

# Williamson County Livestock Association

## Meeting Minutes

**8/30/2021**

### **Call to order**

Brad Noack called to order the Executive meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:08 pm on August 30, 2021 at Moravian Hall in Walburg.

### **Roll call**

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Wayne Sanders, Jesse Threet, Clint Widmer, Colby Doherty, Blake Henderson, Daryl Stefek, and John Faske, Richard Sells, Mike Ondrasek

Guests: Mo Hamann, Heather Faske

**Financial Report**            **Bancorp - \$53,492.60**  
   **R Bank - \$ 51, 971.83**

### **A) Committee Reports Scholarship**

- Scholarship Funding
  - 1 - WCLA Doug Vrabel Memorial Scholarship - \$2500.00
  - 7 - WCLA Scholarships - \$1250.00 / EA

### **B) Livestock - All judges confirmed, awaiting contract return.**

- Superintendents:
  - Livestock - Wayne Sanders
  - Poultry - Daryl Stefek
  - Rabbit - Colby Doherty
  - Goat - Richard Sells
  - Lamb - Matthew Suchomel
  - Swine - Kyle Kokel
  - Cattle - Michael Ondrasek
  - Award - Blake Henderson
- Judges:
  - Rabbit Judge – John Terry
  - Goat Judge – Jimmy Key
  - Lamb Judge – Marty Gibbs
  - Poultry Judge – Jacob Copage
  - Cattle – Keeton Dodd
  - Swine – Josh Krohn
  - Gilt Breeding – Josh Krohn
- DNA Testing – Animal ID -
  - All champions & reserve champions
    - Pull hair at conclusion of champion drive
  - Pull random test from 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
- Validation operations:
  - Steer Validation, fee, and DNA sample pull (at State Validation)
  - Tag orders opened via ShoWorks 8/22/21 and will close 9/11/21
  - October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 last day for Validation, DNA packets must be returned to WCLA by 12 pm or postmarked on 10/2/21
  - Market Rabbit tattoo sometime in November TBD.
  - Breeding Rabbit completed via ShoWorks receipt; pictures uploaded to Dropbox
  - DNA packets collected and transmitted
  - Poultry re-band 14 days after pickup, any other poultry that loses band after the 14-day grace period will not be allowed to show.
  - Premise checks will happen this year for all validated animals.

**C) Facility -**

- Show Schedule details
  - Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Expo and review layout - Will stay the same unless we get more panels.
  - Colby creating new layout, Arena in the center, if feasible.
    - Away from exhaust fans
    - Shorter alleys
    - Access to both wash racks
  - Will we allow any vendors
    - Yes, outside the show barn, South side of Arena or area TBD
    - Vendor Fee - Fundraiser donation
    - Food vendor - Expo supplied, or WCLA contracted? Answer: Either/Or
    - Food trucks? Answer: Have one vendor contacted that showed interest.
    - Supply Trailer – Yes, Stock Show Pros.
- Need PA System - Mike Ondrasek
- Announcer - Need a new one, Mo Hamann to reach out to contacts.

**D) Awards -**

- Need a sponsor to host Breeding Rabbit show.

**E) Youth Fair -**

- Youth Fair: Paige McClellan and Kristal Dimas
  - Discuss with Youth Fair about being continued part of the WCLA auction, discuss contributions toward spring fundraiser/auction for the 2022 show and sale.

**F) Auctions -**

- Online Auction successful
  - Sandra working with Fair Vault to improve the system

- Look into actual card machine for business with less % fee.
- Continue to feed by plate, no buffet.
- Correct Auction order
- Set up Auction Table, who is the highest buyer needs to the floor Director.
- Separate WiFi hotspot for WCLA at Auction

**G) Junior Steering Committee -**

- Matthew Suchomel as the Director of the Junior Steering committee. Heather Faske & Hollie Suchomel will be helping with Junior Steering committee.
- End of August to beginning September solicit junior directors.

**H) Legal**

- No Report

**I) ShoWorks**

- No Report

**J) Fundraising**

- No Report

**K) Audit**

- No Report

**L) 4-H Report**

- No Report

**M) Show -**

- Market Rabbit breed date August 28, 2021.
- Cattle will not have access to inside wash area until Friday morning.
- 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 Monday.
- Need Breeding Rabbit Show Sponsor for Breeding Rabbit Awards.
- Rabbit show move back to the arena.
- Poultry to unload in Covered Breezeway from East to West.
- Pull Electric drops from around bleachers
  - For blowers “sheep & goat” show
- Photography backdrop setup and operation: Chairman: Mike Ondrasek
  - Need new backdrop and logo design - Showtimes. Backdrop sponsors logo on new backdrop?
- Sponsor Signs: Chairman: John Faske, Mo Hamann
  - Current
  - New
  - Show Ring
  - Setup, tear down and storage
- Opening Ceremonies: Junior Steering Committee: Heather Faske & Hollie Suchomel

- Flags - Purchased flags for WCLA for use during show
- Anthem
- Pledge
- Prayer
- No Peewee class for 2021 breeding showmanship shows, Peewee exhibitors ages 5-7 will show in Junior Showmanship class with the Juniors, ages 8-11.
- We will have a future feeder's showmanship for market shows: Lambs, Goat, & Swine only.
- Photographer for 2021 - 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
- Form to fill out for Residency of animals, alternate locations check?
- Pallets for show arena a must purchase
- Drug Testing: Look into hiring outside entity to administer, monitor and test. Need to review guidelines and set rules.

#### **Old Business**

- 1) Review of show rules and closing of 2021 WCLA rule book for publishing.
- 2) Review and close out show schedule for 2021 to publish, in agreement with tentative changes to accommodate any COVID restrictions as needed.
- 3) Review awards to place order, request proof of design.

#### **New Business**

- 1) Broiler orders and tag orders opened on 8/23/21, will close on 9/11/21.
- 2) Need to get classifiers locked on for lambs, swine, and cattle. Need signed agreements back from judges we currently don't have.
- 3) Discussion on judges for 2022 Show and getting commitments early next year to post.
- 4) Need to review Expo agreement, set up meeting at facility with Expo personnel.
- 5) Need to revise scholarship applications for 2022 applying graduates for posting early in 2022.
- 6) Discussion on HB 3959 - Texas Youth Livestock Show Grant Program to be established by and administered by the governor.
- 7) Sponsors: Mo Hamann - Discussion on Sponsors and donations. Holt Cat agreed to donate \$5,000 as Auction Sponsor.
- 8) Discussion on backdrop change and possible sponsors for backdrop. Mike Ondrasek in contact with designers and submitting for work up of backdrop and logo for 2021 show.
- 9) Awards: Blake Henderson has proof of buckles for review. Need to get orders in for rest of awards. Future feeder ribbon, etc. Reach out to buckle sponsor(s) and see if still on board this year to sponsor showmanship buckle(s).
- 10) Discussion about possibly moving Spring Fundraiser to a larger venue and a date in April. Need to check on available dates at different venues.

Motion to adjourn by Daryl Stefek, seconded by Blake Henderson motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Brad Noack