

Williamson County Livestock Association

Meeting Minutes

5/23/22

Call to order

Brad Noack called to order the Executive meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:18 pm on May 23, 2022, at County Extension Office Training Room, Georgetown, Tx.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Blake Henderson, Colby Doherty, Wayne Sanders, Daryl Stefek, Paul Boff, Dustin Davidson

Guests: Shelley Franklin, Heather Faske,

Financial Report: **Bancorp - \$57,713.65**
 R Bank - \$85,671.77

Committee Reports:

A) Scholarship - Committee Chairman - Colby Doherty

- Scholarship Funding
 - Doug Vrabel 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
 - Facility - Brad Adams
- 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) 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.

New Business

- 1) Fundraiser Recap. Fundraiser was a success, total raised was \$59,108.85.
- 2) State Ethics Form/Housing Request information update via Shelley Franklin, CEA.
 - a) Breed Specific County-Level State Validation Committees
 - b) If an animal is not housed on either school or exhibitor's property, must fill out a housing request form to be approved by state validation committee.
- 3) Discussion of breed/division champion buckles if they have a sponsor instead of just a rosette. Consensus of the group is to table discussion of adding more awards until next year. This years awards already ordered. Just completed spring fundraiser auctioning off grand and reserve buckles.
- 4) Revisit rulebook for 2022 to finalize. Closing of rulebook tabled until June.

Motion to adjourn made by Paul Boff. Seconded by Blake Henderson. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Minutes submitted by: Brad Noack