

Williamson County Livestock Association

Meeting Minutes

11/22/2021

Call to order

Brad Noack called to order the Executive meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:15 pm on November 22, 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, Blake Henderson, John Faske, Richard Sells, Paul Boff and Clint Widmer

Guests: Heather Faske, Brian Turner, and Shelly Franklin

Financial Report	Bancorp	- \$53,582.60
	R Bank	- \$ 24,964.28
	R Bank Savings	- \$ 1,000.00

Committee Reports

A) Scholarship - No Report

- 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 - 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 be pulled after protest fee paid.
 - DNA Samples matched prior to checks being issued
- Validation operations:
 - Validation DNA hair samples transferred to 3rd party.
 - Market Rabbit tattoo evening of November 3, 2021 at back of County Extension Office.
 - Breeding Rabbit completed via ShoWorks receipt; picture(s) of tattoo and rabbit need to be loaded into ShoWorks when prompted at completion of entry. Need to allow for alphanumeric tattoo entry in Sho Works, not just numbers.

C) Facility -

- Show Schedule details
 - Set up December 4th starting at 9am.
 - 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. 10x10 area inside near information booth/Jr. Director location behind announcers stand.
 - Vendor Fee - Fundraiser donation
 - Food vendor – food trucks. 5T BBQ, Redfin Seafood Kitchen, Happy Panini
 - Need Generator Support.
 - Supply Trailer – Yes, Stock Show Pros.
- Need PA System - Mike Ondrasek
- Announcer – Need to set the week.

- Scales – will be onsite Monday morning.
- Shavings – you can bring your own or buy at the show. Flake shavings only inside the show barn. Pellets can be used in the steer laydown area.
- Cattle pens set up on Wednesday Dec. 8th.

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

- 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

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.
- Add Jr. Director spots for Auction.

H) Legal

- No Report

I) ShoWorks

- No Report

J) Fundraising

- 40 Gun Raffle in progress.

K) Audit

- No Report

L) 4-H Report

- No Report

M) Show -

- Cattle will not have access to inside wash area until Friday morning. Water is fixed at old location outside near cattle barn.
- 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, electric drops on outside walls of barn.
- Photography backdrop setup and operation: Chairman: Mike Ondrasek
 - New backdrop and logo design - Showtimes. Top spenders from 2020 show will have logo on new backdrop for 2021 show, Auction off at spring fundraiser dinner the spots for 2022 show.
- Sponsor Signs: Chairman: Colby Doherty, 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. Committee to be established to tour facility and get more information.

Old Business

- 1) Need to get classifiers locked on for lambs, swine, and 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? The understanding is working on getting champion buyers group sponsors.
- 5) Discussion on backdrop change. Use top 4 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.

New Business

- 1) Classifiers locked on for lambs, swine, and cattle.
 - o Lamb Classifiers will be Raymond Quigg, Jamie Osbourn, & Taylor Osbourn.
 - o Swine Classifiers will be Haylee Daniel, Randall Rakowitz, & Colby Berger.
 - o Cattle Classifiers will be Chapel Schuessler, Jeff Prokop, & Karl Harboth.
- 2) Loading out and placing racks of panels and gates on Friday to stage for Saturday set up.
- 3) Need announcer(s) for show week - Director on Monday, Jason Spence announcing Tuesday, Director on Wednesday. Scooter Dubec announcing Thursday and Friday.
- 4) Expo has sound system (speakers) inside the barn and outside at cattle area. Can use their sound system when calling classes, etc. Need our own for backup. Scooter Dubec and Jason Spence bringing their own sound system? Judge can give his comments on the smaller sound system.
- 5) Sponsors- On track, same or better than last year in regards to Champion Buyers Group. Need to have a few more signs made for new sponsors.
- 6) Generators - Talked with Texas First Source. He's currently sourcing two 100 kW generators for us. One dedicated to food trucks/vendors with two 50 amp twist lock to rv style 50 amp and 1 spider, one for steer barn with 4 spiders.
- 7) Food vendors and others allowed outside to west end of barn. Potentially allowing a few vendors near announcers stand/backdrop side of barn co located with information station/Jr Director station for weight card pickup/turn in.
- 8) Discuss SSN issue for exhibitors and participation in show/sale.
- 9) Stock Show pros will be onsite Monday afternoon December 6th.

Motion to adjourn by Wayne Sanders, seconded by Daryl Stefek, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:48PM.

Minutes submitted by: Brad Noack