



Meeting Minutes

4/24/23

Call to order

Brad Noack called to order the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:07 pm on April 24, 2023, at Moravian Hall in Walburg, TX.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Paul Boff, Wayne Sanders, John Faske, Colby Doherty, Richard Sells, Blake Henderson, Donnie Smith, Mike Ondrasek, Montgomery Raesz, BJ Simpson, Daniel Knippa, Brad Adams 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, Shelley Franklin

Financial Report:

- R Bank Checking- \$292,628.24**
- R Bank Money Market - \$51,455.32**
- R Bank Scholarship Money Market - \$18, 920.19**
- R Bank Savings - \$41,905.27**

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
 - Total paid from 2022 Premium Sale - \$10,325.52
 - Total Scholarship amount for 2023 graduates \$18,911.46
 - Doug Vrabel Memorial Scholarship - 1 recipient will receive \$2500.
 - WCLA Scholarship(s) - 13 recipients will receive \$1250 each.

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 – Request to Mary Jo Terry
 - Goat Judge –
 - Lamb Judge –
 - Poultry Judge – Jacob Leopold
 - 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

- Delivered Top Hand Awards at the Spring Fundraiser on April 15, 2023.

J) Legal

- **No Report**

K) ShoWorks

- **No Report**

L) Fundraising / Sponsor / Auction - Committee Chairmen - Donnie Smith

- 2024 Spring Fundraiser Dinner in planning stages currently.

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) 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.

New Business

- 1) Discussion on fundraiser results. Still reconciling due to changes with PayPal / Zettle point of sale. Estimate earnings of \$43-\$45,000 +/- currently.
- 2) Need to order two more racks of show ring panels. Need to order racks for panels we have that are missing instead of stacking pens on pallets.
- 3) Discussion on judges, will reach out for availability.
- 4) Discussion on breeding shows and auction lots.
 - At current, the WCLA offers breeding shows for swine, heifers, and rabbits.

- A. Motion by Richard Sells to introduce a commercial (breeding) doe show and ewe show to the Williamson County Livestock Association Livestock Show in December 2023, rules will be created and reviewed by the WCLA Board of Directors, Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of each species will make the final sale, those animals shown in the breeding shows can NOT show in the market show, and the time of ownership must be the same as market validation. Seconded by Brad Adams. Motion passed.
 - B. Motion by Wayne Sanders to include a breeding heifer, breeding swine, breeding rabbit, breeding doe, and breeding ewe Grand Champion and Reserve Champion to sale slots making 10 total sale slots for breeding animals at the Williamson County Livestock Association Livestock Sale in December 2023. Seconded by Richard Sells. Motion passed
 - C. Motion by Wayne Sanders that the entry number for commercial doe and ewe breeding shows should fall under the same general rule as the current breeding shows for heifers, gilts, and rabbits and there should be unlimited entries not counting against the current market entries. Seconded by Mike Ondrasek. Motion passed
- 5) Discussion on number of market entries and number of sale lots. Discuss to remove the higher placing sale lots and set aside designated amount for those lots or give them sale lot number but remove from the live auction. Booster clubs or individuals can still add on to those lots separately during the online auction.
 - 6) Discussion on Show Schedule. Will revisit and finalize during May meeting.
 - 7) Discussion on rulebook changes / updates. All WCLA superintendents need to read and review current yearbook for the updates and closing at next meeting.
 - 8) Need to order update and order DNA envelopes. Update the Rules acknowledgment forms and alternate housing forms. Need steer validation committee to be on hand during county steer validation for hair samples.
 - 9) Discussion on goat fitting rules and species fitters in general at show. Too hard to police fitters in general. Fitters will need to be in a designated area during the show if outside the showing to get off the rail in front of the stands. Ideally, the exhibitors should raise and fit their own animal with their own personal and/or family care.
 - 10) Discuss Herds-
man Award for chapter or club, possible leadership award and recipients.

Motion to adjourn made by Wayne Sanders. Seconded by Colby Doherty. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Brad Noack