



Lancashire Federation of Young Farmers

Management Meeting

Thursday 23rd January 2025, 19:30 for 19:45 Start
County Office, Clitheroe

Present:

President: Simon Thompson

Chair: Ana Haworth

Chipping: Jennifer Miller (Comps Secretary), Lucy Williams, Sam Gornall, Rachel Hardman, Neil Hodkinson

Longridge: George Ireland

Bilsborrow: Anna Singleton, Lucy Phillips

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

Parbold: Brooke Faulkner, Isabelle Deacon

Samlesbury: Peter Jackson

Bury: Eleanor Fish (Safeguarding), Freddie Sellers, Alfie Naylor, Peter Davies

Slaidburn: Ailsa Bury, Millie Thornber

Pendle: Jade Huggett, Beth Duerden

Rainford: Tom Webster, Jade Wilson

Vice Presidents: Angel Whitwell, Micheal Rimmer, John Neary

Holding Trustee: Steve Morris

Staff Managment: James Oddie (Chair)

CCU: Dave Suffield

- A) Chair Ana welcomed the committee to the first management of 2025, and welcomed and introduced Hannah to the meeting
- B) Apologies for Absence were received from: Mia Stott, Alan Gill, Becky Sackfield, Kathryn Riding, Helena Beattie, Anna Robinson



- C) 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) – none.
- D) Correspondence – Hannah reported that there are conference places being offered to two members in rural administrators, on 7th or 8th in the Cumbria grange hotel, grange over sands from Liz seed. Please can get in touch over places.
- E) MooHundred Club – November, December and January draws will be drawn in the next week, we are currently changing signatures so cheques will be circulated soon.
- F) Finance - Neil reported we are slowly getting there; we have gained access to the bank and have been able to pay for the member of staff. The expenditure account is still to access.
- G) Competitions Committee Report - J Miller
Jen reported there has only been quiz and public speaking, Public Speaking has gone well better on a Thursday. Clay Pigeon Shooting, Rural Skills, Stockman, and Sports competition. AGM Beth Duerden is chair and Jen is secretary. Netball requested each person bring someone to score from each team.
- H) Social, Fundraising and Training Committee - E Clarke
Ed reported no meeting has taken place yet due to clashing with current competitions of public speaking and quiz. County Ball 22nd February taking place. AGM to take place next.
- I) Regional Reports
- a. **Bowland** - Peter Jackson, nothing much has happened apart from chipping quiz night raising £1200
- b. **Pennine** - Pete Davies, Pennine Turn out for a good tractor run raised a good amount, bury did a tree collection £200 raised.
- c. **South West** - Isabelle Deacon, Southwest Dyno Day 2nd Feb, Parbold Dinner Dance 8th Feb, Rainford Quiz 28th February, Chorley hoedown 14th June.
- d. **North Lincs** - Tom Walker, Planning under way for county rally at Myerscough, provisional date Sunday 18th may need to confirm. Regional ice-skating 19th February, Monday 24th Feb Bilsborrow quiz.



J) Reports on previous events not covered under Comps/Social reports:
Nothing to report

K) Reports from County Committees

- a. **Wellbeing & Safeguarding** - John Neary nothing to report, Ellie fish plans on-going training and to let club know of Ellie's role.
- b. **Management Trustees** - Sue Davies meeting on Tuesday evening, the main matter was finalising the accounts for management which hopefully we can bring to next meeting. There may be a possibility to seek external support to assist with this. In future Natalie, Ana, Hannah and Anna to have a meeting to bring everyone up to date with financials. Brought a safeguarding matter of underage drinking at a non-young farmer's event, of young farmers member, the member's parents will be notified. Risk assessment has taken place and first aid kits are going to be updated thanks to Hannah. Constitution is going to be updated with the president for 2 years to three years with a removal of the president elect role. A letter from Michael Rimmer for some recompense to Ana for the work she has done.

Simon Thompson discussed the staff situation welcoming and congratulating Hannah on her job. Recognising the work Ana has done when the county was short staffed, an action plan is needed in case for the future. The possibility was discussed for Ana Honorarium in the future when her year comes to an end and reminded others of a sizable honorarium for Ana, thanking Ana very much for her hard work.

- c. **Staff Management** - James Oddie, one of the easiest reports he has done, James reported on the success of the interview and welcomed Hannah. James thanked Julie Bennett and Ana for the work they have done to help with the recruitment giving advice to members to always accept the help that is given. James added to please help Hannah whilst she is in her induction process. AGM James is now chair again and Catherine Wright is Secretary. Please think for next year for a new staff management chair. Any questions or staff management please give James a shout.

L) County Office Report – Hannah Rose

Hannah reported the fire alarm now works, with a room hire for February. Hannah has been going through her induction and thanked Ana for her help whilst getting into the role. Hannah also adds she has been working on the quiz. Hannah has been attending the NFYFC induction training, looking for sponsorship for county events. Updating health and safety. Hannah adds she aims to be in the office Monday, Tuesday, and Fridays.



M) Reports from outside organisations

N) **NFU** – Neil Hodkinson:

-Meeting with Southport MP Patrick Hurley, Friday 24th January, 2pm at Mere Brow Village Hall

-Meeting with Rossendale & Darwen MP Andy MacNae Saturday 25th January, 2pm

- Wednesday 19th February, 10am – Family Farm Tax Planning, Barton Manor Hotel

- Thursday 27th February, Exploring the future of farming on peat, 3-6pm at Winmarleigh Village Hall.

a. **RABI** – Have received a job advert, as the current role advisor is on Maternity leave. Job is being advertised on county update.

b. Lancashire Rural Crime –Dave Suffield from CCU, It is recognised that farming is the key for national infrastructure, but a vulnerable group of people as they are getting more tech, with more and more products connecting to the internet. He would like to reach out and come and talk to members to inform them of the risks and how we can prevent this, there are more and more cases in Europe where cyber hacking has taken place some cases resulting in death of livestock. Code breaking sessions, business advice sessions and what they can do for the business. Dave adds he covers all the Lancashire area with free advice. Dave stresses that you will come up on the area of organised cybercrime and can give advice on any type of cybercrime to protect themselves better. Dave has left his details for any members that would like to have a chat.

O) Northern Area Report – Ana attended the meeting via zoom. (Check Dates with Ana) Northumberland are now running Northern Area for the year. They are now looking for two representatives from county. Ana proposed Jen Miller and Beth Duerden for the roles, Neil proposed Ana and Anna, Rachel Hardman Seconded both proposals. Ana proposed Peter Davies.

P) **IFYFC**

a. **News from IFYFC Council** – Four representative to be selected for council: Anna Robinson and Ana Haworth were proposed)

B) Agri Link Representative Update: No current representative the first meeting is 28th January via zoom 19:30 – 9:00pm. Sue Davies encouraged members of the great opportunity to be the voice for young people, Neil Hodkinson nominated Isabelle Deacon

Q) Any other management business



A) Northern Area Weekend- Pete Davies venue set in the sunny valley of backup, for the pantomime criteria that has a theatre and within the budget. The other option was Lancaster University, but they wanted £2,000. Pete asked for stewards as volunteers, but we should be ok for judges. We are hoping to sort our own food and asking for sponsorship. Pete added the thought

B) County Rally Report: Tom did not add much bar the date, Dave added it'll be similar to what happened for Northern area last year.

C) Neil Hodgkinson Honorarium discussion has taken place, a proposal for change of the honarium to be given to the chair once their year of chair has ended, rather than the year of ex officio chair. Beth Duerden proposed this, a vote had taken place to agree.

D) Prize cards were given out from public speaking

R) Date of next meeting is Thursday 20th March 2025 at County Offices.

A Haworth thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20:48 hours