

Minutes of Chase YFC Business Meeting on:-
6th April, 2010 at The Lamb and Flag, Little Haywood at 8pm

The business meeting was taken by Chairman Sam Craddock and minutes were taken by Sara Cork

Apologies for absence:-

There were no apologies for absence

Record of Attendance:-

The attendance book was circulated and attendances recorded.

Minutes of the last meeting:-

Rachel Winkle (club secretary) read out the previous minutes.

Minutes arising from the minutes:-

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

Correspondence:-

The correspondence, covering the action press, and relay for life- 'It's a knockout' were read out by Rachel Winkle.

Events report:-

The *pool* practice was thought to be a good idea by Imogen Bloxham.

The *New members night at the Lamb and Flag* gained an extra two members to the club, bringing to total membership up to 40 members.

The *talk from vet, Ken Anderson* was appreciated by all members who attended; however, Lucy felt that it would have been better if more members had made an effort to attend. Nevertheless, she felt that it was an interesting talk.

The *candle lit walk of Shugborough farm* was again enjoyed by all who participated, in particular Imogen, who thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The *talk from Tom Marshall* was both interesting and extremely enjoyable as commented by Caz.

Competitions report:-

The *Darts competition (final)*: Edward Brown performed well finishing 3rd and felt that, the use of two darts boards were definitely a good idea. Jack also attended and appreciated the sausage and chips!

The *Fence erecting competition*: Unfortunately Steve Dodd and Rob Moore failed to participate in the Fence erecting completion, incurring Chase a £10 penalty fine. Steve Dodd commentated that his lack of attendance was due to unforeseen circumstances (cow calving).

The *pool competition*: Unfortunately, Sam Craddock was knocked out of the pool competition on the first round; Jack however, made it through to the third round.

Upcoming competitions:-

The *West Midlands Area Junior speaking competition*: Chase have successfully got through to the next round, however, Becky Martin is unable to attend the West Midlands Area competition. Therefore a 16 and under replacement is needed. It was suggested that a member from Ecceshall B team could be used as a replacement, however this would not be possible as Ecceshall B team have also got through to the next round. Imogen reported that they have a practice with Unice on Thursday, where they will hopefully come up with an alternative replacement.

The *Dairy Stock Judging competition*: The competition was to take place on Thursday 15th April at Hill Top Farm judging Holstein Friesians. Three members are required, with Caz, Jack, and Ian showing an interest in participating. Caz felt that members competing would benefit from a practice session, consequently, Rachel volunteered to ask advisory for advice on potential places to hold the practice. Furthermore, Becky suggested contacting Frank Hammond who may have some important contacts.

The *Stockman of the Year and Young Stock judge competition*: The competition was to take place on 18th April Nr. Leek. Members needed to take part included 16 and under (young stock judge competition) and both 21 and over, and, 26 and over for the stockman of the year. No members present at the meeting showed an interest in participating, consequently, Rachel would send out a text message to all Chase members, as members who may be potentially interested in participating weren't present at the meeting.

County Show:-

The theme for this year's county show float is England. Many ideas have already been suggested for the float such as having the front and the back of the float consisting of a big double decker buss. Subsequently, the middle of the float (between the front and the back of the buss) would consist of varies important landmark features of England. Ideas for the centre of the buss included: the Eiffel towers, Chase to represent the Midlands, Blackpool tower, Big Ben, Barbra the mascot, and the Queen. Rachel and Imogen both felt that the bus at either end was a good idea and thought that they could utilised the trailer tyres as the tyres on the bus by cutting out sections of the trailer flaps.

It was agreed that it may be a good idea to draw out a plan of the float first before the float was created. Steve Dodd volunteered Ed Brown for this task. Originally, float building was planned to take place at Fred and Becky Hooleys farm. However, due to the buildings still containing a large quantity of sheep, and the float building sessions approaching imminently, it was thought that an alternative location may be necessary. Consequently, Steve Dodd volunteered his Dads farm as an alternative location if required.

Chase Young Farmers are responsible for providing helpers in the young farmers' marquee between 11-2pm at the county show. Sammy boy very keenly offered to provide his services, helping out in the marquee, up until he was required on the float. Subsequently, it was believed that county officers would then take over during the float competition.

Treasurer's report:-

Prior to the meeting, Naomi passed around copies of the accounts. Naomi reported that in the Chase account the balance stood at £3896.97. This month's income amounted to £90 obtained from membership money. Expenditure amounted to £10 due to a fine incurred as a consequence of not turning up to the fence erecting competition. There were 40 members at present.

Any Other Business:-

Andy enquired as to the date of the new member's night; however, the date was presently unknown.

Caz informed members of the National Orienteering Championships which are taking place on May bank holiday over Cannock Chase. Both under and over 18's are required to assist and supervise this fundraising event. It has been decided to participate on one day only, either the 1st or 2nd of May, due to a lack of accommodation. The walk involves a marked trail consisting of 5-6 miles starting from seven springs car park. Each team has been advised to have a designated leader, as opposed to regular check points, as recommended by the forestry commission. All members interesting in participating should attend the meeting regarding this fundraising event which is being held on Thursday 8th April at County office, at 8pm. Any members wanting to take part, but unable to attend this meeting should inform Caz. Rachel would send out a text message to all chase members to determine who was interested in participating.

The under 18's committee are organising this year's Midsummer Madness disco taking place on Friday 11th June. The current theme is 'Mad Hatters', however any other suggestions are welcome.

Rob Moore reminded members that Tug-of-War practice will be taking place on Thursday at Great Haywood; starting at 7pm. Ed Brown reminded members that girls will be needed for the rally Tug-of-War team. Immy, Rachel, Emma, Caz and Naomi all volunteered to take part.

Emma Stubbs asked Rebecca Hooley if she would be interested in producing a picture of 'the chairman in action'. Rebecca kindly agreed. Furthermore, Emma asked if Fred would be willing to participate in the sheep shearing competition, for which he also kindly agreed.

Rachel is currently waiting on a quote for Chase young farmer t-shirts. Currently, Julia is looking into a Chase young farmer's exchange. Members will be kept informed of any advancements.

Finally, Naomi informed members of an upcoming exciting adventure to take place between, 9th-19th September 2010. In aid of Countryside Alliance, members have been given the opportunity to climb Mount Kilimanjaro! £3000 sponsorship would be needed to carry out this venture, with the experience being priceless. Members who showed an interest included; Sara Cork and Naomi Bloaxham (aka Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum!), Ed Brown, Tom Craddock, Sam Craddock, and, Andy Gee. Naomi would send out further details to these people regarding this truly unmissable opportunity!

Date of the next meeting:-

The net meeting will take place on 4th May 2010 at The Lamb and Flag pub at 8pm prompt.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm