



## Meeting Minutes

3/24/25

### **Call to Order**

Brad Noack called to order the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 6:10 pm on March 24, 2025, at Moravian Hall in Walburg, TX.

### **Roll call**

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Wayne Sanders, Montgomery Raesz, Colby Doherty, Patrick Phillips, John Faske, Brad Adams, Daniel Knippa, BJ Simpson, Matt Suchomel, Donnie Smith, Blake Henderson, Richard Sells, Paul Boff

Guests: Heather Faske, Amanda Drummond, Lance Hunter, Victoria Saldaña

**Financial Report:**

- R Bank Checking- \$103,156.87**
- R Bank Money Market - \$142,527.80**
- R Bank Scholarship Money Market - \$20,504.32**
- R Bank Savings - \$51,470.48**

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **A) Scholarship - Committee Chairman – Paul Boff**

- Scholarship Funding:
  - 2024-2025 Scholarships due April 14, 2025

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

- Superintendents:
  - Livestock - Wayne Sanders
  - Poultry - Montgomery Raesz
  - Rabbit – Patrick Phillips
  - Goat - Richard Sells
  - Lamb – John Faske
  - Swine – Amanda Drummond
  - Cattle - Dustin Davidson
  - Media - Paul Boff
  - Award - Blake Henderson
  - Facility - Brad Adams
  - Fundraising - Donnie Smith
  - Scholarship – Paul Boff

- Jr. Steering – Brad Adams

- Judges:
  - Rabbit –
  - Lamb –
  - Breeding Lamb/Goat –
  - Goat –
  - Poultry –
  - Steers –
  - Heifers –
  - Swine –
  - Breeding Swine –

#### **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 2024 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 Validation will require all lambs and goats to purchase a WCLA tag if they didn't get a State Validation Tag for the State Fair of Texas. It is unknown when state validation tags will arrive to validate prior to the deadline
  - 2024 WCLA Show Market rabbit tattoo date to be major show entry night or last day of regular entry for WCLA. November 6, 2024.

#### **D) Facility -**

- Show Schedule details
  - Saturday, December 6th through Sunday December 14th, 2025
  - Placing panels on Friday December 5th for barn setup Saturday December 6th.
  - Friday December 12, 2025 barn teardown, prep for sale / auction on Saturday.
- Expo and review layout - Factor in extra panels.

- Will we allow any vendors
  - Vendor Fee - Fundraiser donation
  - Supply Trailer – **Sullivan's**
- Need PA System - **TBD**
- Announcer - **Scooter Dubec**
- 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 2024 show. **Vista Ridge**

**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 – Brad Adams**

- Discuss Junior Directors and possible Top Hand Award(s).

**J) Legal**

- **No Report**

**K) ShoWorks**

- New 2024 ShoWorks program with online auction capabilities.

**L) Fundraising / Sponsor / Auction - Committee Chairmen - Daniel Knippa/Donnie Smith**

- 2025 Spring Fundraiser/Sponsor Appreciation Event being planned.
- Fall 2024 raffle complete. Drawing 12/13/24. Dispersed prizes at sale 12/14/24. Made between \$5k-\$6k profit (still reconciling).

**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 on 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 2025 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, 2025 and have a quality counts number.
- We will have a future feeder's showmanship for market shows: Lambs, Goat, & Swine only.
- Photographer for 2025 - **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) Discussed Scholarships and due dates posted. Due by April 14, 2025.
- 2) DNA Results - All samples tested matched.
- 3) Show week will be week of December 7-13, 2025.
- 4) Update on Spring Fundraiser / Concert. Doing online ticket sales. Will push on website and post to Facebook.
- 5) Update on laptop purchase. Will try to find what is needed around the \$2,000 limit. Will likely need a third laptop at some point for the President position and additional ShoWorks aid.
- 6) Discussion on previous vote to open an account with Eagle bank. Will wait until change of leadership / signing authority at March meeting.
- 7) Update on letters mailed out concerning state compliance checks and punishment/rebuttal.
- 8) Update on funds withheld pending payment and check issuance.
- 9) Montgomery Raesz motioned to open the rulebook. Seconded by Paul Boff. Motion passed. Rulebook is now open.
  - a. Discussed general dates and verbiage to be updated.
  - b. Directors will review Alternate Housing requests on a case-by-case basis.
  - c. Discussed WCLA tags for validation.
  - d. \$25 for retags.
  - e. Need a standard operating procedure for inspections, etc.

- f. Will review and discuss larger topics in March/April meetings.
- 10) Blake Henderson motioned to pay Heather Faske \$2,500 for her 2024 volunteer assistance as executive secretary. Seconded by Dustin Davidson. All were in favor except for 1. Motion passed. Heather Faske politely declined the thoughtful offer.
- 11) Board should create committees for the various functions of the WCLA to be more productive with follow through.
- 12) Nomination of new board members:
- a. Dustin Davidson completed 1<sup>st</sup> term and wishes to stay for 2<sup>nd</sup> term.
  - b. Brad Adams completed 1<sup>st</sup> term and wishes to stay for 2<sup>nd</sup> term.
  - c. Matt Suchomel has completed 2 full terms, vacating a position in the SE quadrant.
  - d. Colby Doherty has completed 2 full terms, vacating a position at large.
  - e. Donnie Smith has completed his appointment to a vacated seat in the NW quadrant.
  - f. Colby Doherty nominated Donnie Smith to fill his at large position (vacating a NW quadrant position).
  - g. Colby Doherty nominated Lance Hunter to fill the NW quadrant vacancy.
  - h. Matt Suchomel nominated Amanda Drummond to fill the SE quadrant vacancy.
- 13) Patrick Phillips motioned to pay Kayla Sum \$25,000 for her 2024 assistance and work for the WCLA. Seconded by Blake Henderson. All were in favor except for 1. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

- 1) Discussed Scholarships and due dates posted. Due by April 14, 2025.
- 2) Show week will be week of December 7-13, 2025.
- 3) Update on Spring Fundraiser / Concert. Date is April 12, 2025 at The Cotton Club in Granger. Doing online ticket sales. Directors need to sell, not getting actual ticket but will have receipt sent via email. Can pay cash or check to a director and get to Kayla for entry into system. Need names and email to get receipt.
- 4) Executive Secretary has new laptop now capable of using ShoWorks. Will likely need a third laptop at some point for the President position and additional ShoWorks aid.
- 5) Update on checks left and funds withheld pending payment and second check issuance. We have received all money pledged at auction. Handful of checks left to disburse. All funds previously withheld pending payment from buyers will have checks mailed to exhibitors.
- 6) Board needs to create committees for the various functions of the WCLA to be more productive with follow through. Need a committee for Job Description / contract for paid position.
- 7) Discuss being invited meetings with clubs about bringing money to auction.
- 8) Livestock Superintendent pick per Species
  - Livestock - Wayne Sanders
  - Poultry - Montgomery Raesz
  - Rabbit – Patrick Phillips
  - Goat - Richard Sells
  - Lamb – John Faske
  - Swine - Amanda Drummond

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9) Discuss off going directors and new directors to join.

- a. Northwest quadrant – Donnie Smith completed appointment to a vacated position. Lance Hunter moves on for 1st term.
- b. Northeast quadrant – Dustin Davidson completes 1st term, stays on for 2nd term.
- c. Southeast quadrant – Matt Suchomel roll off of 2nd term. Amanda Drummond moves on for 1st term
- d. Southwest quadrant – Brad Adams completes 1st term, stays on for 2nd term.
- e. At Large – Colby Doherty rolls off 2nd term and Donnie Smith moves on for 1st term.

10) Officer elections by board of directors.

- a. Executive Secretary Nomination – Patrick Phillips nominated Heather Faske to continue as Executive Secretary. Seconded by Brad Adams. Motion passed.
- b. Secretary Nomination – Daniel Knippa nominated Montgomery Raesz to continue as Secretary. Seconded by Blake Henderson. Motion passed.
- c. Vice President Nomination (Livestock Superintendent) – Montgomery Raesz nominated Wayne Sanders to continue as Vice President. Seconded by Patrick Phillips. Motion passed.
- d. President Nomination – Wayne Sanders nominated Brad Noack to continue as President. Seconded by Brad Adams. Motion passed.
  - Both the Vice President and President will have shadows for 2025 as possible replacements since Wayne and Brad will be vacating in 2026.

11) April meeting will discuss any rulebook changes in depth. BOD is encouraged to notify the group ahead of time for efficiency. Will also discuss possible commercial heifer show more for the 2026 show.

Motion to adjourn made by Wayne Sanders. Seconded by BJ Simpson. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Minutes submitted by: Montgomery Raesz