



## **Competitions Steering Group Meeting**

Saturday 20th October, 2018

The Quality Coventry, Birmingham Road, Allesley, Coventry, CV5 9BA

Meriden Suite Commencing at **1.30pm** Approx

### **AGENDA**

1. **Opening remarks**
2. **Apologies for Absence** - Rachel Parker
3. **To confirm minutes of previous meeting (23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018)**
4. **Matters arising from steering group minutes**
  - 4.1. Report from Council – to be discussed under relevant headings where applicable
  - 4.2. Competition Budget & Fundraising to date – **MB to go through**
  - 4.3. Public Speaking Video launched on the website in September – feedback required
  - 4.4. Update on NFYFC Competition/Event Cancellation Policy – to be shared with the Committee
  - 4.5. National Calendar – including County, Area and NFYFC Dates – **LH to update**
  - 4.6. Smart Farming Guide is available on competitions page of NFYFC Website
  - 4.7. At the June meeting CSG members were asked to think of ways to fundraise for the Performing Arts Competition – feedback required – any suggestions
  - 4.8. Competitions Facebook Group
5. **PD Matters** – **Josie Murray (Youth Development Officer)**
  - 5.1. Safeguarding - Parental Consent Forms; Adult Information Forms; Staying Overnight prior and during National/Area Competition Finals
  - 5.2. Using 'The Source' for Club Nights
  - 5.3. Transgender Guidance
  - 5.4. #I Will Campaign – Our Commitment to the Environment
6. **To receive relevant correspondence**
  - 6.1. Letters received – to be discussed under the headings of the competitions if applicable
7. **Competition since the last meeting**
  - 7.1. **Competitions Day – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Stafford County Showground, Staffordshire**
    - 7.1.1. Reading (14 & Under)
    - 7.1.2. Public Speaking (16 & Under)
    - 7.1.3. Just a Minute (21 & Under)
    - 7.1.4. Debating (26 & Under)
    - 7.1.5. Member of the Year (17 & Under)
    - 7.1.6. Situations Vacant (16-21)
    - 7.1.7. Dream Machine – Letter received from Hampshire. KUHN pleased with Competition
    - 7.1.8. Clay Pigeon Shooting (26 & Under), (17 & Under), (Ladies) – email comments from Shooting Ground regarding use of clays. Extra prize money given by Shooting Ground for two highest shots.
    - 7.1.9. Fence Erecting – Comments received hard ground and heat
    - 7.1.10. Workshop Skills – Oxfordshire letter - First Aid skills not adequate overall.
    - 7.1.11. Outside Exhibitors & Sponsors including Woodstream (Rutland Fencing), HOPS, Warwick Uni, Betafence, B&B Tractors, Farm Safety Foundation and YFC Travel
    - 7.1.12. High amount of Fines for the day - due to no shows (mood board)

- 7.2. **Sports Day – Sunday 1st July, Stafford Grammar School, Staffordshire**
  - 7.2.1. Mixed Dodgeball (10-16) – To note we are no longer working with UKDBA. NFYFC now working with UK Dodgeball. Comments received from Oxfordshire – length of competition (too short)
  - 7.2.2. Mixed Hockey (16-26 - Issues with goals -letter received – difficulty in running this competition at county/area level).
  - 7.2.3. Mixed Ultimate Frisbee (16 -26)
  
- 7.3. **Dairy Stockjudging & Sheep Shearing – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July, Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate**
  - 7.3.1. Dairy Stockjudging (u16, u21 & u26)
  - 7.3.2. Stock from Exhibitors
  - 7.3.3. Handlers
  - 7.3.4. Sheep Shearing (Under 26) – Discussion needed on the future of this competition
    - 7.3.4.1. Suggestions from Richard Schofield into future of competition including Novice Class, Competent Shearer, date of competition
    - 7.3.4.2. Only 11 competitors out of possible 20
    - 7.3.4.3. Sponsorship British Wool
  
- 7.4. **Tug of War Championships – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August, Tenbury Show, Worcestershire**
  - 7.4.1. Ladies and Men’s Tug of War
    - 7.4.1.1. Concerns raised by judges regarding use of belts
  - 7.4.2. GENSB Tug of War
  
- 7.5. **Stockjudging Competitions – Saturday 1st and Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2018 (Dawtry Cottage Farm, Staffordshire)**
  - 7.5.1. Stockman of the Year – Senior – Saturday
  - 7.5.2. Project and Vet Tasks – Saturday – **suggestions to revamp project for 2019**
  - 7.5.3. Sponsorship ABP and Woodstream (Rutland Fencing)
  - 7.5.4. Stockman of the Year – Senior – Sunday
  - 7.5.5. Stockman of the Year – Junior - Sunday
  - 7.5.6. Identification of Meat and VET questionnaire – letter received (Eastern Area) - Questionnaire too hard for 10 year olds?
  
- 7.6. **Malvern Autumn Show – Saturday,29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**
  - 7.6.1. Cookery – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> – split into two sessions
  - 7.6.2. Floral Art – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 7.6.3. New location on Three Counties Showground – Wye Hall – **comments required**
  
- 7.7. **Competition Monitoring for 2017/18 – Update on findings**
  
8. **Meetings/site visits since previous meeting**
  - 8.1. English Winter Fair
  - 8.2. Tug of War Association DH
  - 8.3. Performing Arts Venues – To be discussed later in meeting
  
9. **UPCOMING COMPETITIONS FOR 2018/19 (Matters Arising)**
  
10. **Suggestions for Judges for 2018/2019 – to be sent to County Offices for nominations**
  - 10.1. **English Winter Fair – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018**
    - 10.1.1. Beef Live and Carcase (26 & Under) and (21 & Under) (note new age range)
    - 10.1.2. Pig Live and Carcase (26 & Under) and (21& Under) (note new age range)
    - 10.1.3. Sponsors SBAS, AHDB & Woodstream (Rutland Fencing)
    - 10.1.4. Herdsman Supper - £10.00
    - 10.1.5. Update on Safeguarding regarding overnight stays

## 10.2. Regional Finals

- 10.2.1. Northern Regional Final - Public Speaking – on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019, Retford Oaks School
  - 10.2.1.1. Northern Regional Final –Entertainments – on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019, The Majestic Theatre, Retford
  - 10.2.1.2. NODA Judges & Comperes
  - 10.2.1.3. Sponsorship, Programmes & Trophies
- 10.2.2. Southern Regional Final - Public Speaking – on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019, TBC
- 10.2.3. Southern Regional Final – Entertainments - on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019, The Bacon Theatre, Cheltenham
  - 10.2.3.1. GODA Judges & Comperes
  - 10.2.3.2. Sponsorship, Programmes & Trophies

## 10.3. Final of Performing Arts, Show Choir and Ballroom Dancing Finals – Date and Venues TBC, Spring 2019

- 10.3.1. Comperes needed for the Final of the Entertainments Competition
- 10.3.2. Comperes needed for the Final of the Dancing & Choir Competitions
- 10.3.3. NODA Judges to be used at the Final of Entertainments Competition
- 10.3.4. Sponsorship, Programmes and Trophies
- 10.3.5. Tickets/Wristbands – Ticket prices to be confirmed at October meeting
- 10.3.6. Raffle

## 10.4. Member of the Year 18 & over committee to decide where this final will be held – Date and Venue – options with Entertainments Final or Competitions Day

## 10.5. Show Choir & Ballroom Dancing Competition Finals. Proposed venue: Competitions Day.

- 10.5.1. Charging entrance fee – to be discussed
- 10.5.2. How many competitions can you enter on one day? (General Rules to reflect this)

## 10.6. Competitions Day, County Showground, Stafford, Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019

- 10.6.1. Reading (14 & Under)
- 10.6.2. Public Speaking (16 & Under)
- 10.6.3. Brainstrust (21 & under)
- 10.6.4. After Dinner Speaking (26 & under)
- 10.6.5. Member of the Year (17 & under )
- 10.6.6. Situations Vacant (16-21)
- 10.6.7. Clay Pigeon Shooting (26 & Under and 17 & Under and Ladies) – rules to include clarification on why under 14's cannot compete
  - 10.6.7.1. Additional stewards needed for this competition
- 10.6.8. Cube Exhibit (26 & Under)
- 10.6.9. Auctioneering (26 & Under)
- 10.6.10. Fence Erecting (Corner Fence) (3x 26 & Under) to note age change as agreed at last meeting
- 10.6.11. Farm Safety Skills – Back to team of 4 format with Foreman – competition could be made easier at County Round?
- 10.6.12. Outside Exhibitors & Sponsorship
- 10.6.13. Input from other steering groups - Events

## 10.7. Sports Day – Staffordshire, Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Working with Governing Bodies

- 10.7.1. Mixed Rounders (10-16)
- 10.7.2. Mixed Touch Rugby (14 - 17)
- 10.7.3. Mixed Netball (16 – 26) – amended rules

## 10.8. Dairy Stockjudging & Sheep Shearing – Yorkshire Agricultural Society – Great Yorkshire Show – 11th July, 2019

- 10.8.1. Dairy Stockjudging (U16, U21 & U26)
- 10.8.2. Sheep Shearing ( 26 & Under)
  - 10.8.2.1. Blue Seal training

**10.9. Tug of War Championships – Tenbury Show – Saturday, 3rd August, 2019**

- 10.9.1. Ladies & Men's Tug of War
- 10.9.2. GENSB Tug of War
- 10.9.3. Potential 5 Nations Tug of War Contest - DH
- 10.9.4. Should training courses be provided by NFYFC to train new Tug of War judges. Course would cost around £35 per member

**10.10. Stockjudging Competitions – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August and Sunday, 1st September, 2019**

- 10.10.1. Stockman of the Year – Senior
- 10.10.2. Project and Vet Tasks – Saturday
- 10.10.3. Sponsorship ABP and Woodstream (Rutland Fencing)
- 10.10.4. Stockman of the Year – Junior
- 10.10.5. Identification of Meat and VET questionnaire
- 10.10.6. Ideas for a Venue

**10.11. Malvern Autumn Show – Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**

- 10.11.1. Cookery – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> – split into two sessions
- 10.11.2. Floral Art – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>

**11. Competitions Rules 2019 – 20**

**11.1. Rule Writers & Proof Readers – Names required**

**11.2. Rules ready for approval – to go through in the meeting – No Theme (to be discussed)**

- 11.2.1. Beef Live & Carcase
- 11.2.2. Lamb Live & Carcase
- 11.2.3. Performing Arts (Drama)
- 11.2.4. Member of the Year (18 & Over)
- 11.2.5. Reading (14 & Under)
- 11.2.6. Public Speaking (16 & Under)
- 11.2.7. Just a Minute (21 & Under)
- 11.2.8. Debating (26 & Under)
- 11.2.9. Member of the Year (17 & Under)
- 11.2.10. Situations Vacant (16 to 21 years)
- 11.2.11. Clay Pigeon Shooting (26 & Under 17, Ladies)
- 11.2.12. Dairy Stockjudging - (Under 16, Under 21 and Under 26)
- 11.2.13. Tug of War – Ladies & Men's
- 11.2.14. Young Stockman of the Year (18 & Under)
- 11.2.15. Senior Stockman of the Year (26 & Under)

**11.3. Rules for further discussion – suggestions to replace the 2018 Competitions (New Ideas)**

- ~~11.3.1. Choir – Semi-directed piece to be confirmed – to be replaced~~
- ~~11.3.2. Ballroom Dancing – Theme to be confirmed – to be replaced~~
- ~~11.3.3. Cube Exhibit (26 & Under) – Different Craft suggestion needed – to be replaced~~
- ~~11.3.4. Auctioneering (26 & Under) – Dependant on 2018-19 success – to be replaced~~
- 11.3.5. Fence Erecting – new design required
- 11.3.6. Farm Safety Skills – new scenarios to be prepared
- 11.3.7. Three Sports Competitions - Ages to be discussed
- 11.3.8. Sheep Shearing – including BISCA rules and Blue Seal Qualification
- 11.3.9. Tug of War – GENSB only
- 11.3.10. Cookery- theme – celebration dinner - theme
- 11.3.11. Floral Art – U16, U21, and U26 – themes
  - 11.3.11.1. Should Judges/Stewards be required to wear White Coats when competitors are?

11.4. **Suggestions for new competitions 2019 – 2020**

11.4.1. Arable competition discussed at last meeting

11.4.2. Suggestions from Youth Forum:-

11.4.2.1. Sports - Bubble Football, Curling, Lacrosse, Bowls, Ten Pin Bowling, Badminton, Table tennis, Volleyball

11.4.2.2. Craft – Needlework, Quilting, Knitting

11.4.2.3. Dancing – Jive, Line Dancing,

11.4.2.4. Potential themes: Tractors/Machinery, 'My home county' or 'British Farming/Food'

11.4.3. Call my Bluff

11.4.4. Drone flying/handling

11.4.5. Coding competition – creating programming/apps

12. **Area Feedback** – unless covered under agenda items above

- Northern Area
- East Midlands
- West Midlands
- Eastern Area
- South East Area
  - Concerns raised by SEA & EA junior members regarding lack of competitions available in their areas as on some occasions no area eliminators are held. It is straight from county to national.
- South West Area
- Wales

13. **Any other Business**

- February Meeting – elections will take place for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Three Co-options

14. **Date of next meeting**

14.1. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019

15. **Closing remarks**

MB/LH  
September 2018