



## Meeting Minutes

2/27/23

### **Call to order**

Brad Noack called to order the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:05 pm on February 27, 2023, at Dale's in Walburg, TX.

### **Roll call**

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

Guests: Heather Faske, Montgomery Raesz, Donnie Smith

**Financial Report:**

- R Bank Checking- \$921,818.94**
- R Bank Money Market - \$51,398.11**
- R Bank Scholarship Money Market - \$8,580.85**
- R Bank Savings - \$103,194.13**

### **Committee Reports:**

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

- Applications for 2023 graduating class are on the website. Postmarked date of Mar 22, 2023.
- 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
  - Total from 2022 Premium Sale - \$10,410.92
    - 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 8, 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 - 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. Set up teleconference or tour to research. Need to review guidelines and set rules.

### **Old Business**

- 1) Scheduled fundraiser is April 15, 2023 at Expo. Motion made by Daryl to keep prizes the same amount as previous years. Seconded by Blake. Motion passed.
  - Planned prizes are Polaris Ranger, Welder, LV bag or purse and \$1000 Gas Card . Need Buckles for show sponsors at auction.

- 2) Awards discussed.
  - Discussed removing the mini rosettes and adding mini grand and reserve banners for breed/division champions.
- 3) Discussed show supporters appreciation dinner for sponsors and buyers. Possible crawfish boil.
- 4) Discussion on Sale/Auction taking so long. Possibly set minimum bid amount.
- 5) Develop and send out Survey for pros/cons, etc from 2022 show.
- 6) Drug testing brought up again. Need to set up date for committee to visit and learn more about it.
- 7) Briefly discussed the rulebook and changes to be made from the red book.

### **New Business**

- 1) Survey sent out for pros/cons, etc from 2022 show. 56 responses out of 478 emails survey sent to. Also posted to WCLA Facebook page on 1/27/23.
- 2) Discuss nominations to board for outgoing seats.
  - Daniel Knippa nominated by Colby Doherty to NE Quadrant.
  - Montgomery Raesz nominated by Wayne Sanders to At Large.
- 3) Brad Noack appointed Donnie Smith to vacated seat in NW Quadrant.
- 4) Scheduled fundraiser is April 15, 2023 at Expo. Discussion on games, set up, and tickets for sponsors.
  - Prizes are Polaris Ranger, Miller Bobcat 225 Welder, LV bag and \$1000 Gas Card.
  - Discussion and agreement to give 2 fundraiser tickets to each Gold Level Show Sponsor.
- 5) Review 2023 Show Schedule and discussion on possible changes.
  - Discussion on validation requirements and possible changes.
  - Discussion on breeding shows, need different judges from market and breeding.
  - Discussion on judges, qualifications, etc.
  - Discussion of need to add electric drops in show aisles for exhibitors/schools.
- 6) Motion made by Wayne Sanders to open the Rulebook, Daryl Stefek seconded. Motion passed.
- 7) Discussion on invoices being paid and reaching out to outstanding accounts about issuing checks to exhibitors. Looking at mid March.

Motion to adjourn made by Colby Doherty. Seconded by Daryl Stefek. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Brad Noack