

Williamson County Livestock Association

Meeting Minutes

9/27/2021

Call to order

Brad Noack called to order the Executive meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:05 pm on September 27, 2021 at Moravian Hall in Walburg.

Roll call

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

Guests: Hollie Suchomel, Heather Faske, Jennifer Fowler, & Annette Compton

Financial Report	Bancorp	- \$53,582.60
	R Bank	- \$ 17, 929.25
	R Bank Savings	- \$ 1,000.00

Committee Reports

Scholarship -

Scholarship Funding

1 - WCLA Doug Vrabel Memorial Scholarship - \$2500.00

7 - WCLA Scholarships - \$1250.00 / EA

All scholarships have been sent and posted?

Livestock - All judges confirmed, awaiting contract return.

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 – John Terry
- Goat Judge – Jimmy Key
- Lamb Judge – Marty Gibbs
- Poultry Judge – Jacob Copage
- Cattle – Keeton Dodd

- Swine – Josh Krohn
- Gilt Breeding – Josh Krohn

DNA Testing – Animal ID - No Change

- 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 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)
- Tag orders opened via ShoWorks 8/22/21 and closed 9/11/21
- Late tag orders opened 9/12/21 and closed 9/25/21, no late fee.
- October 2nd, 2021 last day for Validation, DNA packets must be returned to WCLA by 12 pm or postmarked on 10/2/21.
- Last chance validation to be located at back side of County Extension Office, 100 Wilco Way, Georgetown, Tx 78626, from 8 am - 12 pm on Oct 2, 2021. Must be in line by 11am.
- Market Rabbit tattoo evening of November 3, 2021 at back of County Extension Office.
- Breeding Rabbit completed via ShoWorks receipt; Upload tattoo info to ShoWorks?
- DNA packets collected and transmitted after receipt from exhibitor, AST's.
- Poultry re-band 14 days after pickup, any other poultry that loses band after the 14-day grace period will not be allowed to show.
- Premise checks will happen this year for all validated animals.

Facility -

Show Schedule details

Sunday, December 5th through Sunday December 12th, 2021

Expo and review layout - Will stay the same until we get more panels.

Goal for 2022 show is to create a new layout with arena in the center, if feasible.

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 or area TBD

Vendor Fee - Fundraiser donation

Food vendor - Expo supplied, or WCLA contracted? Answer: Either/Or
Food trucks? Answer: Have one vendor contacted that showed interest.
Supply Trailer – Yes, Stock Show Pros.

Need PA System - Mike Ondrasek

Announcer - Need a new one, Mo Hamann to reach out to contacts.

Awards -

Need a sponsor to host Breeding Rabbit show.

Youth Fair -

Youth Fair: Paige McClellan and Kristal Dimas

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

Youth Fair wants to help us with decorating & set up for the WCLA Sale.

Auctions - No Report

Online Auction successful

Sandra working with Fair Vault to improve the system

Look into 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

Junior Steering Committee -

Matthew Suchomel as the Director of the Junior Steering committee. Heather Faske & Hollie Suchomel will be helping with Junior Steering committee.

Jr Director application was posted online and will close September 30, 2021.

Legal

No Report

ShoWorks

No Report

Fundraising

No Report

K) Audit

No Report

4-H Report

No Report

Show -

Market Rabbit breed date August 28, 2021.

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.

Poultry to unload in Covered Breezeway from East to West.

Pull Electric drops from around bleachers

- For blowers “sheep & goat” show

Photography backdrop setup and operation: Chairman: Mike Ondrasek

- Need new backdrop and logo design - Showtimes. Backdrop sponsors logo on new backdrop?

Sponsor Signs: Chairman: John Faske, Mo Hamann

- Current
- New
- Show Ring
- Setup, tear down and storage
- Opening Ceremonies: Junior Steering Committee: Heather Faske & Hollie Suchomel
 - Flags - Purchased
 - Anthem
 - Pledge
 - Prayer

No Peewee class for 2021 breeding showmanship shows, Peewee exhibitors ages 5-7 will show in Junior Showmanship class with the Juniors, ages 8-11.

We will have a future feeder's showmanship for market shows: Lambs, Goat, & Swine only.

Photographer for 2021 - Megan Dunn, MD Creations

Animals (Steer) needs to be clipped prior to arriving.

- Steer heads needs to be clipped, specifically polled breeds.
- 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 a must purchase

Drug Testing: Look into hiring outside entity to administer, monitor and test. Need to review guidelines and set rules. When can we set up a time to tour facility and get more information, at least as a committee if not the whole board?

Old Business

Broiler orders and tag orders opened on 8/23/21, will close on 9/11/21.

Need to get classifiers locked on for lambs, swine, and cattle. Need signed agreements back from judges we currently don't have.

Discussion on judges for 2022 Show and getting commitments early next year to post.

Need to review Expo agreement, set up meeting at facility with Expo personnel.

Need to revise scholarship applications for 2022 applying graduates for posting early in 2022.

Discussion on HB 3959 - Texas Youth Livestock Show Grant Program to be established by and administered by the governor.

Discussion on doing a Gun Raffle Fundraiser through the end of the year.

Sponsors: Mo Hamann - Discussion on Sponsors and donations. Holt Cat agreed to donate \$5,000 as Auction Sponsor.

Discussion on backdrop change and possible sponsors for backdrop. Mike Ondrasek in contact with designers and submitting for work up of backdrop and logo for 2021 show.

Awards: Blake Henderson has proof of buckles for review. Need to get orders in for rest of awards. Future feeder ribbon, etc. Reach out to buckle sponsor(s) and see if still on board this year to sponsor showmanship buckle(s).

- 1) Discussion about possibly moving Spring Fundraiser to a larger venue and a date in April. Need to check on available dates at different venues.

New Business

- 1) Broiler and tag orders went online and closed. Late tag orders were opened and closed this past Saturday, 9/25/21.
- 2) Late tag orders completed, need to finish distribution and will host last day of validation "catch all" on October 2nd from 8am - 12pm behind the County Extension Office, 100 Wilco Way. Those coming to validation need to be in line by 11 am.
- 3) Our job/mission for validation is to help/teach AST's/CEA (4H) and exhibitors to self-validate. Not to do it 100% for them. The show rules state: "Validation in 2021 will be the responsibility of the Ag Teachers, 4H Leaders and Exhibitors. Exhibitors will be responsible for installing the tag and collecting the DNA sample."
- 4) Junior Director applications are out, due/postmarked on Sept 30th.
- 5) Need to get classifiers locked on for lambs, swine, and cattle. Need signed agreements back from judges we currently don't have.
- 6) Need announcer(s) for show-week, during the show.
- 7) Block off rooms for photographers, judges that have requested, etc.
- 8) Discussed on getting a list of judges for 2022 Show and getting commitments early next year to post early.

Discuss 2022 exhibitors will have an ethics form to fill out and animal location required with their validation packets. Location of animal projects not on a school or private grounds owned by exhibitor family will need approval.

Need to review Expo agreement, set up meeting at facility with Expo personnel. Clint Chitsey is leaving Expo, currently have opening for new Expo GM.

Need to revise scholarship applications for 2022 applying graduates for posting early in 2022 and award prior to end of school year. Amanda Doerfler and Heather Faske are currently redlining/revising the application.

Sponsors- Update from Mo or others? Maxwell Auto Group is going to be a \$5k sponsor.

Discussion on backdrop change. Discussed using top spenders from 2020 sale for 2021 backdrop, auction 4 sponsorships at spring fundraiser for 2022 show. Mike Ondrasek in contact with designers and submitting for work up of backdrop and logo for 2021 show.

Awards: Blake Henderson. Capital Farm credit agreed to be buckle sponsor for champion Showmanship buckles for 2021 show.

Discussion about possibly moving Spring Fundraiser to a larger venue, Wilco Expo Hall, on April 9th, or 23rd. Only available dates are 9th, 16th, 23rd, the 16th is Easter weekend. Scott Heselmeyer made a motion to have fundraiser on April 23rd at the Wilco Expo Center and Richard Sells seconded, motion passed.

Distribution of Gun Raffle Fundraiser tickets to members who haven't received them.

Motion to adjourn by Richard Sells, seconded by Matthew Suchomel motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Matt Suchomel