



Lancashire Federation of Young Farmers

Management Meeting

Thursday 14th November 2024, 19:30 for 19:45 Start
County Office, Clitheroe

Present:

President: Micheal Rimmer

Chair: Neil Hodkinson

Vice Chair: Ana Howarth

Pendle: Alan Gill, Jade Huggett, Georgina Gregory, Beth Duerden

Vale: Tom Walker, Olivia Coates, David Hartley, Ed Clarke

Bolton By Bowland: Annabelle Robinson

Bilsborrow: Lucy Phillips, Emily Thompson, Viki Clarke

Chipping: Neil Hodkinson Lucy Williams, Sam Gornall, Rachel Hardman, John Neary

Samlesbury: Oliver Foster, Peter Jackson

Slaidburn: Anna Robinson, Ailsa Bury, Ella Mason

Bury: Eleanor Fish

Parbold: Megan Johnson, Brooke Faulkner

Chorley: Becky Sackfield

Trustees: Sue Davies, Moira Roberts,

- 1 Chair Neil opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from members of Clitheroe, Peter Davies, Alfie Naylor, Freddie Sellers, Jess Holden, Robert Webster, Richard Eccles, Steve Morris, Lucy Armer, Millie Thornber, Helena Beattie, Ellis Warbrick, Mia Stott, Scott Bennett & George Noblet
- 3 Minutes of the last Management Meeting as circulated ahead of the meeting.



- a. Matters arising from the minutes (items not to be covered later within the agenda) – no matters arising from the minutes.
- 4 **Correspondence** – Ana Haworth began the correspondences with an email in regard to Longridge Tractor run it is £10 a tractor (this is not to do Longridge YFC).
- 5 **MooHundred Club** – Ana reported that the results from the last draws have been sent out on an email and cheques will be written with you.
- 6 **Finance** - T Oston - no finance report present
 - a. **Outstanding debtors** -
 - b. **Financial Report** –
- 7 **Competitions Committee Report** - Anna Robinson:

No meeting since last management meeting. The next meeting takes place next Thursday night (21st November). Anna Reminded that last meeting there was only five people present, so reminded to encourage attendance through clubs. Anna thanked Steve Morris for his efforts in helping run debate, we are now up to the quarter finals and an update will be sent out. Bowling ran smoothly this Tuesday, MOTY was last night, and results will be at AGM. Next competition will be quiz and so quiz questions from clubs were requested, Sports and speaking to take place in January and will be discussed at next meeting.

Ana mentioned about moving dates to weekly to finish the competition before Christmas, this was agreed in the meeting and so the debate Semi Final is to take place on the 3rd of December and the Final 10th December. Anna finished her report with a reminder that the Live and Carcass nationals is this Saturday and please let her know if any issues with attendance.
- 8 **Social, Fundraising and Training Committee** – Ed Clarke reported there has been no meeting since the last management meeting. Club office training to take place Thursday 5th December at County Office but will be confirmed at next meeting. The winners of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be announced at AGM, and they will be asked to assist in the training. Ed finished his report by adding that County Ball tickets have gone live, and a DJ has been organised.
- 9 **Regional Reports**
 - a. **Bowland** - Peter Jackson reported since last meeting we have had the events of Bowland Ball at fence gate, Bolton by Bowland bonfire where the region attended. Beth Duerden, Ella Mason, Levi Nicholson stood down as Chair,



Secretary and Treasurer. Peter replaced Beth as chair, Rachel Hardman replaced Ella as secretary and Ella replaced Levi as Treasurer.

- b. **Pennine** - Ana reported there is nothing much to report as AGM next month, Turton's Tractor run is coming up in December.
- c. **South West** - Becky Sackfield thanked everyone for their support with Chorley dinner dance. Rainford dinner dance is next Saturday. (23rd November), Rainford Bingo 2nd December, Parbold hot pot night 29th November contact Lucy Bond for tickets, 8th February is Parbold dinner dance. Rainford Dyno Night 19th February. Regional Comedy is also in discussion to be organised at next meeting, update at next county meeting.
- d. **North Lancs** - Tom Walker reported he is now chair; Emily Thompson is secretary and Dan Rowland is treasurer. Had a regional bonfire and now planning more regional events and county rally.

- 10 **Reports on previous events not covered under Comps/Social reports:**
Ed Clarke mentioned Neils Chairmans Challenge, a good day was had by all. Rachel Hardman added that over £500 has been raised for Cancer Research.

11 **Reports from County Committees**

- a. **Wellbeing & Safeguarding** - John Neary had nothing to report
- b. **Management Trustees** – Sue Davies reported Last Meeting was 29th October. Main topic was staffing and the upcoming AGM and accounts, Sue added the concern to management as no financial report present tonight, so if this could be shared with management trustees before AGM. Signatures was discussed on accounts. Greg Fitton has completed his five-year term so the trustee will be looking for a new trustee. Micheal Rimmer and Angela Whitwell have both been approached and willing stand. The rest of the trustees are still all willing to stand. Trustees AGM to be held at the January Meeting.
- c. **Staff Management** – Julie Bennett sent her apologies “I am unable to be with you this evening and reported, Unfortunately, despite receiving some good candidates in the initial round of advertising for the post of county co-ordinator a number of good candidates dropped out of the process for different reasons, and we did not find a candidate to the standard we are looking for. The position has been readvertised. To date there are over 30 applications but cannot so far comment on the quality. Closing date is 25th November, Interview w/c 2nd December, Julie requested to please continue to promote the position. Julie finished the report with a thank you to Ana for keeping the office ticking over which is a big commitment. Plea to members and officers - you must reply on time, and you must respond to requests. There is no spare time to chase and follow up”



12 County Office Report - A Haworth

Ana has mentioned there is nothing really to report. The office has been hired out three times once to united utilities and twice to charities. Ana reminded that trophies need returning for AGM.

13 Reports from outside organisations

- a. **NFU** – Neil reported that Clarification in regards to the Mass lobby on the government's budget on the family farm tax and agricultural relief. It is not a protest but for farmers and growers to bring to life to MPs to show their life and commitment to agriculture. NFU are only able to host a few members and be current and pre-registered. Next meeting is the AGM which takes place next Wednesday (20th November) with guest speaker Tom Bradshaw
- b. **RABI** – No report present

14 Northern Area Report –Ana reported that herself and Neil attended the Northern Area AGM. Northumberland have now taken over office. There are some fees for Lancashire to pay which they tried to reduce. Lancaster university is booked for northern area, but still in need of a venue for pantomime.

15 NFYFC

- a. **News from NFYFC Council** – Ed Clarke reported the board of management has a new member for Lancashire being Katy Hargreaves. Now NFYFC is a registered company. The purpose and aims have not changed for YFC. King Charles has agreed to become the National Patron. Finances the three-year forecast was discussed this past year £231,000 has only been lost, if the national levy keeps moving up, they hope they will only be losing £58,000 by 2026, however there may be a chance to make some money. Micheal Rimmer suggested for the new council member to bring a report to the meeting. NFYFC have passed the details on as they are requiring a young farmer that is in driving distance from Salford that is an Arable and Livestock farmer between the age of 15 and 25 that can contribute to being on Blue Peter segment every few months.
- b. **Agri link representative** – No report present, as no representative.

16 Any other management business

a. Officer Election

The following officer roles were discussed ahead of the AGM in two weeks' time and volunteers for first proposals and seconders were taken.

b. Levy

Now Currently £40, Rachel Hardman proposed to keep it the same, this was seconded by Beth Duerden seconded.



17 **Date of next meeting** is the AGM on Thursday 28th November 2024 at Whitechapel Village Hall.

Any other business:

-John Neary discussed the president elect to extend the term of presidency to three years instead of two. Moira Roberts mentioned that it can be proposed at this year's AGM or at the next AGM (to have a viewpoint from a president that has not had a role as a president elect) the wording can be easily changed if members are happy to do this. The president elect was brought in a few years ago due to the circumstances to support a previous president at the time. President elect role is required to support the current president. Micheal added that a president elect can confuse the role of president, there is always vice presidents there to support the role. Anna Robinson proposed to remove this, Lucy Williams seconded to remove this. This will now be added to the AGM agenda. Neil proposed for this to be added to the AGM agenda and Sam Gornall seconded it.

-Becky Sackfield reminded the NFYFC members survey deadline has been extended to 16th November if this could please be shared with clubs to get more members currently only 67 members from Lancashire.

N Hodgkinson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:44 pm.