

Williamson County Livestock Association

Meeting Minutes

11/28/22

Call to order

Brad Noack called to order the Executive meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:07pm on November 28, 2022, at Moravian Hall in Walburg, TX.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Mike Ondrasek, Blake Henderson, Colby Doherty, John Faske, Richard Sells. Paul Boff, Brad Adams, Dustin Davidson, Matthew Suchomel, & Jesse Threet

Guests: Heather Faske, Montgomery Raesz, Gina Threet, Shelley Franklin

Financial Report:

- R Bank Checking- \$133,137.82**
- R Bank Money Market - \$51,307.50**
- R Bank Savings - \$1,010.34**

Committee Reports:

A) Scholarship - Committee Chairman - Colby Doherty

- Scholarship Funding
 - Doug Vrabel Memorial Scholarship - awarded \$2500
 - WCLA Scholarship(s) - 10 awarded \$1300

B) Livestock -

- Superintendents:
 - Livestock - Wayne Sanders
 - Poultry - Daryl Stefek
 - Rabbit - Blake Henderson
 - Goat - Richard Sells
 - Lamb - Matt Suchomel
 - Swine - Colby Doherty
 - Cattle - Mike Ondrasek
 - Award - Blake Henderson
 - Facility - Brad Adams
- Judges: New judges for 2022.
 - Rabbit Judge – John Terry
 - Goat Judge – Sierra Nauman
 - Lamb Judge – Taylor Osbourn
 - Poultry Judge – Jacob Leopold

- Cattle – Skyler Scotten
- Swine – Kelton Mason
- Gilt Breeding – 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
- Validation operations:
 - 2022 Steer Validation DNA samples will be pulled at state validation time that the county extension office sets.
 - 2022 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. November 2 2022.

D) Facility -

- Show Schedule details
 - Sunday, December 4th through Sunday December 11th, 2022
 - Placing panels on Friday December 2nd for barn setup Saturday December 3rd.
 - Move show up a day to allow Friday to prep for sale / auction on Saturday. Adjust show schedule.
- 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 have been ordered for 2022 Show.

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.
 - Sandra working with Fair Vault to improve the system

- Need dedicated working Internet / LAN hookup for auction table and stage.
- 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.
- Separate WiFi hotspot for WCLA at Auction

I) Junior Steering Committee -

- Show week sign up genius completed.

J) Legal

- **No Report**

K) ShoWorks

- **No Report**

L) Fundraising / Sponsor / Auction - Committee Chairmen - Colby Doherty, Blake Henderson

- Have several sponsors confirmed and paid, need to continue contacting the previous sponsors and new ones.

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 2022 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, 2022 and have a quality counts number.
- We will have a future feeder's showmanship for market shows: Lambs, Goat, & Swine only.

- Photographer for 2022 - 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 of any kind.
- 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 information.

Old Business

- 1) Not enough directors for quorum, discussed following business.
- 2) Update on judges: Need contracts from poultry and rabbit.
- 3) Update on classifiers: short one lamb classifier.
- 4) Update on Jr Director applications: 40+/- submitted for review.
- 5) Continue to reach out to last years sponsors and new sponsors for this year.
- 6) Broiler pick up will be @ 1 pm on 10/28/22 at the County Extension Office.
- 7) Need to follow up with Expo concerning show dates and expectations. Discussion on shavings. Discuss money donated and what to do with it.
- 8) Revisit announcer: Make sure Scooter Dubec is confirmed. He is confirmed and he's bringing his own equipment.
- 9) Blake Henderson discussed pastor for short church service on Sunday morning Dec 4, 2022.

New Business

- 1) Update on judges: Awaiting contracts (resend) from poultry and rabbit. They are confirmed.
- 2) Classifiers are confirmed.
- 3) Update on Jr Director applications: 40+/- applied and sign up genius completed for week of show. Sill can help in areas if didn't get to sign up, just need to check in with director where to help when available.
- 4) Continue to reach out to last years sponsors and new sponsors for this year.
- 5) Follow up with Expo concerning show dates and expectations occurred 11/18/22. Expo should be providing dedicated LAN/Internet for auction. Shavings & Pelletized shavings are available for \$8 per bag. You are allowed to bring your own shavings, but NO pelletized shavings allowed in the lamb, goat, & pig pens.
- 6) Discussed executive decision to waive an entry fee for an exhibitor/family and reason for ratification. Michael Ondrasek made a motion to approve the waiver of the entry fee for the family that had a tragedy, 2nd by Brad Adams. Motion Passed.
- 7) Discuss move in of pens staging on Friday, December 2, 2022. Will set up of show ring and first two pens of each row for floorpan guide for Saturday December 3, 2022 barn setup. Saturday setup will start at 8AM.
- 8) Discuss special edition by Tx Agrilife on Thursday on open expo side of facility.
- 9) Discuss tear down of pens and set up of expo hall on Friday, December 9, 2022, at 9AM.
- 10) Blake Henderson discussed pastor for short church service on Sunday morning Dec 4, 2022.

Motion to adjourn made by Brad Adams. Seconded by Mike Ondrasek. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Brad Noack