



Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting

Thursday, 25 July 2024, 19:45

County Office, Clitheroe

Present: N Hodgkinson (chair), H Beattie (Slaidburn), E Clarke (Ex officio, Vale of Lune), I Deacon (Parbold), B Duerden (Bowland Region), A Haworth (Bury), G Hodge (Vice President), M Johnson (Parbold), C Leadbetter (Chorley), J Miller (Chipping), S Morris (Holding Trustee), G Murphy (Rainford), L Nicholson (Bolton be Bowland), J Oddie (Staff Management Chair), M Rimmer (County President), A Robinson (Slaidburn), R Webster (Parbold), R Webster (Vice President), T Webster (Rainford), M Whittle (Rainford).

1. The chair welcome everyone and opened the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from A Bradley, I Bury, G Davies, S Davies, and M Nicholson.

3. The minutes of the last meeting were not available.

4. Correspondence – A Haworth reminded members that Child Action Northwest were willing to speak at club meetings.

5. MooroHundred Club – the chair reported that draws had not taken place. Assurance was given that this would be remedied, and funds distributed when time allowed.

6. Finance – the outstanding debtors list was not available. The chair explained that it was currently unclear which invoices had been paid. He asked that if a county officer contacted a club secretary/treasurer with a request, that they respond quickly.

On behalf of T Oston, E Clarke reported that work was underway to establish the current financial position. N Hodgkinson and A Haworth had been added as signatories to the bank account. M Rimmer enquired if the position was solvent, and this was confirmed.

Competitions Committee – A Haworth informed members that the Live and Carcase event was being planned, hopefully at Bowland Foods. A live venue was being sourced. The bowling competition would take place at Red Rose in Preston. Preparations were being made for the debate competition and a request was made for suitable motions. S Morris and R Webster offered to provide a debate practice for any clubs interested in knowing more about this



competition. E Clarke drew attention to the importance of members adhering to entry deadlines and asked that those present share this at club and region.

7.Social, Fundraising and Training Committee – E Clarke reported that members had attended the Royal Lancashire Show on all three days. There had been a ducking stool, stock judging, Strongman and Guess the name of the cow with good interaction with the public. Thanks were expressed to those who had assisted on any of the days.

A race night was being planned on 6 September 2024 at the Canberra Club, BAe Systems, Samlesbury. The entry fee was £5 per person, to include a bacon/sausage sandwich. It was hoped to secure advance sponsorship for each race, at a cost of £50 per race. Each region had been given a numbered card, with one of the squares on each card winning a prize.

This year's Chairman's Challenge would take place on 28 September 2024 and would involve a walk from Hurst Green to Clitheroe. More details would be provided in the coming weeks.

The County Ball would be held on 22 February 2025 at The Macron Stadium, Bolton.

8.Regional Reports

- Bowland (B Duerden) Bolton by Bowland had hosted a pig racing night, raising £450 for the region. Other events were being planned.
- Pennine (A Haworth) Bury had attended Bury Show raising £461 for club funds. Turton were organising a tractor run.
- Southwest (M Whittle) Parbold's foam party had been a success. A comedy night was being organised.
- North Lancs (E Clarke) Winmarleigh had held a Traffic Light Do. Members from Winmarleigh and Chipping were training for the national Tug of War Competition.

9.Reports on Other Events – none.

10. Reports from County Committees

- Safeguarding – neither of the safeguarding officers were present. M Rimmer noted that both officers wished to step down and he stressed the importance of this key role. A request was made that clubs share details of the role and anyone interested was encouraged to contact the county officers.
- Management Trustees (M Rimmer) – the meeting had focussed on matters which would be discussed under the Staff Management Report.
- Staff Management (J Oddie) Caisha had been off sick for the last 6 weeks and it was uncertain when she would return. The county office was being run by volunteers and members were requested to ensure deadlines were respected and enforced. B Duerden referred to the current difficulties and nd A



suggested that arrangements be made to reduce reliance on the member of staff. J Oddie agreed that process notes were required for tasks. All the information was currently held on a MAC book and 'phone that no one else could use.

· R Webster asked if Caisha was receiving Statutory Sick Pay, and this was confirmed. He enquired if it would be possible to employ someone part-time to help run the office; J Oddie advised that they were coping currently but would keep this under review. J Oddie added that J Bennett had been co-opted onto the committee to provide HR guidance and expertise.

11. County Office Report – N Hodgkinson reported that the office was not currently being used by any external groups. If clubs wish to use the office, they will need to contact him.

12. County Press Report (A Haworth) the reach was 8,500 and 385 had engaged with posts on Facebook. L Nicholson reported that a parent had expressed disappointment that more publicity had not been provided for members who had done well at national level. A request was made that clubs send pictures to county officers so they could share successes on Facebook.

13. Reports from Outside Organisations

· NFU – M Rimmer noted that J Alpe, NFU County Chairman, was hosting an Open Farm event on 6 August 2024. A Haworth agreed to put a link on the YFC Facebook.

· RABI – no report was provided.

14. Northern Area Report – The Northern Area Stockman Competition had taken place in the Isle of Man on 29–30 June 2024, with success for ?? juniors.

It was agreed the event had been well run. R Webster enquired what contribution LFYFC had agreed to pay, and A Haworth reported it was £80 per competitor. She was preparing a form to enable members to submit a claim.

N Hodgkinson reported that Lancashire had received fines of £400 for non-attendance in some classes at Northern Area Field Day. Northern Area was reviewing this on a case-by-case basis; members would be expected to pay the fine if they had agreed to attend and not done so. Concern was expressed that clubs were not passing messages on. N Hodgkinson stressed the importance of club officers making members aware of events; information was shared on chat.

Malvern Show (National final for Cookery and Floral) – ensure members know.

15. NFYFC

a. NFYFC Council (E Clarke) Recent focus had been on addressing the negative image of YFC. Guides had been issued and an action group formed to



promote the new NFYFC slogan 'YFC is for Everyone.' Warnings had been given that offensive clothing would not be tolerated, and members would be asked to leave some shows.

AHDB – promoting education 1 August 2024 deadline.

Two scholarships were available to the Oxford Farming Conference.

- b. Agri link representative – anyone interested in taking on this role was requested to contact N Hodgkinson.

16. Any Other Business

Awards were presented to H Beattie and A Robinson for the junior and senior stock judging competition at the 2023 Royal Lancashire Show. The overall club was Chorley.

Winners of the 2024 stock judging competition at the Royal Lancashire Show were A Hobson and her brother (juniors) and M Nicholson (senior). Chorley was the overall club winner.

Membership – A Haworth asked that clubs review their membership list and update it by Monday evening (29 July 2024) as Silo would close on Tuesday.

A discussion followed regarding the difficulties promoting events and it was explained that details could be posted on a club's Facebook page, with a contact number rather than a venue so that anyone interested knew who to contact.

Concern was expressed that attendance at Management Meetings was low and important messages were not reaching members.

M Rimmer noted that new club officers would be appointed at AGMs in the autumn, and he encouraged those present to think of future county officers. Thanks were expressed to A Haworth and N Hodgkinson and others for stepping up during Caisha's absence.

17. Date of next meeting – Thursday 26 September 2024.

N Hodgkinson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.52pm.