



North Downs YFC

Minutes of AGM 2007

Wednesday, 10th October 2007, 8pm
Rianos Restaurant. Taken by Rosie Brand

1. Apologies for absence

Matt, Emma, Philippa, Louise, and Kelly C

2. Welcome by club chairperson

Carl Vincent welcomed people to the club's third AGM

3. Correspondence

Canterbury invited us to their Dinner Dance on 17th November. It's a two course meal being held at Broome Park in Canterbury. Tickets are £25, and members can collect a leaflet if they're interested.

Chris Bowley sent us a letter about his Chairman's Challenge - Steve will talk about this in a moment.

4. Upcoming events

County night hike on 19th October, not 12th October as advertised. Date changed because of foot and mouth, but it is definitely going ahead. Bring torches. Details will be e-mailed and posted around.

Pool and darts, a county competition, is on the 21st October at the Q club in Ashford. Details will be posted and e-mailed around so that members can organise lifts etc.

The County Chairman's challenge must be completed by the 25th October. Last year clubs had to build tractors out of giant hay bales, which we couldn't do because we didn't have any bales. This year it's a YFC scene using scarecrows. Following discussion members agree to start work this weekend, using materials left over from night hike and craft days. If work is done at the boatyard then we have easy access to tools and materials. Lottie points out that it needs to be somewhere public so that passers-by can see it. Carl suggests the shed by East Farleigh bridge, at the end of the yard - this is public to passers-by and drivers. The scene decided was a recreation of our calf escaping quarantine at the Kent County Show, with Haggis and Nia trying to stop it escaping. Steve will contact Chris Bowley and let him know.

Bridge Boat Service are throwing a free fireworks night at the boatyard, with a bar and hog roast, and have invited the YFC along. This will be held on Sunday 4th November.

North Downs YFC are organising the catering for this year's County AGM on Monday 5th November. We will be providing a ploughman's lunch for about 100 people, and have a budget of £100. Steve, Lottie, Carl, Gina, Kelly-Anne, Clive and (maybe) Zoe offer to organise this. Lottie asks if anyone has a Booker or Cosco card. Steve does. Someone asks how the money works. Steve explains that money is reimbursed to us from Kent YFC. Club needs to think of fun ideas to make our catering stand out from previous years. Last year food was laid out all fancy. Someone suggests using permanent pen to draw cartoon animals and caricatures on plates - good idea - Sam is good at drawing. We could look at different coloured napkins. Someone suggests using our flag as table cloth. Steve will co-ordinate organisation for this.

The County Ball is on the 16th February at the Ramada hotel this year. It's a smaller room than last year and won't have the older KCAS people there. Bring lots of friends to fill the hall. This year people will need to pay their money in advance or they won't get a ticket.

Carrieanne wanted to have a Virgin V party on the 19th, but this clashes with County Night Hike. Suggestion that she should postpone it until closer Christmas, when all the girl members present said they would like to come along to get Christmas pressies. People can bring friends and parents.

5. Annual Reports

Treasurer's report: Clive is putting accounts together ready to be signed off. The club has nearly £2000. Friends of Astor of Hever Farm are closing their accounts and will write us a cheque for over £100. We got 2 grants last year - £1,100 from Kent Community Fund and £250 from Cllr Paulina Stockell (Maidstone Borough Council). We still have £600 of Community Fund grant money left which needs to be paid back by February, so any ideas for spending? Grant money was meant for Kent Show bits. Suggestions: decent staple gun, industrial blower, leather cattle haulers.

Events: Steve has put together an annual report of events for county AGM, but forgot to bring it. Events included building a hen pen at Axton Chase, Winter fun day, Lazer Quest, North Downs and County Quizes, County Ball, Dung Day, Dairy Day (with Nick Leggat), County Show, and River Festival raft race. Recently we had craft days, a boot fayre, a night hike, and went back to do some more work at Axton Chase. We've raised £142 for the club in events over the year, and £200 for the Heart of Kent Hospice.

President: Nia is very proud of everyone, and says the club has continued to grow but needs to grow further. Suggests people bring their friends and family along to more events next year. Says well done to the committee over the last year.

6. Elections

a. Chairperson

Carl and Lottie nominated. Carl elected.

b. Vice-chair

Rosie nominated unopposed, and elected.

c. Secretary

Steve nominated unopposed, and elected.

d. Publicity and Fundraising

Lottie, Sam Jenkins, and Gina nominated. Lottie elected.

e. Events and Social

Kelly and Sam Stevens, and Sam Jenkins nominated. Kelly and Sam Stevens elected.

f. Sports and Comps

Nicola and Gina nominated unopposed, and elected.

g. Kent Show

Nia and Zoe, Sam, and Adam nominated. Nia and Zoe elected.

h. Treasurer

Clive nominated unopposed, and elected.

i. President

Adam and Lottie nominated. Adam elected.

Query about Adam's election since he is under 18, and technically needs to be over 18 to be President. Decided that since he is 18 in January, it isn't going to be a problem. Position is more symbolic and ceremonial than anything else.

7. Any other business?

Sam Stevens wins the North Downs Cup for supporting all the clubs events over summer

Kent Show Subcommittee want feedback from this year's show. Nia suggests we write a letter of complaint about Louise's rabbit incident, because it was a big mess that caused a lot of upset and needs to be on the record. Steve says we need to make a point about white coats at the presentation, which caused Nicola to faint from heat exhaustion. Someone else said the letter should include complaints about the conduct of some members of the committee, who were sometimes rude without reason, drunk during the day, and occasionally told members off for things that they later went on and did themselves.

Steve is now chairperson of Teacher/Leaders subcommittee and is taking on more responsibilities at county and area level. He suggests we elect new exec reps for the club, so other clubs don't get annoyed with him having lots of votes at meetings. There aren't many meetings to go to, only 8 or so each year, and they can be spread out between people. Nia and Lottie will be exec reps, and Zoe and Kelly-Anne will attend subcommittee meetings for the club.

Meeting closed at 9.42pm