



Meeting Minutes

5/22/23

Call to order

Brad Noack called to order the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:07 pm on May 22, 2023, at Moravian Hall in Walburg, TX.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Wayne Sanders, Montgomery Raesz, Mike Ondrasek, Richard Sells, Daniel Knippa, Donnie Smith, Blake Henderson, Colby Doherty, John Faske, Brad Adams, Dustin Davidson Brad Adams

Guests: Heather Faske, Patrick Phillips

Financial Report:

- R Bank Checking- \$250, 134.62**
- R Bank Money Market - \$51,485.92**
- R Bank Scholarship Money Market - \$18, 930.96**
- R Bank Savings - \$41,905.27**

Committee Reports:

A) Scholarship - Committee Chairman - Colby Doherty

- Applicants submitted applications and were scored. A total of 14 scholarships were awarded.
- Scholarship Funding:
 - Doug Vrabel Memorial Scholarship - 1 scholarship @ \$2,500.00
 - WCLA Scholarship(s) - 13 scholarships @ \$1,250.00

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 – Mary Jo Terry
 - Goat Judge – Derrick Brown
 - Breeding Goat/Lamb - Derrick Brown
 - Lamb Judge – Sierra Nauman
 - Poultry Judge – Jacob Leopold
 - Cattle – Austin Nauman
 - Swine – Kelton Mason
 - Breeding Swine – 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 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 to awards for 2023 Show.
- New Herdsman Award for FFA Chapter or 4H Club presented to Glenn FFA.

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) Discussion on fundraiser results.
- 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 and classifiers.
- 4) Discussion on back to school Ag Teacher WCLA board meeting with Texas Agrilife.
- 5) Discussion on breeding shows and auction lots.
- 6) Discussion on Show Schedule.
- 7) Discussion on rulebook changes / updates, read rulebook submit changes for updates next meeting.

- 8) Need to order DNA envelopes and 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 fitters in general at show.
- 10) Discussion on number of market entries and breeding show entries.
- 11) Discuss Herdsman Award for chapter or club, Leadership award.

New Business

- 1) Discussion on Scholarships and letters being sent out.
- 2) Discussion on judges and classifiers and judges posted to Facebook.
- 3) Discussed Herdsman Award for chapter or club. Inaugural Herdsman award certificate sent to Glenn FFA on date of their FFA Banquet. Need to have banner made.
- 4) Discussion on estimate for new racks for panels and new full rack of showing panels
 - Motion by Blake Henderson to purchase panels and racks subject to confirmation of price quoted, seconded by Colby Doherty. Motion Passed.
- 5) Need to order DNA envelopes. Updated WCLA Rules Acknowledgment Forms and Alternate Housing Forms are on website. Need steer validation committee to be on hand during county steer validation for hair samples, June 23, 2023 @ the Williamson County Expo.
- 6) Discuss payment for Sandra running the show office and ShoWorks for us as year round support.
 - Motion was made by Blake Henderson to pay Sandra same rate as previously paid, seconded by Wayne Sanders. Motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Discussion on Show Schedule, adding shows for Breeding Doe and Ewe (Commercial) show, moving timelines for other species. Discussion on showmanship for breeding show species and awards.
- 8) Discussion on rulebook and changes/additions in detail, cleaning up dates and certain verbiage throughout the rules to make it easier to understand.
 - All sheep minimum weights were moved to 80 pounds except for Southdowns which will be kept at 70 pounds. Hair Sheep will be renamed as Dorper to keep in line with Lamb Breed Classification Guidelines.
 - Motion made by Wayne Sanders to remove “Market goats need not be dehorned, but the horns must be tipped. The end of the horn must not be any smaller than the size of a dime. No dehorning or tipping is allowed on the show grounds” from the Market Goats section of the WCLA rule book. Seconded by Mike Ondrasek. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Discussion on fitters at the show. Too difficult to police rules on fitters in general. However, it is expected for exhibitors to learn, care for, and fit their own animals.
 - Motion was made by Blake Henderson to update the level of fitting for goats allowed at the WCLA show and make rule similar to Houston and San Antonio livestock shows, where there is no fitting. Seconded by Donnie Smith. Motion Failed.

- Motion made by John Faske to allow full fitting for heifers similar to all other breeds rather than a blow-and-go event. Seconded by Richard Sells. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion was had on creating rules for Breeding doe and ewe shows.
 - Classes will be broken by weight only. There will be no divisions and they will have the same minimum number requirements per class as breeding swine and market goat shows. However, the superintendent will have the flexibility to make final decisions once the number of entries is determined. A 5 lb weigh back will be enforced similar to market lamb and goat shows. Validation will be the same as market goats and breeding swine. There will be no minimum weights for ewes and does in the breeding show. The maximum ewe weight allowed will be 180 lbs and the maximum doe weight allowed will be 120 lbs. Breeding doe and ewes are ineligible for the market species shows.
 - The rulebook remains open. Once the draft is finalized it will be posted as tentative rules until ratified and closed at the regular June meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Brad Adams. Seconded by Dustin Davidson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Brad Noack