

Williamson County Livestock Association

Meeting Minutes

4/25/22

Call to order

Brad Noack called to order the Executive meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:05 pm on April 25, 2022, at Moravian Hall, Walburg, Tx.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Blake Henderson, Colby Doherty, Wayne Sanders, Daryl Stefek, Paul Boff, Matthew Suchomel, Mike Ondrasek, Dustin Davidson, John Faske, Richard Sells, Brad Adams

Guests: Shelley Franklin, Heather Faske, Hollie Suchomel, Amanda Doherty, Nicole Hilton

Financial Report: Bancorp - \$57,713.65

R Bank - \$ 19,002.62

Committee Reports:

A) Scholarship - Committee Chairman - Colby Doherty

- Scholarship Funding
 - Doug Vrael Memorial Scholarship - awarded \$2500
 - WCLA Scholarship(s) - 10 awarded \$1300
 - 17 scholarship applicants, 11 will be recipients.

B) Livestock -

- Superintendents:
 - Livestock - Wayne Sanders
 - Poultry - Daryl Stefek
 - Rabbit -
 - Goat - Richard Sells
 - Lamb - Matt Suchomel
 - Swine - Colby Doherty
 - Cattle - Mike Ondrasek
 - Award - Blake Henderson
- Judges: Need new judges for 2022.
 - Rabbit Judge – John Terry
 - Goat Judge – Sierra Nauman
 - Lamb Judge – Taylor Osbourn
 - Poultry Judge – Jacob Leopold

- Cattle – Spencer Scotten
- Swine – Kelton Mason
- Gilt Breeding – Kelton Mason

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 be pulled after protest fee paid.
 - DNA Samples matched prior to checks being issued
- Validation operations:
 - 2021 Validation DNA hair samples and all samples pulled at 2021 show transferred to 3rd party **All DNA tests came back as a match, with no issues.**
 - 2022 Steer Validation DNA samples will be pulled at state validation time that the county extension office sets.
 - 2022 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
 - Sunday, December 4th through Sunday December 11th, 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. Adjust show schedule.
- 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
- Need PA System - Mike Ondrasek
- Announcer - Need to set the week.

- Scales - Rusty Morgan

E) Awards -

- Review awards for 2022 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.
 - Sandra working with Fair Vault to improve the system
 - Need dedicated working Internet / LAN hookup for auction table and stage.
 - 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.
 - Separate WiFi hotspot for WCLA at Auction

I) Junior Steering Committee -

- Distributed Top Hand awards at WCLA Spring Fundraiser to 11 junior directors the committee and show directors nominated for their work during the 2021 show week.

J) Legal

- **No Report**

K) ShoWorks

- **No Report**

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

- Spring Fundraiser occurred April 23, 2022, at Williamson County Expo Hall. Fundraiser was a success.

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 2022 breeding showmanship shows.
- We will have a future feeder's showmanship for market shows: Lambs, Goat, & Swine only.
- Photographer for 2022 - 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.
- Wire halters on Steers? No Wire Halters of any kind.
- 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) Checks have been cut and packets being put together. Will need to set a time for check pickup this week. Wednesday 3/30/22 from 5 pm to 7 pm at a central location TBD Tuesday 3/29/22.
- 2) Every exhibitor needs to fill out a W-9 before check(s) will be issued to them or their legal guardian.
- 3) Scholarship application is posted, deadline for turn in is to be postmarked by April 15th.
- 4) Have verbal confirmation from judges for Cattle, Swine, Goats, Lambs, and Poultry.
- 5) Discuss Spring fundraiser:
 - a) WCYF group will help with spring fundraiser setup and decorating.
 - b) Meat for fundraiser, provided by Goodstock, Nolan Ryan. Jody Wolf already lined up for the date for the rest. Full bar again with sides and snacks.
 - c) Discuss hunts/trips for live auction at fundraiser. A reserve amount would have to be met in order for it to sell.

- d) Designed poker chips for poker chip games, ordered 2 sets for two different prizes. Blake Henderson made a motion to purchase items for two poker chip games with price limits of \$2000 or \$2500 each, Paul Boff seconded. Motion passed.
 - e) Discussed possible games and prizes for them.
 - f) JJ Muffaleto will do the electronic drawing for the reverse raffle and will be available the night of the event.
- 7) Discuss awards for 2022 and need to design, Blake will have proofs for the April meeting.
 - 8) Megan Dunn has confirmed to be our photographer for the 2022 WCLA show.
 - 9) Discuss payment for Sandra. Motion was made by Daryl Stefek to pay Sandra same rate as previously paid. Richard Sells seconded. Motion passed.
 - 10) Confirm Show Schedule for publishing and distribution for 2022 WCLA Show. Friday / Saturday Set up, Sunday - Thursday show, Friday Teardown, Saturday Auction.
 - 11) Officer nominations and elections for 2022-2023:
 - a) President: Richard Sells nominated Brad Noack and Daryl Stefek seconded. Motion passed.
 - b) Vice President: Blake Henderson nominated Wayne Sanders and Mike Ondrasek seconded. Motion Passed
 - c) Secretary: Wayne Sanders nominated Matt Suchomel, and Richard Sells seconded. Motion Passed
 - d) Executive Secretary: Matt Suchomel nominated Heather Faske and Colby Doherty seconded. Motion passed.
 - 12) Welcome new directors to replace outgoing directors. Directors need to pay dues.
 - a) Kyle Kokel rolled off and Dustin Davidson joins unopposed as Director for NE Quadrant.
 - b) Clint Widmer rolled off and Brad Adams joins unopposed as Director for SW Quadrant.
 - c) Colby Doherty rolled off from SE Quadrant rejoins unopposed as Director for At Large.
 - d) Matt Suchomel rolled off from At Large rejoins unopposed as Director for SE Quadrant

New Business

- 1) Fundraiser Recap. Fundraiser was a success. Rough numbers are in but awaiting full reconciliation for final totals.
- 2) Scholarships - 17 total applications. 11 of the 17 applications will be granted a Scholarship based on the scoring rubric and scholarship committee recommendations.
 - a) Motion made by Blake Henderson to add money to the Scholarship fund to total \$15,500, so that the WCLA can give 1 - \$2,500 Doug Vrabel Memorial Scholarship, and 10 - \$1,300 Scholarships. Seconded by Daryl Stefek. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Open rulebook. Motion made by John Faske to open the WCLA rule book. Seconded by Paul Boff. Motion passed unanimously.
 - a) Motion made by Daryl Stefek to change the breeding show age requirement to match the market show age requirements, (9 years of age, or 8 and in 3rd grade) and exhibitors must have a quality counts number. Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Vote was 9 for, 2 against. Motion passed.

- b) Motion made by Richard Sells to let an exhibitor enter 6 market animals, but only a maximum of 4 market animals per species. Seconded by Daryl Stefek. Vote was 4 for, 7 against. Motion failed.
 - c) Motion made by Matt Suchomel to increase all entry fees by \$5, with \$3 per entry fee going towards the annual scholarship fund. Seconded by Blake Henderson. Vote was 9 for, 2 against. Motion passed.
 - d) Discussion of rules for Wether Dam & Wether Doe show. Wayne Sanders made a motion to eliminate the wether dam and wether doe show. Seconded by Daryl Stefek. Vote was 7 for, 3 against, 1 abstained. Motion passed.
 - e) Closing of the rulebook tabled until May meeting after a final review.
- 4) Awards for 2022. Buckle designs presented to those present and approved for production.
 - 5) Motion was made by Blake Henderson to give the last 5 WCLA directors that rolled off the board a departing gift. Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 6) Finalize show schedule for posting.

Motion to adjourn made by Matthew Suchomel. Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Brad Noack