

Meeting Minutes

10/23/23

Call to Order

Brad Noack called to order the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:14 pm on October 23, 2023, at Moravian Hall in Walburg, TX.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Wayne Sanders, Montgomery Raesz, Daniel Knippa, Matt Suchomel, John Faske, Donnie Smith

Guests: Heather Faske, Patrick Phillips, Shelia Danek, Hollie Suchomel

Financial Report:

- R Bank Checking- \$92,178.40**
- R Bank Money Market - \$51,635.23**
- R Bank Scholarship Money Market - \$6,621.04**
- R Bank Savings - \$41,947.08**

Committee Reports:

A) Scholarship - Committee Chairman - Colby Doherty

- Applicants submitted applications and were scored. A total of 14 scholarships were awarded.
- Scholarship Funding:
 - Doug Vrabel Memorial Scholarship - 1 scholarship @ \$2,500.00
 - WCLA Scholarship(s) - 13 scholarships @ \$1,250.00

B) Livestock -

- Superintendents:
 - Livestock - Wayne Sanders
 - Poultry - Montgomery Raesz
 - Rabbit - John Faske
 - Goat - Richard Sells
 - Lamb - Matt Suchomel
 - Swine - Colby Doherty
 - Cattle - Mike Ondrasek
 - Media - Paul Boff
 - Award - Blake Henderson
 - Facility - Brad Adams
 - Fundraising - Donnie Smith

- Scholarship - Colby Doherty
- Jr. Steering - Matt Suchomel
- Judges:
 - Rabbit Judge – Mary Jo Terry
 - Goat Judge – Derrick Brown
 - Breeding Goat/Lamb – Derrick Brown
 - Lamb Judge – Sierra Nauman
 - Poultry Judge – Jacob Leopold
 - Cattle – Austin Nauman
 - Swine – Kelton Mason
 - Breeding Swine – Kelton Mason

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:
 - 2023 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.
 - 2023 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 2nd through Sunday December 10th, 2023
 - Placing panels on Friday December 1st for barn setup Saturday December 2nd.
 - Friday December 8, 2023 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 – Yes, Stock Show Pros
- Need PA System - Mike Ondrasek

- Announcer - Scooter Dubec
- Scales - Rusty Morgan

E) Awards -

- Awards were ordered and received for 2023 show.
- New Herdsman Award for FFA Chapter or 4H Club presented to Glenn FFA.

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 -

- Online Auction a success.
 - Need dedicated working Internet / LAN hookup for auction table and stage. Had to use hot spot. Sent After Action Report to Expo.
 - County server / firewall doesn't allow for direct connection to LAN for internet usage. Have to plug in wireless router in order to access internet online.
 - Look into other online auction platforms

I) Junior Steering Committee - Committee Chairman - Matt Suchomel

- Discuss Junior Directors and possible Top Hand Awards need submission at next meeting.

J) Legal

- **No Report**

K) ShoWorks

- **No Report**

L) Fundraising / Sponsor / Auction - Committee Chairmen - Donnie Smith

- Searching for sponsorship for 2023 show.
- A committee is being formed for 2024 spring fundraiser.

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.
- Lamb & Goats will not be able to move in until noon on date set in future schedule.
- Poultry to unload in Covered Breezeway from East to West.
- Pull Electric drops from around bleachers

- For blowers “sheep & goat” show, electric drops on outside walls of barn.
- Photography backdrop setup and operation: Chairman: Mike Ondrasek
 - New backdrop and logo design - Showtimes.
- Sponsor Signs:
 - Current
 - New
 - Show Ring
 - Setup, tear down and storage
- Opening Ceremonies: Junior Steering Committee:
 - Flags
 - Anthem
 - Pledge
 - Prayer
- No Peewee class for 2023 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, 2023 and have a quality counts number.
- We will have a future feeder’s showmanship for market shows: Lambs, Goat, & Swine only.
- Photographer for 2023 - 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.
- 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) Check on status of show ring panels and rack order update. Rusty has not responded.
- 2) Discussed renewing contract with Williamson County Expo Center. Also discussed booking show weeks for 2024 and 2025 and trying to deconflict with school finals. 2024 show week has been set for week of December 8-14, 2024.
- 3) Need to check on back drop.
- 4) Discussed tag orders and late fee charges to possibly implement in 2024.
- 5) Validation turn in set for Saturday September 30th, 2023 from 9am-12pm. Exhibitors must be in line by 10am.
- 6) Discussed classifiers, one will not be able to attend, reaching out to another.
- 7) Discussed sponsorships for 2023 show.

- 8) Discussed contacting stock show pros to handle shavings.
- 9) Awards were received. Ordered commercial banners.
- 10) Entries are open until 7pm on November 1, 2023. Late entries will open on November 8, 2023 with a late fee as stated in the 2023 Show Rules.
- 11) Will get hats for exhibitors this year.
- 12) Matt Suchomel motioned for WCLA to donate \$500 to sponsor the District 8 4H Holiday Classic Clinic / Show. Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Motion passed unanimously.
- 13) Discussed upcoming youth fair events including public speaking, etc.
- 14) Discussed incorporation of dummy roping sometime during show week with an outside vendor.
- 15) Discussed special needs show incorporation but need to get more details.
- 16) Discussed adding future feeders for poultry, but most likely will not be enough time between steer show.

New Business

- 1) All scholarships have been paid. District 8 4H Holiday Classic Clinic / Show on November 4-5, 2023 sponsor donation of \$500 was paid at September meeting.
- 2) Discussed getting security for overnight show dates Sunday, Dec 3, Tuesday, Dec 5, Wed, Dec 6, and Auction Day Dec 9.
- 3) Discussed getting scales same as 2022 with 4 lamb and goat with one in show ring, and one cattle scale. Also contacted Rusty about show ring panels again.
- 4) Hotel rooms requested. Two for photographer for the week, one for Goat Judge, one for Swine Judge.
- 5) Checked on back drop. Will order new back drop with new logos.
- 6) Discussed validation. Need to get few more hair samples from heifers that haven't gotten yet. Cattle and other exhibitors need to make sure forms are turned in.
- 7) Broiler pickup is Friday, October 27 from 12-3pm at County Extension Office.
- 8) Market Rabbit Tattoo date is Nov 1st, 5-7pm at County Extension Office. Major show entry night at County Extension Office on Nov 1st. WCLA entries due electronically by 7pm on Nov 1st, 2023.
- 9) Entries are open until 7pm on November 1, 2023. Late entries will open on November 8, 2023, with a late fee as stated in the 2023 Show Rules.
- 10) Discussed classifiers. Need one more.
- 11) Discussed sponsorship for 2023 show. Will add more announcer stand sponsors and will spruce up arena with more decorations. Will also acknowledge in-kind sponsorship for companies that help with services rather than monetary donations. Will get new signage as necessary.
- 12) Stock Show Pros will handle the selling of shavings. We need a supplier for shavings. Will check prices as compared to what we will get from Expo's leftovers.

- 13) Discussed vendors. One is interested. Will still get more information from dummy roping vendor. We could possibly open back alley behind back drop with wash racks and for foot traffic.
- 14) Discussion on Junior Directors. Out of 54 applicants, about 50 will be able to eligible based on recommendations. WCLA will adjust their help as necessary throughout show week. Will get Junior Directors quarter-zip jackets this year. Will also order 2 different style hats for exhibitors.
- 15) Discussed special needs show incorporation but need to get more details. Can have some junior directors help.
- 16) Need to order more weight cards and auction slips.
- 17) Will call on electricity for cattle barn. Discussed cattle exhibitors providing their own generators as well and done previously
- 18) Will post sponsorship form on website and Facebook.
- 19) Discussion on exhibitors having to pay \$1 per rabbit tattoo online via ShoWorks before validation/tattooing.
- 20) Discussed options for online auction as ShoWorks doesn't have the ability like they had in the past. Possibly use another auction site to allow add ons and online payments for sale lots. ShoWorks has an extension program to broadcast real time on screen every bid taken during sale and tally the total amount. We will have to purchase, may only be a one-time use or can use again at fundraiser.
- 21) There will be no WCLA meeting in December 2023 since it would fall on Christmas Day.

Motion to adjourn made by Wayne Sanders. Seconded by Donnie Smith. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Brad Noack