



Meeting Minutes

3/27/23

Call to order

Brad Noack called to order the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:03 pm on March 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, Blake Henderson, Donnie Smith, Mike Ondrasek

Guests: Heather Faske, Montgomery Raesz, Annette Compton, BJ Simpson, Daniel Knippa

Financial Report:

- R Bank Checking- \$1,023,390.62**
- R Bank Money Market - \$51,425.72**
- R Bank Scholarship Money Market - \$18,911.46**
- R Bank Savings - \$41,854.36**

Committee Reports:

A) Scholarship - Committee Chairman - Colby Doherty

- Applications for 2023 graduating class are on the website. Postmarked due 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 paid from 2022 Premium Sale - \$10,325.52
 - Total Scholarship amount for 2023 graduates \$18,911.46
 - Doug Vrabel Memorial Scholarship -
 - WCLA Scholarship(s) -

B) Livestock -

- Superintendents:
 - Livestock - Wayne Sanders
 - Poultry - Montgomery Raesz

- Rabbit - John Faske
- Goat - Richard Sells
- Lamb - Matt Suchomel
- Swine - Colby Doherty
- Cattle - Mike Ondrasek
- Media - Paul Boff
- Award - Blake Henderson
- Facility - Brad Adams
- Fundraising - Donnie Smith
- Scholarship - Colby Doherty
- Jr. Steering - Matt Suchomel
- 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 - Committee Chairman - Matt Suchomel

- 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 - Donnie Smith

- 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) 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.

New Business

- 1) Discussion on fundraiser from fundraiser committee.
- 2) Discuss Top Hand Award Recipients.
- 3) Discuss Herdsman Award for chapter or club.
- 4) WCLA now listed as a non-profit business with PayPal.
- 5) Discussion on judges: Reach out and verify availability.
- 6) Discussion and set tentative show week schedule for posting.
- 7) Welcome new directors replacing outgoing directors:
 - NE Quadrant - Daryl Stefek outgoing, Daniel Knippa selected as new director.
 - NW Quadrant - Jesse Threet outgoing, BJ Simpson selected as new director.
 - SW Quadrant - Wayne Sanders outgoing, rolled back on for new term.
 - SE Quadrant - Brad Noack outgoing, rolled back on for new term.
 - At Large - Blake Henderson outgoing, Montgomery Raesz selected as new director.
 - Blake Henderson appointed to fill vacancy in SW quadrant, rejoins as director for SW.

8) Officer nominations and elections for 2023-2024:

- a) President: Colby Doherty nominated Brad Noack and Blake Henderson seconded. Motion passed.
- b) Vice President: Blake Henderson nominated Wayne Sanders and Richard Sells seconded. Motion Passed
- c) Secretary: Brad Noack nominated Montgomery Raesz, and Blake Henderson seconded. Motion Passed
- d) Executive Secretary: Brad Noack nominated Heather Faske and Colby Doherty seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Richard Sells. Seconded by Daryl Stefek. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Brad Noack