTS

- **Reply to Cat Ede and Mike Meers – Ed Ford**
- **Reply to Brindley Hoskins -MB**
- **Performing Arts Rules working party set up – MB**
- **Child licences – MB & CS**

Council to note:

1. Correspondence was received regarding the southern region public speaking competition semi final and the entertainments competition final and responses prepared.

Council to approve: None

Council to report: None

7. Upcoming Competition for 2016/2017

- 7.1. Competitions Day – Saturday 1st July, Stafford County Showground, Staffordshire

- 7.1.1. Reading (14 & Under) – no comment
 - 7.1.2. Public Speaking (16 & Under) – no comment
 - 7.1.3. Brainstrust (21 & Under) – no comment
 - 7.1.4. After Dinner Speaking (26 & Under) – timings to be discussed for future Rules
 - 7.1.5. Member of the Year (17 & Under) – no comment (rules will be amended for 2018)
 - 7.1.6. Situation Vacant (16-21)- sponsorship secured from DeLacy
 - 7.1.7. Cube Exhibit – no comment
 - 7.1.8. Clay Pigeon Shooting (26 & Under) and (17 & Under) – Entries for 17 and under less than expected.
 - 7.1.9. Fence Erecting - Betafence supporting Area & Final event with wire and sponsorship secured from Rutland Fencing. The judge Roger James has questioned the time penalties for over time and if teams are to be stopped at the 2 hour limit. This was discussed with FT commenting that judges would rather judge a finished fence. Other comments included an over run limit of 20 minutes, teams take pride in their fence and it is not a race, too late to change rules at this stage but points should be less harsh for over running. It was agreed that for 2017-18 the time limit for over running would be set at the National Final to that of the Area Final. I.e. a time limit of 2hour 30 at Area and 2 hours at National would allow for a maximum over run of 30 minutes when teams would then be asked to stop. Comment cards will be available to judges to include any time penalties on.
 - 7.1.10. Efficiency with Safety – no comment
 - 7.1.11. Contribution from other Steering Committee's for Competitions Day
 - 7.1.11.1. Events – Erica Attwood confirm that the Events Steering Group would be attending competitions day and bringing some games to play.
 - 7.1.11.2. PD – No report at this stage.
 - 7.1.11.3. Youth Forum – Thomas Oaty reported that the youth forum would be running a yellow wellies hoopla between 10am and 4pm.
 - 7.1.12. Outside Exhibitors include B&B tractors, Rutland Fencing, RBST trailer to promote British Wool along with Staffordshire Spinner demonstrations.
- 7.2. Sports Day – Sunday 2nd July, Stafford Grammar School, Staffordshire
- 7.2.1. Mixed Rounder's (10-16) – no comment
 - 7.2.2. Ladies Netball (16-26) - no comment
 - 7.2.3. Men's 5 a Side Football (10-26) – sizes of the football goals were noted
 - 7.2.4. Tuck Shop by Staffordshire FYFC was noted
- 7.3. Dairy Stockjudging – Thursday 13th July, Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate
- 7.3.1. Dairy Stockjudging (u16, u21 & u26), Stock from Exhibitors and Handlers are sorted – no further comments
- 7.4. Tug of War Championships – Saturday 5th August, Tenbury Show, Worcestershire
- 7.4.1. Ladies and Men's Tug of War – no comment
 - 7.4.2. GENSB Tug of War – no comment
 - 7.4.3. 4 x 4 Catch Weight at the end of the competition – YFC Ring/Main Ring will not be run this year. Tenbury Show have said it is not a problem if YFC are not present in the main ring.
 - 7.4.4. Gazebos for Teams on the day will be limited around the YFC Ring. The use and need for Gators was noted.
- 7.5. Stockjudging Competitions – Saturday 2nd and Sunday, 3rd September, 2017 (Dawtry Cottage Farm, Staffordshire). The day will be run so that members judge and give reasons on beef and sheep and then judge and give reasons on pigs and dairy. Committee members volunteered to steward over the weekend.
- 7.5.1. Stockman of the Year – Senior – Saturday, 2nd and Sunday, 3rd September, 2017
 - 7.5.2. Stockman of the Year – Junior – Sunday, 3rd September, 2017 (Only)
 - 7.5.3. British Pig Association (BPA) and National Junior Pig Club have offered help to Areas to source pigs. Both Organisation had spoken at their concern that Nfyfc would be removing pigs from their Competitions in future MB reassured them that this was not the case. However, it was noted that some Areas do find it difficult to find pigs.
- 7.6. Malvern Autumn Show – Saturday, 23rd and Sunday, 24th September, 2017
- 7.6.1. Cookery – Saturday, 23rd September, 2017 – split into two sessions as last year. As suggested in the February meeting Rosemary Shrager has a fee of £3000 so the CSG agreed for MB to speak to Ben and Hetty, last years

judges, to see if they will judge again. CSG members volunteered to steward.

7.6.2. Floral Art – Sunday, 24th September, 2017 – judges are secured and CSG members volunteered to steward.

ACTION POINTS

- **Fence Erecting timing to be amended on 2017-18 Rules - GH**

Council to note:

1. Clay shooting competition will incorporate an open competition for any YFC members who would like to have a go at Oakedge Shooting Ground at competitions day – please share with your members.
2. Competitions Day - added value this year – additional attractions at the event next Saturday.

Council to approve: None

Council to report: None

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

- 8.1. Rules Approved by Competitions Steering Group (18th February, 2017): - The CSG noted that the Final Draft Versions of these rules have been sent to all counties and Steering Committee.
- 8.2. Feedback regarding the following competitions:
 - 2017-18 NFYFC Competitions Calendar. CT on behalf of SWA are struggling to find dates for Area Finals prior to the national final competitions day date. LC stated that Areas and Counties have to work back from National dates. The committee agreed with the 30th June and 1st July 2018 for Competitions Day and Sports Day as is falls as the same weekend as 2017.
 - Eligibility Rules – no comment
 - Beef Live and Carcase (Live Classification) – no comment
 - Sheep Live and Carcase (Live Classification)- no comment
 - Member of the Year (18 & over) – Results at the Annual General Meeting was discussed and the CSG demonstrated strong feeling that the format of the Senior Member of the Year competition remain the same. The CSG to put to council that the current timings of the AGM be adhered to before changes to the agenda be made. RP and OO commented that the awards section of the AGM is the part that members look forward to.
 - Performing Arts Pantomime – The CSG asked council in February to feedback ready for discussion in June, however the council members put forward no comments. In the CSG meeting, WMA agreed an increase and currently charge £15 for their tickets. Northern Area agreed to increase the price and suggest a £2 increase. SWA had no preference, EA had no preference but suggested £3 for programmes, EMA not present, W agreed to an increase and currently charge £10 per session, SEA no preference. The CSG agreed increase adult tickets by £2 from £10 to £12. Concessionary tickets would be increased from £5 to £6 and under 5s would be free. Programmes would be sold for £3. This would be at both the regional finals and national finals. Those wearing an AGM wristband would still have free entry. It was agreed that the pantomime rules would remain as currently written but would have a new risk assessment. Rules would be reviewed ready for 2018-19.
 - Disco Dancing - Ticket Fee to Watch the Sunday afternoon competitions was discussed. It was agreed that Adults would be charged £5, under 16s would be free and those wearing an AGM wristband would also be free.
 - Jump Rope - Ticket Fee to Watch as stated above
 - Reading (14 & Under) – no comment
 - Public Speaking (16 & Under) – guidelines and rules to state questions to be from the judges only not the floor. It was decided that the mark scheme remain the same as a 30:20 split rather than 25:25 split.
 - Just a Minute (21 & under) – no comment
 - Debating (26 & Under 17) – no comment – CW guidelines required.
 - Member of the Year (17 & under) – Synopsis Form was approved with occupation changing to education. Maximum 2 sides of A4 with the boxes to be expanded ready.
 - Situations Vacant (16 to 21 years) – no comment
 - YFC Live (Craft & Country) - no comment
 - Fence Erecting – no comment
 - Workshop Skills - approved
 - Clay Pigeon Shooting (26 & Under, 17 & Under) – 17 & under age category to be removed.
 - Mixed Dodgeball (10-16) – no comment
 - Mixed Ultimate Frisbee (16-26) – no comment
 - Mixed 7 a side Hockey (16-26) – no comment
 - Dairy Stockjudging (16 & Under) – no comment

- Dairy Stockjudging (21 & Under) – no comment
 - Dairy Stockjudging Linear (26 & Under) – no comment
 - Ladies & Men’s Tug of War – no comment
 - GENSB Tug of War - Age confirmed as the same as 2016-17. Counties to note.
 - Young Stockman of the Year (Under 18) – no comment
 - Senior Stockman of the Year – no comment
 - Floral Art - Feedback has been received from Radnor FYFC stating how expensive this competition has become and requesting costings and receipts to have a maximum cost limit be included in the rules. FT commented that it is upto the competitor and members spend a lot on other competitions depending on their interests. KD added it is often the fault of trainers during practice sessions. OO noted that this could be hard to police and would it then be required in all competitions. The CSG agreed to leave it at the competitors discretion and have no cost limits but to include exhibit ideas that are cheaper such as miniature arrangements and button holes.
 - Cookery – no comment
 - General Rules – 1.8 to state only if an Area does not hold a county round and there are no other alternative teams. To also include a dyslexia paragraph.
- 8.3. Rules approved by Competitions Steering Group (24th June, 2017): - Final Draft Versions of these rules have not been sent to all counties and Steering Committee was noted.
- Sheep Shearing – approved – BISCA rules to be followed with competitors obtaining a blue seal qualification as a prerequisite that should be shown at a county level. Competition to take place on the Thursday of the Great Yorkshire Show and to be a double area eliminator giving a maximum of 20 competitors at the national final.
 - Dream Machine Mood Board (26 & Under) – approved. Addition of a patent paragraph required.

ACTION POINTS

- **Amendments to rules – GH**
- **Dyslexia paragraph added to general rules – GH & MB**
- **Dream Machine Patent Paragraph – James Eckley**
- **Performing Arts Risk Assessment – James Eckley**

Council to note:

1. CSG Approved the 2017-18 competitions rules:
 - Note, the group is working with the Dyslexia Society and will be added detail to the general rules to help those with learning difficulties.
2. Annual Convention:
 - Performing Arts: Ticket price for the audience will be £12 for adults £6 for concessions (under 16s and over 65s), under 5s free of charge.
 - Programme to be sold at £3 each.
 - Convention package (wristband) holders will continue to enjoy access to the theatre as part of the wristband price.
 - There will be an entrance fee of £5 for the Sunday afternoon competitions (disco dancing and jump rope) for supporters and guests. Under 16s free of charge. Convention package (wristband) holders will continue to enjoy access to the completion finals.

Council to approve: None

Council to report: None

9. Upcoming Competitions for 2017-18

- 9.1. English Winter Fair – Saturday 18th and 19th November 2017. Judges to be asked from nominations given last year. CC, DH, NM, MC, MH, FT volunteered to steward. Saturday evening meal available for 100 people and will be sponsored by Bagshaws Agricultural. AHDB sponsorship of £1000 will be split between NFYFC and S&BAS as prize money was noted.
- 9.2. Child Licences – exemption for Area, Regional and National Final to be sort for performing arts 2018

ACTION POINTS

- **NONE**

Council to Note: None

Council to Approve: None

Council to Report: None

10. Competitions Rules 2018 - 2019 – Appoint Rule Writers where applicable and seek suggestions for Competitions

- 10.1. Overall Theme (Just for Competitions) was discussed. Theme suggestions included the great outdoors, back to nature, space and planets, under the sea, Europe – a sad goodbye, Europe. However the committee agreed not to have an overall theme but only to use a theme for relevant competitions.
- 10.2. Beef Live & Carcase
- 10.3. Pigs Live & Carcase
- 10.4. Performing Arts – Drama (however discussion needs to take place on Theatres (2019 Blackpool – Entertainments)
 - 10.4.1. Rotation of the Performing Arts Competition for 2019 & 2020 was asked by CSG to be discussed by Council, however council made no comments. The Area feedback received at the CSG meeting was as follows: NA – do not change, WMA – Yes, EMA – no attendance, SWA – Yes as its the only way to fit it in, EA – yes, Wales – yes, SEA – no comment as don't take part. Overall the CSG agreed to the change of rota. This means 2018 would be pantomime, 2019 Entertainments and 2020 Drama, Proposed by DP and seconded by KD and all in agreement.
- 10.5. Member of the Year (18 & Over)
- 10.6. Dancing Competitions to be held in Blackpool 2019 will be Ballroom and Choir – previous rules to be used.
- 10.7. Reading (14 & Under)
- 10.8. Public Speaking (16 & Under)
- 10.9. Brainstrust (21 & Under)
- 10.10. After Dinner Speaking (26 & Under) – Timings to be discussed, Letter from Mary Bailey and James Hollingsworth. Discussion differed until October meeting.
- 10.11. Member of the Year (17 & Under)
- 10.12. Situations Vacant (16 to 21 years) will remain on the programme
- 10.13. Clay Pigeon Shooting (26 & Under) only
- 10.14. Cube Exhibit (26 & Under) will return to the programme
- 10.15. Auctioneering will be a new competition for 2019 – Thomas Oaty to help write. It is anticipated to be 26 & under selling 4 to 5 lots ranging from anything such as a lorry to a wheelbarrow. Judge to value prior to competition.
- 10.16. Fence Erecting (Style of the fence to include a corner) – DH to write
- 10.17. Efficiency with Safety & ATV/Workshop Skills/Alternative Machinery based competition will be merged with wales requesting the return of efficiency with safety – Martin Williams to help write.
- 10.18. Sports (10-16 years) –Rounders. Age range to be discussed, to move the age at national finals to 14.
- 10.19. Sports (14-17 years) – Mixed Touch Rugby
- 10.20. Sports (16-26 years) – Mixed Netball – GH to write
 - 10.20.1. At the last meeting Areas were asked to consider raising the age limit to 14 – 26. Council received feedback that they wish to keep the age range 10-26.
- 10.21. Sheep Shearing
- 10.22. Dairy Stockjudging - (Under 16, Under 21 and Under 26)
- 10.23. Tug of War – GENSB – age range to remain
- 10.24. Tug of War – Ladies
- 10.25. Tug of War – Men's
- 10.26. Young Stockman of the Year (18 & Under)
- 10.27. Senior Stockman of the Year (26 & Under)
- 10.28. Cookery (Meal/Theme Ideas to include meat from the RBST watch list poster). This poster was handed out to those in attendance.
- 10.29. Floral Art – (Under 16, Under 21, and Under 26) (Exhibit/Theme Ideas to include an exhibit for the great outdoors, Europe and All the colours of the rainbow) – OO and FT to write.

ACTIONS POINTS

- **2018-19 Rules research/templates and contact rule writers – GH**
- **Fence Erecting Rules – DH**
- **Auctioneering Rules – TO and counties already running this competition**
- **Cookery - OO**
- **Floral Art – OO & FT**

Council to note:

1. 2018-19 Competitions Programme:
 - No overall theme
 - Performing arts rota will be the following:
 - 2018 Pantomime

- 2019 Entertainments
- 2020 Drama
- Ballroom Dancing
- Choir
- Clay shooting at 26 & under only
- Cube exhibit
- Auctioneering
- Fence Erecting with the fence style to include a corner
- Efficiency with Safety and Workshop Skills to be merged to include; machinery, first aid and ATV tasks
- Sports: There will be no change to the age categories, which will be as follows:
 - 10-16 years Mixed Rounders
 - 14 – 17 years Mixed Touch Rugby
 - 16 – 26 years Mixed Netball
- Cookery to include meat from breeds as listed on the Rare Breeds Survival Trust Watch List
- Floral Art suggested themes:
 - Colours of the Rainbow
 - Europe

The Great Outdoors

Council to approve: None

Council to report: None

11. Area Feedback

- 12.1. **Northern Area** – Nothing further
- 12.2. **East Midlands** – Not present
- 12.3. **West Midlands** – Nothing Further
- 12.4. **Eastern Area** – Nothing Further
- 12.5. **South West Area** –Nothing Further
- 12.6. **Wales** – Nothing Further
- 12.7. **South East Area** – Not present

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

12. Any Other Business

- 12.1. New NFYFC Fundraising officer Sophie Willingale currently working on finding a sponsor for the performing arts competition and public speaking videos.
- 12.2. Tenbury Show -Tug of War (2018 will be the last year of the 5 year Sponsorship) Tenbury Show have offered to continue their sponsorship of the Tug of War National Finals with £1000 sponsorship beyond 2018. The CSG would like to ask council to feedback venue ideas at the October meeting. Conditions for the venue include must be after the Royal Welsh Show, preferably the 1st weekend in august, preferably central in the county or have easy access and to include some form of financial sponsorship.
- 12.3. Membership card renewal for Stockman Weekend must be the 2017-18 card unless previously notified when the 2016-17 membership card will be permitted.
- 12.4. Reminder to Use 'How to Guides'
- 12.5. Contact details on silo and method of sending competitors notes. Currently email and 1 hard copy of information for the national final is sent, however the majority of emails on silo are incorrect. Counties to be vigilant in ensuring contact information is up to date.
- 12.6. Competing in more than one competition is permitted but areas should be aware that teams may have to choose if qualifying for the national final where you can only compete in one. Such as Reading and Junior Public Speaking.
- 12.7. The CSG would like to ask Event Steering Group to look into running a quiz at the annual convention.
- 12.8. Lynsey Martin, Vice Chair of Council, informed the CSG of her intention of a project for next year to include asking every club to pledge to go into a local school to promote British produce/ farming/ YFC. She is aiming to have this project ready to launch in February including resources and scripts.

ACTIONS POINTS

- **Sponsorship - SW**
- **Annual Convention Quiz – Events steering group**

Council to note:

1. County Federations are asked to ensure members' details on the Silo database are up to date and correct - information for competitions finals can then be sent direct to competitors via email.

Council to approve: None

Council to report:

1. Venue to hold Tug of War National Final 2019

13. Date of next meeting

Saturday 21st October 2017 at the Quality Hotel, Coventry 1:30pm

14. Closing remarks

Meeting closed at 18:45

15. Summary of action points

ACTION POINTS

- Facebook Group – all CSG members
- Stockman Project to remain the same – MB
- Risk Assessments – JCE, GH and MB
- Public Speaking Videos – SW (NFYFC)
- Remind all counties to return Competitions Monitoring Forms – All CSG
- Return Tug of War permits – all counties
- Tug of War Boot Guidelines – DH
- Reply to Julian Lloyd – DH and RP
- YFC cookery team for demo at Malvern Show - MB
- Reply to Brinley Hoskins, Cat Ede and Mike Meers – Ed Ford
- Performing Arts Rules working party set up – MB
- Child licences - MB
- Fence Erecting timing to be amended on 2017-18 Rules - GH
- Amendments to rules – GH
- Dyslexia paragraph added to general rules – GH & MB
- Dream Machine Patent Paragraph – James Eckley
- Performing Arts Risk Assessment – James Eckley
- 2018-19 Rules research/templates and contact rule writers – GH
- Fence Erecting Rules – DH
- Auctioneering Rules – TO and counties already running this competition
- Cookery - OO
- Floral Art – OO & FT
- Encourage representatives to be present at the meeting as Areas do not get their voice heard – all CSG members
- Sponsorship - SW
- Annual Convention Quiz – Events steering group

16. Summary of Council to note

1. Correspondence was received regarding the southern region public speaking competition semi final and the entertainments competition final and responses prepared.
2. County Federations are asked to ensure members' details on the Silo database are up to date and correct - information for competitions finals can then be sent direct to competitors via email.
3. The group asks NFYFC Council to support vigilance in YFC areas when checking membership cards of competitors and to be aware of YFC members holding membership in more than one Club/County Federation.
4. Clay shooting competition will incorporate an open competition for any YFC members who would like to have a go at Oakedge Shooting Ground next Saturday – please share with your members.
5. Competitions Day - added value this year – additional attractions at the event next Saturday.
6. Approved the 2017-18 competitions rules:
 - Note, the group is working with the Dyslexia Society and will be added detail to the general rules to help those with learning difficulties.
7. YFC GENSB Tug of War teams are encouraged to take part in the GENSB championships to be held on 25th to 27th September in Belgium. Contact Alec Masson 07768 208676
8. **Annual Convention:**
 - Performing Arts: Ticket price for the audience will be £12 for adults £6 for concessions (under 16s and over 65s), under 5s free of charge.
 - Programme to be sold at £3 each.
 - Convention package (wristband) holders will continue to enjoy access to the theatre as part of the wristband price.
 - There will be an entrance fee of £5 for the Sunday afternoon competitions (disco dancing and jump rope) for

supporters and guests. Under 16s free of charge. Convention package (wristband) holders will continue to enjoy access to the completion finals.

9. 2018-19 Competitions Programme:

- No overall theme
- Performing arts rota will be the following:
 - 2018 Pantomime
 - 2019 Entertainments
 - 2020 Drama
 - Ballroom Dancing
 - Choir
- Clay shooting at 26 & under only
- Cube exhibit
- Auctioneering
- Fence Erecting with the fence style to include a corner
- Efficiency with Safety and Workshop Skills to be merged to include; machinery, first aid and ATV tasks
- Sports: There will be no change to the age categories, which will be as follows:
 - 10-16 years Mixed Rounders
 - 14 – 17 years Mixed Touch Rugby
 - 16 – 26 years Mixed Netball
- Cookery to include meat from breeds as listed on the Rare Breeds Survival Trust Watch List
- Floral Art suggested themes:
 - Colours of the Rainbow
 - Europe
 - The Great Outdoors

17. Summary of Council to approve

- Nothing

18. Summary of Council to report

The Tug of War competition sponsorship and venue agreement with Tenbury Show comes to end in 2018 – members of Council are requested to bring ideas for potential venues for the 2019 ToW competition final.

- Note: The ToW finals MUST be HELD between the Royal Welsh Show and first week in August and be available for sponsorship.

19. Items taken forward to October Meeting

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

SIGNED.....

DATED.....

Rachel Parker
Competitions Steering Group Chair 2017-18