



## **Minutes of the Competitions Steering Group Meeting**

*Held on Saturday 15 February 2020*

*The Meriden Suite, Quality Hotel, Allesley, Coventry CV5 9BA*

**Chairman (Outgoing):** Dewi Parry (DP) (Wales Area)

**Vice Chairman:** Grace Millbank (GM) (East Midlands Area)

**Present:** David Hamer (DH) (Tug of War Representative), Edward Dungait (ED) (Northern Area), Katie Sanderson (KS) (Northern Area), Drew Bailey (DB) (East Midlands Area), Fay Bevan (FB) (West Midlands Area & English Winter Fair Representative), Charlie Morrey (CM) (Northern Area – Isle of Man), Amy Boothby (AB) (West Midlands Area), Rachael Benney (South West Area)

**Part Meeting:** Katie Hall (KH) (Outgoing NFYFC Chair), Delme Harris (NFYFC Board of Management Chair), Laura Elliott (NFYFC Board of Management), Ben Westwood (NFYFC Life Vice President)

**Observers:** Frank Chester (NFYFC Honorary Treasurer)

**In attendance:** Margaret Bennett (MB) (NFYFC Competitions Officer), Lauren Hancox (LH) (NFYFC Competitions and Travel)

1. **Opening remarks** – Dewi Parry (outgoing Chairman) welcomed the new group to the meeting. Earlier that day, prior to the meeting, the new Competitions Steering Group had met to make introductions, discuss the competitions programme and what to expect in the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence** - Kate Thomas (Wales), Esiyllt Ellis Jones (Wales), Laura Hagger (Eastern Area), Cameron Thompson (Eastern Area), Lynsey Martin (South East Area)
3. **To confirm minutes of previous meeting (26th October, 2019)** – DP read through and asked the group to confirm the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and accurate account. GM proposed that they were. KS seconded. Minutes were signed by DP.
4. **Officer Elections**
  - 4.1. Chairman – Grace Millbank elected as Competitions Steering Group Chair. Proposed: DP Seconded: KS
  - 4.2. Vice Chairman – Katie Sanderson proposed as Vice Chair. Proposed: ED Seconded: GM
  - 4.3. Co-Option 1- Fay Bevan. Proposed by ED Seconded by GM
  - 4.4. Co – Option 2 – Charlie Morrey. Proposed by DP Seconded by RB
  - 4.5. Co-Option 3 – This position is **Vacant**
  - 4.6. Election of Representative to the English Winter Fair Committee (up to 5 meetings per year – usually Wednesdays) Fay Bevan proposed by GM Seconded by RB.
  - 4.7. Election of Representative to the Tug of War Association (approx 4 meetings per year) – David Hamer proposed GM Seconded by RB.
5. **Matters arising from steering group minutes**
  - 5.1. Competitions Year End Accounts 2019 - Budget - Fundraising/Sponsorship 2020 – MB provided an explanation of the Competitions Budget to the group. Sponsorship and Support of the NFYFC Competitions Programme is being provided from multiple sources including KUHN, BASC, KERBL (Rutland Fencing), British Wool, TAMA, Tenbury Agricultural Society and AHDB. Budget for 2020 (Income £13,250) Expenditure (£30,000) which would leave a deficit of -£16,750. It was noted that for 2020 was a Drama year and we usually receive less income. To note also there would be no costs for the Regional Finals for Public Speaking and Performing Arts so this may have a bearing

on the year. The Cost of the Theatre over the two days was expensive and the Steering Committee need to look into these costs for 2021.

- 5.2. Update on NFYFC Competition/Event Cancellation Policy- The group were reminded of the policy and that is available to all members – Copies of the policy (one in The Source) are available directly from NFYFC.
- 5.3. National Calendar – including County, Area and NFYFC Dates – Counties are asked to send in their County Competitions Calendar to NFYFC so that an overall Calendar can be made.
- 5.4. Competitions Facebook Group – Members of the CSG reminded to join the Facebook group ‘NFYFC Competitions Steering Group’ – New Committee signed forms and will be added to Competitions Facebook Group. This group has not been the greatest success in the past, hoping to utilise it in 2020.
- 5.5. Reminder of the New Fines System – The CSG were reminded of the changes made to the fining system put in place following the October 2019 meeting (see General Rules for clarification). Fines totalled £1650 in 2019. This commenced EWF 2019 – KS & ED said there had been questions regarding the new fine amounts in their Area with some Northern Area members feeling it was too harsh, they had explained to these members why it was in place (not to make money but to ensure the safeguarding of members) and this had been well received. WMA have also adopted the new system - this only applies to WMA withdrawal from competitions and not Parental Consent forms.
- 5.6. Suggestions for new Chief Stewards and Judges should be sent directly to Margaret at NFYFC. CSG asked to provide information of anyone they deemed suitable.

#### **Action Points:**

- CSG to look into the cost implications of the Performing Arts competition.
- Counties to send in Competition Calendars to NFYFC
- Competitions Facebook group set up and administration – LH
- Chief Stewards and Judges names to be sent to NFYFC

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

- 6.1. Letters received – to be discussed under the headings of the competitions if applicable
- 6.2. A letter was received from Pippa Jackson – Yorkshire. She felt the rules are too complicated for public speaking competitions. NA representatives were not aware of Pippa’s letter – it had not been discussed at their Area meeting. MB had replied to the letter sent by Pippa, the reply was read out, CSG all happy with the reply sent and no further action needed. Explaining about ‘how to guides’ and video for the public speaking competitions.

#### **7. Competitions since the last meeting**

##### **7.1. English Winter Fair – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

- 7.1.1. Beef Live and Carcase (26 & Under) and (21 & Under)
- 7.1.2. Lamb Live and Carcase (26 & Under) and (21 & Under)
- 7.1.3. Sponsors SBAS, AHDB & Woodstream (Rutland Fencing)
- 7.1.4. Herdsman Supper - £10.00 a ticket – 94 tickets maximum 96 – Tickets sold well for the YFC Supper. It was decided that YFC members would have their own supper in 2020 and join the ‘Herdsman Disco’ later in the evening as they have done in the past, due to behaviour issues at the 2019 Supper. This is discussed further below – see point 8.1.
- 7.1.5. Numbers not names used for Stockjudging Competitions – this was to be discussed at the meeting but was missed – a comment had been received that do you need to have county numbers on cards or could we use names in future.

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

- 8.1. English Winter Fair – MB/FT – FB & MB had attended the most recent English Winter Fair meeting at Stafford County Showground. The behaviour at the YFC Supper had been brought up again by the EWF Chief Executive Steward in the meeting, YFC members were reminded that they are at the show by invitation only and the behaviour witnessed was unacceptable. YFC will still hold future competitions on the showground however, they must act respectfully as the showground is used not only by NFYFC but also by West Midlands Area YFC and Staffordshire YFC.
- 8.2. Tug of War Association – DH had been present at the January meeting of the English Tug of War Association. It had been passed at the TOW Association’s AGM that: ‘No Tug of War permits to be granted on the third weekend in June’. This includes the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Without a permit, any Tug of War competitions held on this weekend would not be insured. This affects YFC – WMA always hold their Tug of War at 3 Counties show and this is held the third weekend in June, NA Field Day Tug of War competitions would also be affected. Discussion

on whether it would be acceptable to use Welsh Judges – clarification is needed on this as they are a different association. MB to write to the Tug of War association to see if permits can be granted on only the Sunday of the third weekend of June would be acceptable as a compromise. Also to raise the question of using Welsh judges.

**Action Points:**

- Write to the Tug of War Association ref third weekend in June and Welsh TOW judges - MB

**Council to Note:**

- No Tug of War finals to be held on the third weekend of June (Friday, Saturday, Sunday inclusive)

9. **UPCOMING COMPETITIONS FOR 2019/20 (Matters Arising) -**

10. Suggestions for Judges for 2019/20 – have been sent to County Offices for nominations request for Judges and Stewards for 2019/2020 – 4 Counties have responded to the request and a thank you must go to Georgie Fort from Yorkshire YFC for sending through 30 names for various stockjudging competitions.

10.1. **Regional Finals – No Finals being held for Speaking and Performing Arts** – CSG reminded of no Regional Finals in 2020.

10.2. **Final of Performing Arts - Finals** – The Spa Centre, Leamington Spa – Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 – Ben Westwood joined the group for this section of the meeting.

10.2.1. Draw to be made 5 Teams Saturday and 4 Teams Sunday – It had been suggested to have 5 teams perform Saturday and 3 on Sunday. This proposal was put to the group. CSG agreed in unison to this.

Draw as follows:

**Saturday**

1<sup>st</sup> West Midlands Area

2<sup>nd</sup> East Midlands Area

3<sup>rd</sup> South West Area

4<sup>th</sup> Wales B

5<sup>th</sup> Northern Area B

**Sunday**

1<sup>st</sup> South West Area B

2<sup>nd</sup> Northern Area A

3<sup>rd</sup> Wales A

10.2.2. Discussion took place on how long should be given for the Drama technical rehearsal, including a health and safety briefing. It was decided that for the Drama competition in 2020 30 minutes total would be provided to include the technical rehearsal and health and safety briefing.

10.2.3. Comperes are needed for the Final of the Drama Competition on both days – Katie Hall had written to NFYFC to suggest Peter Choggers. NFYFC to approach him and ask him to do the Sunday. KS proposed ED for the Saturday – ED happy to do this.

10.2.4. GODA Judges to be used at the Final of Drama Competition – 3 judges have been secured for the Final

10.2.5. Sponsorship, Programmes and Trophies (style of programmes) – Kuhn Machinery Sponsoring this competition. Suggestion made to the CSG of the Booklet being A5 for the final with both days and senior member of the year (16 pages) all in one booklet. A5 is the cheapest option – CSG agreed to have an A5 glossy booklet. NFYFC usually charge the audience a price of £2.00 for the programme. Was this an acceptable price in 2020? CSG agreed to charge £2 a booklet. Raffle prizes are required for both days of the competition. CSG were asked to provide/suggest prizes.

10.2.6. Tickets/Wristbands – Ticket prices were discussed at the meeting. Price in 2019 was £6 and £12 however this was one day event. It was decided to charge £8 concessions and £15 full price for Saturday performances. Sunday tickets to be £6 concessions and £12 full price. Price difference is due to the amount of performances the audience will see on each day.

10.2.7. There will only be a 30 minutes technical rehearsal at the NFYFC final, and this will include the H&S briefing – note new times.

10.2.8. Cast Tickets £5.00 clarification – discussion took place regarding prices and which days the cast ticket would be valid. It was decided that cast tickets would be £5 and they would be valid only for the day of the performance. Should the cast members wish to watch performances on the other day they must pay full ticket price. To abide with the rule of winning competitors being present at prize giving each team performing on the Saturday will be given one ticket for the Sunday. Judges will make nominations for 3 x best male and 3 x female actor from Saturday performances and these nominees will also be provided with a ticket (should the nominee be aged 18 or under their chaperone will also be provided with a ticket).

10.2.9. Body of Persons Exemption had been applied for and granted however, EMA changed their Final date from the one sent to the authorities. This led to MB having to source an individual license for EMA for their performance. One County, Somerset, left only 24 hours to apply for their license – MB had to secure this for

the County. Areas to ensure their finals are held in February/early March in future. Areas were reminded they must comply with the BOPA which has been granted and that a booklet has been sent out to County Offices.

- 10.2.10. Following the 2020 finals Areas need to gain feedback on the costs of holding the finals over two days, how the competition ran and the amount of teams taking part.
- 10.3. **Member of the Year 18 & over - with Drama Final at The Spa Centre, Leamington – Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 - Results with The Annual General Meeting to be held on the Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 at Stoneleigh Park**
  - 10.3.1. Judges needed confirmed – three Judges secured
  - 10.3.2. Steward last year's member of the Year – Eamon Monaghan is to be asked to steward the competition alongside LH
  - 10.3.3. Katie Sanderson to ask onstage questions to competitors
- 10.4. **Competitions Day, County Showground, Stafford, Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 –**
  - 10.4.1. Comments had been received regarding Public Speaking Competitions – the dress code specifically. Members to be reminded that they need to dress appropriately. Requirements to be added to General Rules and Competitor Notes.
  - 10.4.2. Reading (14 & Under)
  - 10.4.3. Public Speaking (16 & Under) (10 teams in the final) (the Rules & How to Guide – have been amended to remove 'repeat the question')
  - 10.4.4. Call My Bluff (21 & under) – How to Guide has been provided and is available on the website (version available) (10 teams in the final) – Comments received asking should this be 'Would I lie to You' – discussion took place and it was decided that no, they were slightly different formats. – Clarification was requested on whether the judge and host should be the same person. KS said that NA had done it this way – the group discussed this and decided that yes, the judge and the host should be separate people. There was a suggestion from the Youth Forum that words should be given to teams 20 minutes prior to the competition not, two weeks before as the rules state. CSG decided to keep this as two weeks.
  - 10.4.5. MACE Debating (26 & under) (10 teams in the final) Comments had been received regarding the mark scheme for 6 & 4 minute speeches – these speeches were worth the same marks for two minutes extra. It was felt that this was not fair. For the 2020 Competitions year this cannot be changed however, it can be amended in the future.
  - 10.4.6. Member of the Year (17 & under)
  - 10.4.7. Situations Vacant (16-21)
  - 10.4.8. Clay Pigeon Shooting (26 & under and 17 & under– two categories) – members need to be 14 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2019 – Additional Stewards are being provided by BASC, they are also providing sponsorship. MB provided a report on her recent meeting with BASC and her meeting with Oakedge Shooting Ground. The shooting ground will provide prize money this year. The 'Ladies' category has been removed from the competition – both Male and Female competitors can compete in the Under 26 and Under 17 Categories.
  - 10.4.9. Pallet Up-Cycling (26 & Under) this competition is being supported by TAMA
  - 10.4.10. On the News (26 & Under) Comments had been received stating this was another public speaking competition CSG did not see this as a problem. EMA had really enjoyed the competition, especially the team work aspect on stage.
  - 10.4.11. Fence Erecting (Corner Fence) (3x 26 & Under) – Estate Wire will again sponsor the Area and National Final rounds of the competition. NFYFC are currently waiting for Area details, these need to be sent into MB – Feedback from a Judge present at Brecknock County Rally Fencing Competition questioning rules used on the day. LH investigated this and it became apparent the rules had been altered from those provided by NFYFC. This was explained to the judge – MB/LH to investigate where rules are being altered and how this affects competitions at County Level. Rules from Wales and Brecknock. West Midlands had reported having issues with a judge due to style of fence. Judges have a private Facebook group where this had been discussed (YFC members cannot gain access to this site) and it was felt the design was too simple. The group felt the design was adequate and would remain the same for the 2019/2020 year.
  - 10.4.12. Farm Safety Skills – The competition will run with a team of 4 format with a Foreman for 2019/2020 – Farm Safety Foundation will be involved in the competition
  - 10.4.13. Commercial Dance (26 & Under) – 10 minutes practice each team – a draw will be made prior to the day
  - 10.4.14. Cheerleading (26 & Under) – 10 minute practice each team – floor matting – a draw will be made prior to the day. Teams are reminded they must have 'backstops'.

- 10.4.15. Comperes are needed for the Final of the Dancing Competitions held on Saturday afternoon. To ask Tom Oatey and one other.
  - 10.4.16. Body of Persons Exemption to be applied for Cheerleading & Commercial Dancing and Choir Competitions – this has been granted and all Areas are reminded . MB to confirm - when this is granted – areas need to confirm to the BOPA Rules and Regulations
  - 10.4.17. Reminder - How many competitions can you enter on one day. This was agreed at the October Meeting and has been added to the General Rules. DP read the clarification to the group and explained why it was in place (to avoid time table issues). GM asked if the conditions around Junior Member of the Year and Situations Vacant could be added to the general rules.
  - 10.4.18. Outside Exhibitors & Sponsorship – to include BASC, B&B Tractors, Farm Safety – suggestions for exhibits/stands welcome
  - 10.4.19. Input from other steering groups – Can Marketing & Membership (previously E&M) provide anything on the day?
  - 10.4.20. Time Table for the Day & Prize Giving – Plenty of discussion around this. It was decided to do a staggered prize giving before and during the dancing competitions.
- 10.5. **Sports Day – Staffordshire, Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Working with Governing Bodies – Stafford Grammar School**
- 10.5.1. Mixed Kwik Cricket – (10-16) – EMA commented that they had struggled to make up a team
  - 10.5.2. Ladies Netball (16-26)
  - 10.5.3. Male 5 ‘a side’ Football (10- 26) – slight amendment to the rules after feedback from Tom Stapleton – LH had been in contact with the FA and updated the rules according to the Fa Handbook. These are to be circulated following the meeting.
- 10.6. **Dairy Stockjudging & Sheep Shearing – Yorkshire Agricultural Society – Great Yorkshire Show – 14th and 16th July, 2020**
- 10.6.1. Sheep Shearing (26 & Under) – Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 incorporated into YAS Competitions
    - 10.6.1.1. Blue Seal training – British Wool have offered subsidised training for the 2019/20 competitions year for the Blue Seal in Shearing and Wool Handling – ~~– closing date~~ to apply for a course is [30.03.2020](#) – England 40 and Wales 3 members subscribed to date
  - 10.6.2. Dairy Stockjudging (U16, U21 & U26) – 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2020
  - 10.6.3. Reduced price tickets to Great Yorkshire Show available for member and families from NFYFC – available on Website from beginning of April
- 10.7. **Tug of War Championships – Tenbury Show – Saturday, 1st August, 2020**
- 10.7.1. Ladies & Men’s Tug of War – DH had been promoted to a Grade 1 Judge (Congratulations were given to David on this). There was a suggestion to rotate the judges used at the NFYFC Finals and to only use Grade 1 judges. Derek Wilson from Cumbria was suggested as a judge. Question regarding using Welsh ToWA judges at the final – can we look into this? Pete McVann proposed by FB and seconded by DB.
  - 10.7.2. GENSB Tug of War
  - 10.7.3. Permits for holding Tug of War Competitions – third weekend in June 2020 to be avoided as it is the National Tug of War Championships (as mentioned previously – Point 8.2 MB/LH to follow this up)
- 10.8. **Stockjudging Competitions – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2020**
- 10.8.1. Stockman of the Year – Senior
  - 10.8.2. Project and Vet Tasks – Saturday – Discussion took place regarding the written project. Whether there may be an opportunity to complete the project verbally in a Q&A situation. To ask Lynsey Martin for her thoughts on this.
  - 10.8.3. Sponsorship ABP and KERBL Woodstream (Rutland Fencing)
  - 10.8.4. Stockman of the Year – Junior
  - 10.8.5. Identification of Meat and VET questionnaire
  - 10.8.6. Venue – The Wright Family, Dawtry Cottage Farm, Cannock have hosted the competition for the previous three years. Venue is to be confirmed.
- 10.9. **Malvern Autumn Show – Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2020**
- 10.9.1. Cookery – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Discussion around Judges. It was decided to ask Ben Axford to judge again alongside one other judge recommended by him.
  - 10.9.2. Floral Art – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September – NAFAS Rules and Judges will be used. To add into rules that no pre-arranged foliage is allowed.

- 10.9.3. Competitors must listen to the Stewards Briefing – this to be added to the Competitor Notes
- 10.9.4. Support from Events Committee – To ask M&M to provide a stand at the show.
- 10.9.5. Are members allowed to use drawings/photographs and mobile phones ? Question received from Cumbria YFC. Discussion took place on this. It was decided that it would be unfair to allow this as it would provide an unfair advantage with a photograph to copy from. MB to feedback to Cumbria.

#### **Action Points:**

- Comperes for Drama. Contact ‘Choggers’ and Ed Dungait – MB
- Contact Eamon Monaghan to steward SMOTY – MB
- Gain prices for A5 glossy booklet, featuring sponsors’ logo for Drama finals – MB
- Raffle Prize donations and suggestions – All CSG
- Feedback required on Drama Finals after the event – All CSG
- Add into Competitor Notes/ General Rules regarding dress code at competitions –LH
- Judge and Host to be separate person at Call My Bluff Final – MB/LH
- To look into where NFYFC Rules have been altered at County Level, find out why and what effect this has – MB/LH
- Ask Tom Oatey to compere Dancing & Cheerleading – MB
- Second compere needed for Dancing & Cheerleading – MB
- Clarification on entering Junior Member of the Year or Situations Vacant to be added to General Rules - LH/MB (GM to help re-word)
- Potential stand on Competitions Day – To ask M&M Steering Group – MB/LH
- Circulate new football rules – LH
- Tug of War Judges – can we use Welsh Judges at the Finals? – MB
- Tug of War Judges – to ask Derek Wilson to Judge – MB
- Confirm Stockman Weekend Venue – MB
- Speak with Lynsey Martin regarding Stockman Project –MB
- Ask Ben Axford and one other to Judge Cookery Finals – MB
- To ask M&M to provide a stand at the Malvern Autumn Show – GM
- To add into Floral Art rules that no pre-arranged foliage is allowed – LH/MB
- Reminder to competitors to listen to Stewards Briefing at Malvern – add to competitor notes – MB
- Mobile Phones with images/photographs of pre-arranged Floral Art exhibits are not allowed in the Competition Arena at Malvern. MB to feed this back to Cumbria, circulate to all Counties – MB/LH

#### **Council to Note:**

- ***Performing Arts – Drama Competition***
  - Cast Tickets at £5.00 per ticket will be valid for the day of performance.
  - Draw has been made for order of performance and there will be 5 teams on Saturday and 3 teams on Sunday.
  - Admission Prices – Saturday £8 and £15 and Sunday £6 and £12. Programmes will be £2.00.
  - On the Saturday there will be three nominations for Female Actor and Male Actor who will be given tickets for the Sunday.
  - Each team performing on the Saturday will be given 1 free ticket to attend on the Sunday.
  - Tickets on sale from 1 April 2020.
  - KUHN Machinery will sponsor the competition.
  - Raffle prizes required.
  - BOPA - Areas must follow BOPA guidelines that are laid down.
  - There will be a 30 minutes technical rehearsal at the NFYFC final, and this will include the H&S briefing

#### **11. Competitions Rules 2020-21 – sent out to Counties for Discussion – Rules had not yet been sent out to Counties as rules were later being received from Rule Readers than in previous years**

- 11.1. **Rules ready for approval** – to go through these in the meeting– will be circulated to Counties in the next two weeks

- 11.1.1. Theme – CSG decided there is to be no overall theme for the 2020-21 competitions year
- 11.1.2. General Rules – final version to be clarified in the June meeting
- 11.1.3. Beef Live & Carcase
- 11.1.4. Pig Live & Carcase – to note: there is no classification of pigs
- 11.1.5. Performing Arts (Pantomime) – Dates and Venue TBC – Saturday 24/ Sunday 25 April 2021 TBC – will be announced when confirmed – need to discuss in the June meeting dates and venues.
- 11.1.6. Jump Rope (26 & Under)
- 11.1.7. Member of the Year (18 & Over) – A request for a mark scheme was raised. MB/LH to create and circulate.
- 11.1.8. Reading (14 & Under)
- 11.1.9. Public Speaking (16 & Under)
- 11.1.10. Brainstrust (21 & Under)
- 11.1.11. Member of the Year (17 & Under)
- 11.1.12. Situations Vacant (16 to 21 years)
- 11.1.13. Clay Pigeon Shooting (26 & Under 17)
- 11.1.14. Auctioneering (26 & Under)
- 11.1.15. Dairy Stockjudging - (Under 16, Under 21 and Under 26)
- 11.1.16. Tug of War – Ladies & Men's & GENSB – DH to update after 2020 Competitions
- 11.1.17. Young Stockman of the Year (18 & Under)
- 11.1.18. Senior Stockman of the Year (26 & Under)

**Action Points:**

- Ensure no classification of Pigs in EWF rules -LH
- Senior Member of the Year Mark Scheme needed – LH/MB

**11.2. Rules for further discussion –2020/2021**

The following competitions were chosen for 2019 – 20:

- 11.2.1. Show Choir (26 & Under) – There was discussion on whether competitor's voice could be considered a 'musical accompaniment'. Please can we check this – rules need to be sent to a Judge from WMA from 2019 to clarify.
- 11.2.2. After Dinner Speaking (26 & Under) Rules had been updated following Competitions Day 2019 issue. Amendment was read out in the meeting – CSG happy with updated rules. Add in Dress Code requirements to all Speaking Rules.
- 11.2.3. Cube Exhibit (26 & Under) – Musicals – one element must be upcycling
- 11.2.4. Fence Erecting – DH had updated rules – diagram of fence to be added a high tensile wire to be used
- 11.2.5. Farm Safety Skills – new scenarios have been prepared. CSG were required to choose 2 from the 5 options. Those selected were 'Checks on a Cold Tractor' and 'Checks on a Tractor and Power Harrow'. NFYFC to monitor the area rounds of this competition and ask for feedback from Competitors required. ATV and First Aid would also be included with a Farm Safety element at the National Finals.
- 11.2.6. Three Sports Competitions were discussed and the group decided on the following: Ultimate Frisbee (10-16), Mixed Rush Hockey (16 – 26), Mixed Dodgeball (16 -26) – Governing Bodies had been contacted – Response had been received from all apart from Hockey – LH chasing. Make it clear to all Sports Competitors they can compete in one Sport only.
- 11.2.7. Sheep Shearing – including BISCA rules and Blue Seal Qualification – just need BISCA rules to be added usually the are changed in February each year.
- 11.2.8. Cookery– celebration dinner – Theme required – plenty of discussion of possible themes. Group chose 'Totally Local' with a Gala Dinner championing local produce and low food mileage.
- 11.2.9. Floral Art – U16, U21, and U26 – Themes were – Junior (My Favourite Musical); Intermediate – (British TV Programme); Senior (Chinese New Year).

**Action Points:**

- Choir Rules to checked regarding Musical Accompaniment – MB
- All 2021 Public Speaking Competitions to have dress code requirements added – LH
- Fence Diagram needed before June CSG meeting – DH
- Chase Hockey Governing Body – LH
- Make it clear to all Sports Competitors they can compete in one Sport only – LH/MB
- Add BISCA rules to Sheep Shearing Rules when they are released - LH

12. **Area Feedback** – There was no other Area Feedback. South East Area & Eastern Area were not represented at the meeting.
13. **Any other Business**
- a) Staff Conference – MB/LH/DP had held a session for County Staff members on Competitions – including the 5 Minutes Competitions Plan, an introduction to Competitions Presentation and examples of ‘Call My Bluff’ and ‘On the News’ competitions.
  - b) Parental Consents have been revamped for the 2019/2020 year. County/Areas to display posters at events to advise those attending they may be photographed. This is for those over the age of 18 as well.
  - c) Environment Agency are having a stand at Competitions Day – 2020 – Climate Change.
  - d) Youth Forum Feedback
    - a. *Touch Rugby – why do girls score more points in a game than boys* – this is decided by the governing body and in their rules.
    - b. *Fleece Wrapping competition – would like to see this as part of the shearing competition* - Not viable at the Great Yorkshire Show
    - c. *Cheerleading & Dance too similar* – CSG agreed they were slightly similar and would choose Show Choir or Ballroom Dance (for example) to go with Cheerleading in future
    - d. *Call My Bluff & Just a Minute – should these be National comps as they depend on a good host to make them entertaining* – CSG felt that yes, they should be National Competitions and were suitable for the intermediate category.
    - e. *Call My Bluff words- should they be given 20 minutes beforehand not two weeks* – See point 10.4.4
    - f. *Suggestions of 20/21 comps: Hedgelaying, Cookery themes: Grandmas Family Recipes, Home Comforts, Summer Showcase, Responsible Sourcing, Historical Themes, Meal for a famous person using cultures, hobbies, locations. Come Dine With Me – local food from that area. Flowers – Seasonal Wreath (Easter, Autumn), Childhood Memories, Free flowers (foraging)* – Suggestions were discussed at length and may be included in future competition programmes.
  - g) George Baxter the newly elected YFC Agri Chair spoke to the Competitions Chairman GM with regard to the possibility of holding an Agri competition on a three year rotation basis – (weed/pest identification; farm business planning; grain judging)
14. **Date of next meeting**
- 14.1. Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2020
15. **Closing remarks**
- 15.1. DP thanked everyone for their hard work over the past year
- 15.2. Meeting closed 5.00pm

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**Signed** ..... **Dated** .....