

Williamson County Livestock Association Meeting Minutes

12/27/21

Call to order

Brad Noack called to order the Executive meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:12 PM December 27, 2021 at Moravian Hall in Walburg.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Wayne Sanders, Matthew Suchomel, Clint Widmer, Kyle Kokel, John Faske, Daryl Stefek, Scott Heselmeyer, Jesse Threet, Mike Ondrasek, Blake Henderson, and Paul Boff.

Guests: Heather Faske, Hollie Suchomel, Curtis Luxton, Sandra Luxton

Financial Report Bancorp - \$57,713.65

R Bank - \$655,615.91

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 -

- Superintendents:
 - Livestock -
 - Poultry -
 - Rabbit -
 - Goat -
 - Lamb -
 - Swine -
 - Cattle -
 - Award -
- Judges: Need new judges for 2022.
 - Rabbit Judge – John Terry - Keep?
 - Goat Judge –
 - Lamb Judge –
 - Poultry Judge –
 - Cattle –

- Swine –
- Gilt Breeding –
- 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:
 - Validation DNA hair samples and all samples pulled at show transferred to 3rd party.
 - 2022 WCLA Show Market rabbit tattoo date to be major show entry night or last day of regular entry for WCLA.

C) Facility -

- Show Schedule details
 - Sunday, December 4th through Saturday December 10th, 2022
 - Meet with EXPO staff about 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? If so, barn tear down on Friday morning and sale Saturday.
- 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
 - Vendor Fee - Fundraiser donation
 - Supply Trailer – Yes, Stock Show Pros, contact with dates for 2022.
- Need PA System - Mike Ondrasek
- Announcer - Need to set the week, look into Scooter Dubec again.
- Scales - Rusty Morgan (Look into owing Copeland a scale)

D) Awards -

- **No Report**

E) Youth Fair -

- Youth fair setup of hall for auction was spectacular.

F) Auctions -

- Online Auction successful
 - Sandra working with ShoWorks auction and Fair Vault to improve the system.
 - Continue to feed by plate, no buffet for buyers.
 - Correct Auction order - grand and reserve champions. Work with ShoWorks for custom sorting.
 - Separate WiFi hotspot for WCLA at Auction and designated hardwire LAN provided by Expo for checkout table and auction stage.

G) Junior Steering Committee -

- **No Report**

H) Legal

- **No Report**

I) ShoWorks

- **No Report**

J) Fundraising

- Spring Fundraiser at Williamson County Expo Hall April 23rd, 2022.

K) Audit

- **No Report**

L) 4-H Report

- **No Report**

M) Show -

- 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.
- 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: Chairman: Colby Doherty, Mo Hamann
 - Current
 - New
 - Show Ring
 - Setup, tear down and storage

- Opening Ceremonies: Junior Steering Committee:
 - Flags
 - 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 - Discuss payment invoice and rehire for 2022. Contact her about concerns and issues from this year going in to next.
- 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
- 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) Classifiers locked on for lambs, swine, and cattle.
- 2) Loading out and placing racks of panels and gates on Friday (for those available) to stage for Saturday set up.
- 3) Need announcer(s) for show-week. Mike Ondrasek on Monday, Jason Spence Tuesday, Need a director to announce gilt show Wednesday evening. 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 to Michael Pitzer 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.

New Business

- 1) Discussion of 2021 WCLA show and sale. Good / Bad / Things to change.

2) Need to have committees with a director as primary point of contact for the following areas:

- Scholarships:
- Sponsorships / Fundraising / Auction: Monitors for signage, etc.
- Junior Steering Committee:
- ShoWorks / Show Office: Committee members need to learn from Sandra in order to help her and possibly take over one day. Need to purchase three more iPads to aid the check in and check out processes, kiosks.
- Drug Testing Committee: Need to form committee to learn about drug testing process and advise board on a direction to proceed.
- Validation Committee - 1 director per quadrant to aid quadrant committee and AST's or CEA in that area. Quadrant Director to issue tags as needed after original validation packets are put together and dispersed.

3) Discussion on continued consolidation of payments via ShoWorks Auction and invoicing for the outstanding amount(s) owed from the Sale / Auction.

4) Gun raffle drawing.

Motion to adjourn by Matt Suchomel, Blake Henderson seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM

Minutes Submitted by: Brad Noack