



## Meeting Minutes

3/25/24

### **Call to Order**

Brad Noack called to order the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:12 pm on March 25, 2024, at Moravian Hall in Walburg, TX.

### **Roll call**

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Wayne Sanders, Montgomery Raesz, Daniel Knippa, BJ Simpson, Mike Ondrasek, Colby Doherty, Blake Henderson, Dustin Davidson, Richard Sells, John Faske, Donnie Smith, Matt Suchomel, Brad Adams

Guests: Heather Faske, Patrick Phillips, Kayla Luxton, Amanda Drummond

**Financial Report:**

- R Bank Checking- \$789,307.18**
- R Bank Money Market - \$169,535.46**
- R Bank Scholarship Money Market - \$20,460.80**
- R Bank Savings - \$41,034.30**

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **A) Scholarship - Committee Chairman - Colby Doherty**

- Applicants need to submit a properly completed 2024 application postmarked NLT April 10, 2024.
- Scholarship Funding:
  - Doug Vrabel Memorial Scholarship - **TBD**
  - WCLA Scholarship(s) - **TBD**

#### **B) Livestock -**

- Superintendents:
  - Livestock - Wayne Sanders
  - Poultry - Montgomery Raesz
  - Rabbit - John Faske
  - Goat - Richard Sells
  - Lamb - Matt Suchomel
  - Swine - Colby Doherty
  - Cattle - Dustin Davidson
  - Media - Paul Boff
  - Award - Blake Henderson

- Facility - Brad Adams
- Fundraising - Donnie Smith
- Scholarship - Colby Doherty
- Jr. Steering - Matt Suchomel
- Judges:
  - Rabbit – Mary Jo Terry
  - Lamb – Derrick Brown
  - Breeding Lamb/Goat –Derrick Brown
  - Goat – Austin Voyles
  - Poultry – Keith Staggs
  - Cattle – Austin Nauman
  - Swine – Seth Swenson
  - Breeding Swine – Seth Swenson

**C) Validation -**

- DNA Testing – Animal ID -
  - All champions & reserve champions
    - Pull hair at conclusion of champion drive
  - Pull random test from showmanship 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. All samples matched for 2022 show.
- Validation operations:
  - 2024 Steer Validation DNA samples will be pulled at state validation time that the county extension office sets. Need Rules Acknowledgment Forms filled out at same time. Alternate Housing Requests, if applicable, must be submitted minimum of two weeks prior to state validation for approval. Heifers will need to be state validated.
  - 2024 WCLA Show Market rabbit tattoo date to be major show entry night or last day of regular entry for WCLA to be announced at a later date.

**D) Facility -**

- Show Schedule details
  - Saturday, December 7th through Sunday December 15th, 2024
  - Placing panels on Friday December 6th for barn setup Saturday December 7th.
  - Friday December 13, 2024 barn teardown, prep for sale / auction on Saturday. Need to review and adjust show schedule and show order for the week.
- Expo and review layout - Will stay the same until we get more panels.

- Will we allow any vendors
    - Vendor Fee - Fundraiser donation
    - Supply Trailer – **TBD**
  - Need PA System - **TBD**
  - Announcer - Scooter Dubec - **TBD**
  - Scales - Rusty Morgan
- E) Awards -**
- Need to review awards and order new buckles to at fundraiser for buckle sponsors.
  - New Herdsman Award for FFA Chapter or 4H Club from 2023 show. **TBD**
- F) Youth Fair -**
- **No Report**
- G) Social Media -** Committee Chairman - Paul Boff
- Sharing of other groups fundraising efforts on WCLA social media page(s). If they support 4H/FFA youth at the WCLA sale, we will support them and share their information.
- H) Auctions -**
- **No Report**
- I) Junior Steering Committee -** Committee Chairman - Matt Suchomel
- Discuss Junior Directors and possible Top Hand Award(s).
- J) Legal**
- **No Report**
- K) ShoWorks**
- New 2024 ShoWorks program with online auction capabilities. Conference April 3-5, 2024.
- L) Fundraising / Sponsor / Auction -** Committee Chairmen - Donnie Smith
- 2024 Spring Fundraiser/Sponsor Appreciation Event postponed.
- M) Audit**
- **No Report**
- N) 4-H Report**
- **No Report**
- O) Show - No Report**
- Trailers with Ramps can unload from the North area.
  - Covered Breezeway will unload from East to West for trailers without ramps.
  - Livestock species and tack will not be able to move in until time and date set in future schedule.
  - Poultry to unload in Covered Breezeway from East to West.
  - Photography backdrop setup and operation: Chairman: Donnie Smith

- Sponsor Signs:
  - Current
  - New
  - Show Ring
  - Setup, tear down and storage
- Opening Ceremonies: Junior Steering Committee:
  - Flags, Anthem, Pledges, Mottos, Prayer
- No Peewee class for 2024 breeding showmanship shows. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 9 (or 8 and in the third grade) and 19 years of age as of September 1, 2024 and have a quality counts number.
- We will have a future feeder's showmanship for market shows: Lambs, Goat, & Swine only.
- Photographer for 2024 - **MD Creations**.
- Animals need to be sheared / clipped prior to arriving, touch up is ok.
  - Steer heads needs to be clipped, specifically polled breeds.
  - British Breeds need to designate breed showing under.
- No Wire Halters of any kind on any species.
- Drug Testing: Look into hiring outside entity to administer, monitor and test. Set up teleconference or tour to research. Need to review guidelines and set rules.

### **Old Business**

- 1) All expenses paid for 2023 show. Invoices still out awaiting payment affecting timeline to cut checks.
- 2) Discuss upcoming fundraiser April 13, 2024, postpone to later date, potentially early June time frame.
- 3) Scholarship applications ready to post. Return to WCLA postmarked NLT 4/10/24 to be checked and verified at April meeting and letters generated, mailed and posted early May.
- 4) Ordered new wing bands for turkeys for upcoming years' shows.
- 5) Discussion on judges to contact for show.
- 6) Rulebook opening to update rules:
  - Blake Henderson motioned to open the rulebook. Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Need to change dates, alternate housing due dates, validations (heifers). June 21, 2024 is Texas steer and heifer validation for Williamson County.
  - Brief discussion to make heifer and steer validation same across the board. Validate in June to show at our county show. Will discuss in further depth when reviewing rules.
- 7) Update on DNA testing for 2023 Show. All DNA matched.
- 8) Discussion on awards and ordering for 2024. Buckles in time for buyers at fundraiser.

- 9) Update on fitters in general and any repercussions/actions to be taken for the upcoming 2024 show or future shows. Violation of rules and other actions by exhibitor, parent, agent, or servant. Letters were mailed out and received.
- 10) Discussion on paying flight and hotel during ShoWorks conference.
  - Paul Boff motioned to reimburse two peoples' round-trip flights to Wyoming plus 3 night's stay at hotel plus \$75 per diem per day. Richard Sells seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 11) Discuss off going directors and nominations for directors to join.
  - Matt Suchomel nominated Amanda Drummond for at large position over the phone.
  - Wayne Sanders nominated Patrick Phillips for the at large position.
  - Brad Noack conferred with Amanda Drummond about nomination and she declined the nomination for this year.
- 12) Discussed possible drug testing for 2024 show. Costs and feasibility with outside personnel or vet to handle the task.

### **New Business**

- 1) Look at schedule for 2024 show. Directors discussed keeping same show schedule other than switching lambs/goats. 2024 show is week of December 8-14, 2024.
- 2) Discussed Judge updates for 2024 show.
- 3) Discuss fundraiser postponement/cancelation for April 13, 2024. Potentially do different fundraiser. Will form a committee to plan fundraiser and purpose for raising funds.
- 4) Scholarship applications are online. Return to WCLA postmarked NLT 4/10/24 to be checked and verified at April meeting and letters generated, mailed and posted early May.
- 5) Discussed breeding shows, specifically heifers and potential ownership date requirements. Decision to move all of the breeding shows back out of the auction but keep buckle/banner and premium to overall grand and reserve and allow ownership dates to mirror state rules/regulations and ownership by Oct 31st.
- 6) Discussion of request to add Berkshire class and light cross class to swine show. Need to look at numbers, currently no change.
- 7) Rulebook open to update rules:
  - Changed dates for the general rules.
  - Drug testing. No further updates from previous discussion.
  - Discussed rules to be made in regards to fitters and or fitting at the show.
    - Blake Henderson motioned to mirror state/majors shows goat-fitting rules, resulting in no fitting of goats at the WCLA show. Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Brad Adams motioned to table for a decision later to review major show rules on goat fitting and to have a vote before the final ratification of the rulebook. Seconded by Mike Ondrasek. Motion to table decision of goat fitting passed.
- 8) DNA results from 2023 show shared with WCLA directors/species superintendents.
- 9) Livestock superintendents pick per species. Officer elections by board of directors.
  - a. Brad Noack mentioned to keep Heather Faske as Executive Secretary. Motion made by Montgomery Raesz. Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Motion Passed.

- b. Brad Noack mentioned to keep Montgomery Raesz as Secretary. Motion made by Colby Doherty. Seconded by Matt Suchomel. Motion Passed.
  - c. Blake Henderson motioned to keep Wayne Sanders as Vice President. Seconded by Donnie Smith. Motion Passed.
  - d. Brad Adams motioned to keep Brad Noack as President. Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Motion Passed.
- 10) Discuss off going directors and nominations for directors to join.
- a. Northwest quadrant – Mike Ondrasek rolls off and Paul Boff moves in from at large position for 2nd term..
  - b. Northeast quadrant – John Faske moves off then back on for second term.
  - c. Southeast quadrant – Richard Sells moves off then back on for second term.
  - d. Southwest quadrant – Blake Henderson moves off then back on for second term.
  - e. At Large – Paul Boff moves off and in to 2nd term in NW quadrant.
    - Wayne Sanders motioned to place Patrick Phillips at the open at large position. Seconded by Richard Sells. Motion Passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Daniel Knippa. Seconded by Brad Adams. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Brad Noack