

WILLIAMSON COUNTY LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION'S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 29, 2012

President Tim Thomason called the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association's Board of Directors to order at 6:45 p.m. Directors absent from the meeting were Tom Clapper, Lance Loerwald, Brian Turner and Jimmy Vick.

The minutes were read and approved from the February 6, 2012 meeting. The financial report was not provided in the absence of Trisha Turner.

Old Business

President Thomason reported that he had been contacted by Tanya Endsley about a missing check for a non- placing hog placed on the floor truck. After discussion Tim Sims made the motion that WCLA would pay the floor price for the pig at the time of show. Tim Kleen seconded the motion and was passed with a unanimous vote.

President Thomason reported that he had been contacted by Bryan Turner and that he still had some unresolved issues with the parking. President Thomason said that he would have Brian Turner update us at the April 4th meeting.

New Business

Rule changes

Jack Winterrowd and Janie Pluenneke *submitted* a list of suggested changes with a pro/con list. This list was compiled by the Leander ISD Ag teachers with some suggestions from other Ag teachers from around the county.

1. Weigh back-Janie Pluenneke provided arguments to remove the weigh back from all species. After discussion and debate Wayne Shero made a motion that we keep the weigh back the same as for the 2011 show. Christian Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 9 for and 1 against.
2. Suggestion to shorten the show schedule- Janie Pluenneke suggested the show be changed to a three day show and include a weekend. After discussion and debate there is a logistical problems with the show barn for the 2012 show since we had to reserve the barn at the end of the show in 2011. John Hert suggested that we use the format for the 2010 show and work on the possibility of a shorter schedule for the 2013 show when we reserve the barn. Janie Pluenneke made the motion that we move the show format to Thursday- Sunday. Motion failed from a lack of a second. Tim Sims made a motion that we use the 2010 schedule format

seconded by Tim Kleen. Format to be discussed later show Tuesday-Friday and sale on Saturday. Vote 9 for 1 against.

3. Heifer Show - Janie Pluenneke made a motion that we provide premiums for the heifer winners in the way of prize money. Motion seconded by Christian Schroeder. Motion failed with a vote of 3 for and 7 against.
4. Gilt show- Janie Pluenneke introduced a rule change to add a Breeding Gilt show. After discussion and debate Wayne Elam made a motion that we add the gilt show. Seconded by Keith Hancock. Motion passed with a vote of 5 for and 5 against, President Tim Thomason added the deciding vote for the Gilt show.
5. Hog Weights- Janie Pluenneke and Jack Winterrowd asked that the weights be changed to 240-280. After much discussion Keith Hancock made a motion that the weights stay as they are 180-270 lbs. Seconded by Tim Sims. Motion passed with a vote of 9 for and 1 against.
6. Quality counts program- Janie Pluenneke made a motion that all exhibitors complete the Quality Counts Program to be able to show. Seconded by Kevin Pruess. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.
7. Suggestion of only one sale lot per exhibitor- Tim Sims made a motion that this be tabled until later. Seconded by John Hert. Motion passed with a vote of 9 for and 1 against
8. Suggestions made but tabled because they were not rule changes.
 - a. Special committee to develop guidelines to implement junior directors
 - b. Develop a broader infrastructure base to include non-board members as division superintendents and assistant superintendents
 - c. Form a budget committee to examine all expenses of show and income sources for possible costs savings or income increases
 - d. WCLA cease purchasing champion and reserve champion animals in premium auction
 - e. Move premium sale to the Saturday following the show
 - f. Earmark gala profits for scholarship & form a committee to develop policies and procedures for scholarship awards
 - g. Include youth fair division champions and reserve champions in premium auction
 - h. Form a committee of CEA's and AST's to select judges and classifiers choices to supply names to division superintendents and WCLA board for adoption
 - i. Move meat pen rabbits entry deadline to date of validation – after discussion this can be done with the show scheduling and is not a rule change
9. Janie Pluenneke gave a suggestions of changes for the heifer show
 - A. Motion made by Janie Pluenneke that breeds recognized by the Houston Livestock show not the TCCA. Motion failed from lack of second.(rule #4)
 - B. Wayne Shero made a motion that we change a head count of 3 constitute a breed not 5 as in the rules of 2011 show. Motion seconded by Christian Schroeder motion passed with a vote of 9 for 1 against(rule #5)
 - C. Tim Sims made the motion that the original registration papers must be in the exhibitors' name by November 1 of the year preceding the show. Motion seconded by Wayne Elam motion passed with a unanimous vote. (rule #6)

- D. Janie Pluenneke made the motion that no heifers born before 09/01/2010 will be allowed to show and that within each breed, age classes will be broken by heifer birth date as followed less than 12 months / 12-24 months/ 25-30 months. Motion seconded by Christian Schroeder. Passed by unanimous vote.(rule # 7)
- E. The suggestion was made that we change rule #9 stating that all heifers must be in place by 9 am on Sunday December 2. Registration papers will be checked at 10 am Heifer show will start at 2 pm and all heifers to be released immediately following judging. Suggestion was tabled.
- F. Decision on what the awards will be for the Heifer show was tabled.
10. Janie Pluenneke and Jack Winterrowd submitted a list of rules for the Breeding Gilt show. Janie Pluenneke made a motion that we accept the rules as submitted with the exception of 10, 12, and 13. Motion seconded by Keith Hancock motion passed with a unanimous vote. Numbers 10, 12, and 13 were tabled at this time.
11. Janie Pluenneke made the motion that rule # 22 be changed to read classes of 5 or less of any breed will show in one weight class. Motion failed for lack of seconded rule will stay as it is written.
12. Janie Pluenneke made a motion that to rule # 24 Market Hogs we add "Barrows and Gilts may be exhibited in the market swine show. Open Gilts may be shown in the market swine division but any gilt shown in the market division may not be shown in the breeding gilt division. Motion was seconded by Keith Hancock motion passed by unanimous vote.

Missy Loerwald volunteered to help with a search committee for photographers and awards for the 2012 show. Tim Thomason said he would prepare the bid sheets for the next meeting.

Janie Pluenneke made the motion to adjourn. Wayne Shero seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Board of Directors entered into an executive committee meeting.

Executive Session: Feb. 29, 2012

Directors Present:

President: Tim Thomason

Vice President: John Hert

Wayne Shero

Janie Pluenneke

Wayne Elam

Tim Sims

Kevin Pruess

Keith Hancock

Tim Kleen

Christian Schroeder
Joe Leopold

On February 29th the Williamson County Livestock Association board of directors went to executive session following the regular meeting. The session came to order at 22:17 under the direction of President Tim Thomason. The members present in the regular session were in attendance of the executive session. The purpose of the meeting was to select an executive secretary to replace Jodie Wolf. Cari Kleen and Jay Harbin were both brought into the meeting separately and asked a few questions by the board. Both candidates were asked what compensation they would need to accept the job. Cari stated that she would do the job for \$4000 a year and Jay stated he would do it for the same money that Jodie made. After both candidates were excused the board voted on the position. The vote was unanimous, 10 for and 0 against for hiring Cari Kleen to replace Jodie Wolf in the position of Executive Secretary.

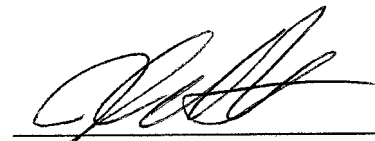
Meeting adjourned at 22:47.

Signed,

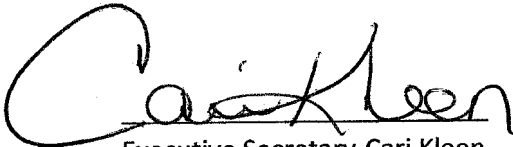
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