

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION'S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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 Tom Ingalsbe and Bill Stewart.

The minutes were read from the August meeting and approved with a couple of corrections. All directors present received copies of the August minutes.

The first item of business, President Harbin gave an update on the WCLA's 501c status with IRS. Tisha Turner from CBC Inc., has been working with the State of Texas and IRS to reinstate the WCLA's 501c status. The State filing is complete and the IRS 1023 Form will be submitted soon. It was reported that exhibitors will receive a 1099 form this year with their premium checks so Social Security numbers will have to be made available before they receive their checks.

Wayne Shero reported that contact has been made with Rusty Morgan and confirmation has been received for the use and rental of the scales for the show.

Validation for lambs, hogs, and goats is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24 at the East Williamson County Arena in Taylor from 7 to 11 a.m. President Harbin asked if all superintendents had plenty of help lined up. Brian Turner stated that he will contact Steve Klaus to confirm that Steve will nose print lambs. Jodie Wolf stated that he will have start up money for each species, along with validation forms, and receipt books. Membership applications and entry forms will also be accepted at validation. Swine Superintendent, Tim Kleen, reported that early swine validations at individual schools will begin prior to validation on the 24th. He will make contact with the schools and schedule dates for early swine validation.

New Business:

President Harbin reported that a long time member and past director and president of the WCLA, Guin Pickett, passed away on July 18th. Jay sent a flower arrangement on behalf of the WCLA.

Brian Turner presented a map of camper parking for the stock show. This map will be posted on the website and spaces will be sold on a first come, first serve basis prior to the show date. Approximately 85 general spaces will be available with about 20 spaces with electrical and water. The weekly fee for the general spaces will be \$25 and \$100 for electrical and water. One space is reserved and will be sold at the Gala. Jean Langley moved, seconded by Tim Sims to accept the parking map and proposal and Brian Turner will be the contact for reservations. The motion passed.

It was recommended that a Sales/Auction Committee be appointed. The primary responsibility of the committee will be to determine and then recommend to the Board of Directors how the money earned from the Gala will be allocated and distributed. President Harbin appointed Tom Clapper as Chairperson with Wayne Shero, Jay Harbin, Tim Sims, Brandon David, Ray Langley and Jimmy Vick to serve on the Sales/Auction Committee.

The Gala Event Committee gave an updated report. It was reported that some tickets are being held back for VIP table sales. All other tickets are distributed and are being sold to individuals. VIP tables include 5 tickets with advertising at the Gala and during the livestock show and sale. The VIP table price is \$1000. Emails have been sent out to all VoAg Teachers, 4-H Clubs, Livestock Booster Clubs, requesting auction items for the event. Approximately 35 items will be auctioned during the Gala. Some auction items already confirmed are a picnic table from Georgetown FFA, a signed guitar by Rick Trevino with more items in the works.

The Vo Ag Steering Committee, chaired by David Bryson, reported that a meeting was held with the VoAg teachers, attended by directors, Wayne Shero and John Hert. Progress was made and positive feedback was reported on the meeting.

President Harbin stated that one of the agenda items for the October meeting will include discussion on barn layout for the show.

There was some discussion about the deadline date for entries of Sept. 26. The concern was that the deadline date is prior to the rabbit bunnies being born. After some discussion, it was decided that the entry deadline date will remain as stated in the rule book, even for rabbits, but other considerations will be made when rules are considered for next year.

It was reported that barn itch is a problem at the Williamson County Show barn. The plans are for the county to remove all dirt from the arena and replace with fresh dirt. Due to the dirt being removed and replaced, shavings will not be permitted in the show arena this year.

With no other business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

President – Jay Harbin

Executive Secretary – Jodie Wolf