

Williamson County Livestock Association

Meeting Minutes

10/25/2021

Call to order

Brad Noack called to order the Executive meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:05 pm on October 25, 2021 at Moravian Hall in Walburg.

Roll call

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

Guests: Heather Faske, and Hollie Suchomel

Financial Report	Bancorp	- \$53,582.60
	R Bank	- \$ 36,326.50
	R Bank Savings	- \$ 1,000.00

Committee Reports

A) Scholarship -

- Scholarship Funding
 - Doug Vrabel Memorial Scholarship
 - WCLA Scholarship(s)
 - 2022 Scholarship application and scoring rubric being updated/created

B) 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
 - 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:
 - Validation DNA hair samples transferred.
 - Market Rabbit tattoo evening of November 3, 2021 at pavilion behind County Extension Office from 5-8 pm.
 - Breeding Rabbit completed via ShoWorks receipt; picture(s) of tattoo and rabbit need to be loaded into ShoWorks when prompted at completion of entry.
 - Premise checks will happen this year for all validated animals. School barns and/or private facilities.
 - Show entries are due November 3, 2021 by 7pm via ShoWorks

C) 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, need to readdress.
 - Supply Trailer – Yes, Stock Show Pros.

- Need PA System - Mike Ondrasek
- Announcer - Need a new one, Mo Hamann to reach out to contacts.

D) Awards - No Report

E) Youth Fair -

- Youth Fair: Paige McClellan and Kristal Dimas
 - Discuss with youth fair for auction support while at show for set up, decorations, etc.

F) Auctions - No Report

- Look into actual card machine for business with less % fee.

G) 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 applications turned in.

H) Legal

- No Report

I) ShoWorks

- No Report

J) Fundraising

- No Report

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.
- 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 for 2022 show.
- 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. Need to set a time to tour facility and get more information, at least as a committee if not the whole board.

Old Business

- 1) Need to review Expo agreement, set up meeting at facility with Expo personnel.
- 2) Broiler and tag orders went online and closed. Late tag orders were opened and closed this past Saturday, 9/25/21.
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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."
- 5) Junior Director applications are out, due/postmarked on Sept 30th.
- 6) Need to get classifiers locked on for lambs, swine, and cattle. Need signed agreements back from judges we currently don't have.
- 7) Need announcer(s) for show-week, during the show.

- 8) Block off rooms for photographers, judges that have requested, etc.
- 9) Discussed on getting a list of judges for 2022 Show and getting commitments early next year to post early.
- 10) Discussed 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 ground owned by exhibitor family will need approval.
- 11) Need to review Expo agreement, set up meeting at facility with Expo personnel.
- 12) 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 red-lining/revising the application.
- 13) Sponsors- Update from Mo. Maxwell Auto Group is going to be a \$5k sponsor.
- 14) 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.
- 15) Awards: Blake Henderson. Capital Farm credit agreed to be buckle sponsor for champion Showmanship buckles for 2021 show.
- 16) 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.

New Business

- 1) Need to get classifiers locked in for cattle. Need signed agreements back from judges we currently don't have.
- 2) Need announcer(s) for show-week, during the show.
- 3) Block off rooms for photographers, judges that have requested, etc. Anyone else need room we know of? Classifiers?
- 4) Sponsors- Update from Mo. Working on getting champion buyers group sponsors. Need to inventory signs we have.
- 5) Discussion on backdrop change. Use top 4 auction 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.
- 6) Broiler orders need to be picked up on October 29th 12-3pm at Extension office.
- 7) WCLA entry fees are due on November 3rd at 7pm, via ShoWorks on website.
- 8) Holt Cat will be the Auction Sponsor. Discussion about bringing equipment to our County show and setting it up on display for the auction. Need to discuss further with county staff.
- 9) Food Vendors discussion: Discussed contacting some food truck vendors to be onsite for show vs concession stand.
- 10) Stock Show pros will be onsite Monday afternoon December 6th.
- 11) Lamb Classifiers will be Raymond Quigg, Jamie Osbourn, & Taylor Osbourn.
- 12) Swine Classifiers will be Haylee Daniel, Randall Rakowitz, & Colby Berger.
- 13) Jason Spence announcer & sound system for Tuesday for Lamb & Goat Show.

Motion to adjourn by Wayne Sanders, seconded by Colby Doherty, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Minutes submitted by: Brad Noack