

# Williamson County Livestock Association

## Meeting Minutes

7/25/22

### **Call to order**

Brad Noack called to order the Executive meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:06 pm on July 25, 2022, at Moravian Hall in Walburg, TX.

### **Roll call**

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Mike Ondrasek, Matt Suchomel, Wayne Sanders, John Faske, Dustin Davidson, Blake Henderson, Paul Boff

Guests: Heather Faske, holly Suchomel, Scott Heselmeyer, Montgomery Raesz, Brian Turner

**Financial Report:**        **Bancorp - \$57,713.65**  
                                     **R Bank - \$86,784.71**

### **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: New judges for 2022.
  - Rabbit Judge – John Terry

- Goat Judge – Sierra Nauman
- Lamb Judge – Taylor Osbourn
- Poultry Judge – Jacob Leopold
- Cattle – Skyler 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:
  - 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) Update of cattle show judge, Spencer Scotten is out due to judging HLSR. Skyler Scotten is the new cattle judge
- 2) DNA drawn on all state validated steers at time of state validation
- 3) Sent in order and question of buttons/back for tags without number and only WCLA 2022. Still waiting to hear back.
- 4) Revisit rulebook for 2022 to finalize.
- 5) Motion made by Wayne Sanders to pay judges 62.5 cents per mile, or the current rate for travel and to pay species judges a fee of \$500 for poultry, rabbit, lamb and goat, and fee of \$750 for swine and cattle judges. Seconded by Mike Ondrasek. Motion passed.
- 6) Motion made by Wayne Sanders to close 2022 WCLA rulebook, Seconded by Mike Ondrasek. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

- 1) Update on judges contracts: Wayne will get the contracts out.
- 2) Need to start working on getting Sponsors locked in for 2022 show.
- 3) Tags have been ordered, no numbers on the buttons to match to tag to prevent errors with validation. Tags should be coming in mid-August.
- 4) Update on drug testing meeting: Wayne will get a Zoom call set up.
- 5) Need to set facilities meeting with Expo concerning show dates and expectations. Ask or request for new technology/IT.
- 6) Need announcer(s) for upcoming show. Need two announcer sponsors to help cover potential cost. Do we want to discuss music in the background, any lights or smoke shows? Matt will reach out to Scooter for announcing.
- 7) Need to post/repost the Judges for the 2022 show due to Cattle Judge change.
- 8) Need to update show schedule to include a church service on Sunday morning.

Motion to adjourn made by Wayne Sanders. Seconded by Blake Henderson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.

Minutes submitted by: Brad Noack