

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION'S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011**

President Billy Jackson called the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association's Board of Directors to order at 7:30 p.m. Directors unable to attend were: Jeff Heffernan, Howdy Tucker and Matt Leopold.

The minutes were read from the January meeting and approved. The monthly financial report was presented and approved. The 2010 yearly financial report was presented and approved. All directors present received copies of the minutes and financial reports.

The results of the director elections were announced. Elected to the Board of Directors for a three year term were:

Northwest – Jimmy Vick

Northeast – Wayne Shero

Southwest – Tim Thomason

Southeast – Joe Leopold

At Large – Wayne Elam

Due to personal and/or business reasons, Howdy Tucker and Jeff Heffernan resigned from the Board of Directors. Both have one year left on their three year terms. Assigned to fill these vacancies were Tim Kleen, representing the Northeast and Lance Loerwald, filling in the At Large position.

With the directors taking their positions on the board of directors, President Jackson asked for nominations for president. Tim Sims nominated Jay Harbin. With no other nominations, Jay was elected president by acclamation. After taking the office of president, Jay thanked Billy Jackson for the work he contributed to the WCLA as president this past year. Jay then asked for nominations for vice-president. John Hert was nominated and elected vice-president by acclamation. Jean Langley was elected Board of Director's secretary.

The meeting was then dedicated to the submission for rule changes. The first rule change suggestion was Rule 22, submitted by Jack Winterrowd, Vo Ag teacher at Cedar Park High School. The suggestion was to remove the sentences in Rule 22 that state: "Any breed with nine or less animals will be shown in one weight class only. All weight classes must have at least five animals per class." Replace the above wording with: "Any breed with *five* or less animals will be shown in one weight class only."

The next rule change suggestion was on Rule 1 –Competition....The recommendation was to remove the wording that states: "Exhibitors must be enrolled in, and attending, public or private and/or home school elementary or secondary schools in Williamson County." Replace this wording with "Exhibitors must *reside* in and/or be enrolled in, and attending public or private and/or home school elementary or secondary schools in Williamson County."

The next suggestion was to include a heifer show and also limit each exhibitor to only one sale item.

Other suggestions were presented on some of the schedule changes. When the show schedule will be determined, all of the schedule changes will be considered.

A proposal was presented to the board of directors on showmanship. The written submitted document listed three options. (1) Only showmen who have never received 1st or 2nd in their current division may compete. (2) In that current year, if the competitor showed the grand champion animal or reserve champion animal of that species, they are ineligible to compete. (3) Suggestions and recommendations on selecting showmanship winners other than the division judge selecting showmanship winners.

Jodie Wolf stated that several issues came up about the 5% commission deducted from the premium sale checks. Several people indicated that the money belongs to the exhibitors and it is unfair to take this commission from the checks. Going back to the rule book from 1965, a commission has always been deducted from the sale checks every year. In 2010, \$15,995 was received from entry fees with \$16,526 received from the 5% commission. To pay for all show expenses, including judges and their travel expenses, wood shavings, awards, etc., approximately \$32,000 will have to be generated from some sources. The following options are available: Continue to access a 5% commission with the current entry fee rates or eliminate the 5% commission and increase the entry fees to generate the \$32,000. With about 800 entries, this would drastically increase the entry fee. Some other options would be to cut cost such as select local judges, eliminate many of the awards, and cut back on other show and sale expenses. It was suggested that the Board of Directors give this issue some consideration.

All of these rule change recommendations were presented to the Board of Directors and opened for discussion during the presentation. No decisions were made at this meeting on any rule changes. The directors will make final decisions on these changes at the March meeting. If you have any input, for or against these changes, contact your director and inform them of your opinion so they can make decisions based on membership input.

A forklift was used during the stock show, provided by RSC Equipment. Wayne Shero was charged a fee of \$836.37 for the use of the equipment. A bill was presented to the WCLA for this amount, requesting that the WCLA pay the invoice. All directors agreed that the heavy equipment was needed to move bleachers, panels, gates, etc. Tim Sims moved, seconded by Brian Turner, that the WCLA pay the billing invoice. The motion passed.

With no other business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

President – Jay Harbin

Executive Secretary – Jodie Wolf