

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION'S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011**

President Jay Harbin called the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association's Board of Directors to order at 7:30 p.m. All directors were present except Lance Loerwald.

The minutes were read from the March meeting and approved. The monthly financial report was presented and approved. All directors present received copies of the minutes and financial report.

Under old business, the changes and adoption of the heifer rules was the first item to be discussed. The final version of the heifer rules was adopted and will be listed in the rule book. Jean Langley made the motion to accept the heifer rules as stated and modified. Tim Sims seconded the motion and all directors voted in favor of the motion.

The next item to be considered in the rule book was the weight tolerances. The following weight tolerances were adopted and will be listed in the rule book:

Hogs – plus or minus 10 lbs

Lambs – plus or minus 5 lbs

Goats – plus or minus 5 lbs

Steers – plus or minus 5 % of the official weight

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the listed weight tolerances with all directors voting in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

There was discussion about available scales in the show barn. The only scales allowed in the barn will be WCLA authorized scales. If someone wants to bring their scale, they need to contact the facilities superintendent, Wayne Shero. All authorized scales in the barn will be available for everyone to use.

President Harbin stated that the WCLA will be accepting bids for awards and a photographer for the show. All bids will be sealed bids and must be submitted to the WCLA by a deadline date of April 30. No bids will be accepted after the deadline date. Decisions on the awards and photographer will be on the May meeting agenda.

Under new business, President Harbin asked the division superintendents for their recommendation of judges. The following list of judges were recommended and approved by the board of directors:

Cattle – Chris Mulinax

Hogs - TBD

Lamb – Jess Yehman

Goats – Marty Gibbs

Poultry – Dr. Jason Lee

Rabbits – Mary Jo Terry

No final decisions were made on classifiers for steers, lambs and hogs at this meeting. There was some discussion on using a three member committee to classify hogs, same as steers. The directors approved Edward Schneider to shift poultry.

No committee reports were available from the fund raising committee or the VO-AG Steering Committee.

The show scheduled was then discussed. The approved show schedule begins with animals arriving on Monday, Nov. 28 with weight cards submitted by 6 p.m. for hogs, lambs and goats. The poultry show is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, starting at 9 a.m. with the hog show starting at 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 30, the market goat show will start at 9 a.m. with the lamb show starting at 4 p.m. On Thursday, December 1, the heifer show will commence at 11 a.m. with the steer show starting at 2 p.m. The sale will be held on Friday, December 2, starting at 1 p.m. The complete detailed schedule is listed in the rule book.

There was concern from some of the VoAg teachers about the submission of weight cards with weigh backs. With the responsibility of supervising 40 to 50 students, it was stated that it will be hard to supervise all of the projects and maintain the desired weights of the animals. In the discussion it was stated that this item was recommended many times in the past years with some in favor and some opposed each year. This recommendation was submitted this year with discussion at the February meeting with some opposition to the recommendation. The board adopted and approved this rule change.

There was concern about the two dates listed in the rule book for entries. A deadline date was listed with a date one week later for the VoAg teachers and the CEA to submit the entries to the WCLA. It was stated that it is very confusing to the exhibitors listing two dates. Some think that they have until the second date to submit their entries to their VoAg teacher. It was suggested to have all entries due on one date and have only that date listed in the rule book. It was also recommended that entries be accepted at tag-in on Saturday, Sept.24. The suggestion by the VoAg teachers present at the meeting was for the WCLA to accept entries at tag-in on Saturday, Sept. 24 with the deadline date for all remaining entries on Monday, Sept. 26. Any entries submitted to the WCLA after Monday, Sept. 26 will be subject for the late entry fee. The board of directors made this recommendation in a form of a motion with a second. The motion passed.

President Harbin stated that some of the agenda items for the May meeting will be the approval of the bids for the awards and photographer. Also on the agenda will be the discussion of a recommended weight card, the approval of the swine judge, swine classifiers and the lamb classifier.

With no other business, Tim Sims moved, seconded by John Hert to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

President – Jay Harbin

Executive Secretary – Jodie Wolf