

Williamson County Livestock Association

Meeting Minutes

5/24/2021

Call to order

Brad Noack called to order the Executive meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:11 pm on May 24, 2021 at Moravian Hall in Walburg.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Clint Widmer, Daryl Stefek, Brad Noack, Wayne Sanders, Kyle Kokel, Mike Ondrasek, Matthew Suchomel, Colby Doherty, Blake Henderson, Richard Sells, Paul Boff, and John Faske

Guests: Heather Faske, Hollie Suchomel, Shelley Franklin, Audrey Lindholm, Kody Hajda, Matt Hajda, Michael Dickens, and Terry Sanders

Financial Report **Bancorp - \$54,032.60**
 R Bank - \$ 55,726.42

A) Committee Reports Scholarship

- Committee: Chairman: Colby Doherty. Committee member: Amanda Doerfler
- Scholarship Funding:
 - \$9,712.68 to allocate towards High School Senior Scholarships.
 - 8 applicants
 - Created a new scholarship, WCLA Doug Vrabel Memorial Scholarship, awarded to the top applicant applying for a WCLA Scholarship

B) Livestock -

- Superintendents:
 - Livestock - Wayne Sanders
 - Poultry - Daryl Stefek
 - Rabbit - Colby Doherty
 - Goat - Richard Sells
 - Lamb - Matthew Suchomel
 - Swine - Kyle Kokel
 - Cattle - Michael Ondrasek
 - Award - Blake Henderson
- Judges:
 - Rabbit Judge – Possibly John Terry.
 - Goat Judge – Jimmy Key confirmed.
 - Lamb Judge – Marty Gibbs confirmed.
 - Poultry Judge – Jacob Copage confirmed.

- Cattle – Keeton Dodd confirmed.
- Swine – Josh Krohn confirmed
- Gilt Breeding – Josh Krohn confirmed
- DNA Testing – Animal ID -
 - All champions & reserve champions
 - Pull hair at conclusion of champion drive
 - Pull random test from classes
 - Retags (all) shall have DNA hair pulled
 - Any protest that is brought to the committee will be tested. Samples will be pulled after protest fee paid.
 - DNA Samples matched prior to checks being issued
- Validation operations:
 - Steer Validation, fee, and DNA sample pull (at State Validation)
 - October 2nd, 2021 last day for Validation
 - Market Rabbit tattoo sometime in November TBD.
 - Breeding Rabbit completed via ShoWorks receipt; pictures uploaded to Dropbox
 - DNA packets collected and transmitted, no nose prints for market lambs.
 - Poultry retag 10 days after pickup, any other poultry that loses tag after the 10-day grace period will not be allowed to show.
 - Premise checks will happen this year for all validated animals.

C) Facility -

- Show Schedule details
 - Sunday, December 5th through Sunday December 12th, 2021
- Expo and review layout
 - Colby creating new layout, Arena in the center
 - Away from exhaust fans
 - Shorter alleys
 - Access to both wash racks
 - Will we allow any vendors
 - Yes, outside the show barn, South side of Arena
 - Vendor Fee - Fundraiser donation
 - Location on concrete next to bleachers on both sides of barn
 - Food vendor, Expo supplied
 - Supply Trailer – Yes, Stock Show Pros.
- Need PA System

D) Awards -

- Need a sponsor to host Breeding Rabbit show.

E) Youth Fair -

- Youth Fair: Andrea Haubner and Kristal Dimas

- Discuss with Youth Fair about being part of the WCLA auction, discuss possible contributions toward spring fundraiser/auction for the 2022 show and sale.

F) Auctions -

- Online Auction successful
 - Sandy working with Fair Vault to improve the system
 - Convenience fee added feature, will be charging 3%? Go or no? Look at actual card machine for business with less % fee.
 - Continue to feed by plate, no buffet.
 - Correct Auction order
 - Set up Auction Table, who is the highest buyer needs to the floor Director.
 - Separate WiFi hotspot for WCLA at Auction
 - Check cross division Swine placings with ShoWorks

G) Junior Steering Committee

- Chairman: Matthew Suchomel. Committee Members: Heather Faske, Hollie Suchomel

H) Legal

- No Report

I) ShoWorks

- No Report

J) Fundraising -

- WCLA fundraiser was a success. Need to go back to paper for silent auction items.

K) Audit

- No report

L) 4-H Report

- No report

M) Show -

- Cattle will not have access to inside wash area until Friday morning.
- Trailers with Ramps can unload from the North area.
- Covered Breezeway will unload from East to West for trailers without ramps.
- Lamb & Goats will not be able to move in until noon on Monday.
- Need Breeding Rabbit Show Sponsor for Breeding Rabbit Awards.
- Rabbit show move back to the arena, possibly have market and breeding show simultaneously.
- Poultry to unload in Covered Breezeway from East to West.
- Pull Electric drops from around bleachers
 - For blowers “sheep & goat” show
- Create new position(s)
 - Photography setup and operation: Chairman: Mike Ondrasek & Curtis Luxton
 - Sponsor Signs: Chairman: John Faske & Moe Hamann
 - Current
 - New

- Show Ring
 - Setup, tear down and storage
- Opening Ceremonies: Junior Steering Committee: Heather Faske & Hollie Suchomel
 - Flags - Purchase flags for WCLA
 - (US flag setup \$113.30, TX flag setup \$129.10), either purchase FFA & 4H Flags, or CEO/local school may provide them.
 - Anthem
 - Pledge
 - Prayer
- Need new backdrop and logo design.
- No Peewee showmanship entry for 2021 show.
- We will have a future feeder's showmanship for market shows: Lambs, Goat, & Swine only.
- Need to locate and lock on a Photographer for 2021: Richard Sells brought up 3 photographers- Show Champions, Joelyn Raffman, Katina
- Animals (Steer) needs to be clipped prior to arriving.
 - Steer heads needs to be clipped
 - British Breeds need to designate breed showing under.
- Wire halters on Steers? No Wire Halters
- Form to fill out for Residency of animals, Alternate locations check?
- Pallets for show arena panels a must purchase
- Gilt Show ownership date for Gilts. Discussion that any breeding swine needs to be state validated or county validated. State validation is usually last week in November.
- Steer Validation: June 26th, at 7am at Taylor Expo Center.
 1. WCLA DNA hair to be pulled at Steer Validation.
- Order 2021 WCLA Turkeys by 6/12/21 via ShoWorks. <https://wclasf.fairwire.com/>
- Drug Testing: Look into hiring outside entity to administer, monitor and test. Need to review guidelines and set rules.

New Business

- A. Appointment of Paul Boff to open At Large position.
- B. Discuss heifer peewee showmanship and reasons for canceling. Significant lack of participation for peewee showmanship. Our focus as a market show, reinstate future feeder showmanship for those not eligible for 4H by age for lambs, goats and swine.
 - Wayne Sanders made a motion to eliminate the Peewee showmanship class from the breeding shows, but allow the Peewee exhibitors to compete in the Junior Showmanship class. Scott Heselmeyer 2nd. Motion passed.
- C. Discuss renaming WCLA scholarship the WCLA Doug Vrabel Memorial Scholarship, and funding.
 - Scott Heselmeyer made a motion to give 7 - WCLA scholarships valued at \$1,250, and 1 - WCLA Doug Vrabel Memorial Scholarship valued at \$2,500 to be decided by the scholarship committee. Matt Suchomel 2nd. Motion Passed
- D. Discussed the need of training of ring help for the 2021 WCLA Show.

- E. Discussed increasing the weight for crossbred breeding swine to 280 as the same market show pig weight limit. Wayne brought up the point in order for the rest of the breeds to be able to compete with crossbred gilts we need to limit the weight of crossbred swine entries to 250. His reasoning is that 7/1 is the own by date for other breeding swine and those gilts are born by 7/1 would weigh around 250lbs.

Discussion of Market show species rule changes:

Lamb:

- Follow AGRILIFE guidelines for classifications.
- Any ewe lamb or doe that wants to show in the market show, **must** show scrapies tag in animals ear at check in.

Swine:

- Follow AGRILIFE guidelines for classifications.

Steer:

- Follow AGRILIFE guidelines for classifications.
- Heads must be clipped
- No wire halters.

Poultry:

- Follow AGRILIFE guidelines for classifications.
- Re-banding of poultry is only allowed 10 days after picking up, and any poultry missing bands after the 10 days will not be allowed to show.

Rabbits:

- Follow ARBA rules.
- No change to current show rules

Goats:

- Follow AGRILIFE guidelines for classifications.
- Any doe that wants to show in the market show, **must** show scrapies tag in animals ear at check in.
- Discussed that exhibitors must have the front feet on the ground while showing. May pick up to get animals set up but then need to placed back on floor.
- Discussed fitting of animals, allowed and prohibited substances

Discussion of Breeding show species rule changes:

Heifers:

- Follow AGRILIFE guidelines for classifications
- Break into 4 classes:
 - Sept 1. – Dec. 31st.
 - Jan. 1 – June 30th.
 - July 1 – Dec. 31
 - Jan. 1 and younger.

Breeding Swine:

- Follow AGRILIFE guidelines for classifications
- Must be WCLA or State Validated (track state validation rules.)

Breeding Rabbits:

- Follow ARBA guidelines.
- No change to current show rules.

Wayne Sanders made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike Ondrasek 2nd. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM

Minutes submitted by: Brad Noack