

## Meeting Minutes

1/4/23

### **Call to order**

Brad Noack called to order the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:10 pm on January 4, 2023, at Dale's in Walburg, TX.

### **Roll call**

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Blake Henderson, Wayne Sanders, John Faske, Richard Sells. Paul Boff, Dustin Davidson, Daryl Stefek

Guests: Heather Faske, Montgomery Raesz

**Financial Report:**

- R Bank Checking- \$856,427.74**
- R Bank Money Market - \$51,337.03**
- R Bank Scholarship Money Market - \$2,500.00**
- R Bank Savings - \$103,194.13**

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **A) Scholarship - Committee Chairman - Colby Doherty**

- Scholarship Funding:
  - Buckle Auction from 2022 Spring Fundraiser - \$4,400
  - Donated Cup and Earrings - \$1,005
  - 1,057 Show Entries x3 - \$3,171
  - Total raised for scholarships \$8,576.00
    - Doug Vrabel Memorial Scholarship -
    - WCLA Scholarship(s) -

#### **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:
  - Rabbit Judge –
  - Goat Judge –
  - Lamb Judge –
  - Poultry Judge –
  - Cattle –
  - 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 pulled after protest fee paid.
  - DNA Samples matched prior to checks being issued. **All samples matched for 2022 show.**
- Validation operations:
  - 2023 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.
  - 2023 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.

### D) Facility -

- Show Schedule details
  - Saturday, December 2nd through Sunday December 10th, 2023
  - Placing panels on Friday December 1st for barn setup Saturday December 2nd.
  - Friday December 9, 2023 barn teardown, prep for sale / auction on Saturday. Need to review and adjust show schedule and show order for the week.
- 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 -**

- Need awards for 2023 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.
  - Need dedicated working Internet / LAN hookup for auction table and stage. Had to use hot spot. Sent After Action Report to Expo.
  - 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.
  - Look into other online auction platforms

**I) Junior Steering Committee -**

- Discuss Junior Directors and possible Top Hand Awards need submission at next meeting.

**J) Legal**

- **No Report**

**K) ShoWorks**

- **No Report**

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

- Spring fundraiser planning ongoing. Spring fundraiser date is scheduled for Apr 15, 2023.

**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 2023 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, 2023 and have a quality counts number.
- We will have a future feeder’s showmanship for market shows: Lambs, Goat, & Swine only.
- Photographer for 2023 - Keep 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.
- No Wire Halters of any kind on any species.
- 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) 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **New Business**

- 1) Discuss waiving 6% fee for sale lot 238 and 239. Motion made by Wayne Sanders, seconded by Daryl Stefek. Motion passed.
- 2) Need to update scholarship application form for 2023 and post to social media and website. Application due date is March 31, 2023.
- 3) Scheduled fundraiser is April 15, 2023 at Expo. Discuss possible Casino night with auction, and prizes for reverse raffle. Sponsors.
  - Need Buckles for show sponsors at auction. Discussed adding breed champion buckles to auction.
    - Would need 5 for lambs, 6 for swine, 5 for goats, 3 for steers - Overall consensus was to not oversaturate the show with buckles, taking away from the overall grand and reserve species.
- 4) Awards discussed.
  - Discussed adding mini grand and reserve banners for breed/division champions.
  - Buckle for breeding show(s) showmanship champions and banners for reserves.
- 5) Look at more space designated for exhibitors prepping animals/camping, buying spaces, etc.
- 6) Show supporters appreciation dinner needs to happen. BBQ or something somewhere and invite our buyers and supporters.
- 7) Develop and send out Survey Monkey for pros/cons, etc from 2022 show.
- 8) Good remarks on pastor for short Sunday service at the show.
- 9) Discussed red book items (notes written during show week):
  - Need eligibility forms returned Thursday before the show, or with late entry if late entry occurs after eligibility due date.
  - Fitters in the barn.
  - Vendor services - magna wave, etc.

- Add button on website for validation when tags come out or exhibitors need a retag. Keeps centrally located and easy to track or inspect projects earlier. Charge for retags because we have to run DNA comparison.
- Need ear notches recorded on swine dna envelopes.
- Cancel breeding swine show without sponsors. Change breeding showmanship awards.
- Check breeding swine tags at showmanship to match breeding swine that showed.
- Add rules about pets / dogs allowed in the barn.
- Move wire halter up to Rule #19.
- Fix verbiage of Rule #34.
- Update Sheep and Goat rules, no washing of species during other species show time to allow the current species time to prep.
- Show/Schedule items to discuss:
  - 1) Move species shows around, finish show with swine
  - 2) Move poultry show to 9 am start to break classes.
  - 3) Separate dates of poultry and rabbit show.
  - 4) No lamb or goats move in until all poultry out of barn - 1pm.
  - 5) Need sift table for rabbit show. Break into flights then % of winners compete at top end.
  - 6) Add mats on gravel by wash rack for cattle.
  - 7) Make alley behind backdrop to get to east side wash rack. No vendors in wash rack
  - 8) Astroturf for stall to arena walkway.
  - 9) Need more power for Steer stalls, generator support.

Motion to adjourn made by Blake Henderson. Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Brad Noack