

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION'S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011**

President Jay Harbin 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: Tim Thomason, Tom Clapper, Brian Turner and Lance Loerwald.

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

President Harbin reported on the closed session meeting that was held after the regular BOD meeting on February 7th. He reported that the Board of Directors evaluated the office of the Executive Secretary and the board approved the continuation of the office filled by Jodie Wolf.

The first item of business was the appointment of the division superintendents. The following individuals will serve as superintendents:

General Superintendent – Jay Harbin
Facilities Superintendent – Wayne Shero
Awards Superintendent – Jean Langley
Cattle Superintendent – Tom Clapper
Hog Superintendent – Tim Kleen
Lamb Superintendent – Brian Turner
Goat Superintendent – John Hert
Poultry Superintendent – Joe Leopold
Rabbit Superintendent – Bill Stewart

The next item of new business was accepting the resignation of Matt Leopold as a director from the Southeast section of the county. Due to business commitments, Matt asked to resign from the board and recommended the appointment of Tom Ingalsbe to fulfill his one year term remaining on the board. With no objection to this recommendation, President Harbin appointed Tom to fill the vacancy.

The next portion of the meeting consisted of the consideration and approval of rule suggestions and recommendations. The first rule to be discussed was Rule 22 –Number of classes for market hogs, steers and lambs. The recommendation under consideration was to change the sentence “Any breed with nine or less animals will be shown in one weight class only” to “Any breed with *five* or less animals will be shown in one weight class only.” After some discussion on this rule change, John Hert moved, seconded by Jean Langley to not change this rule. The motion passed to leave the rule as currently stated in the rule book.

The next rule change recommendation under consideration was the suggestion to include a heifer show at the 2011 WCLA Show. Jean Langley made the motion,

seconded by Tim Sims, to include a heifer show. All directors present voted in favor of the motion. Jay Harbin presented a set of rules that would apply to the heifer show but since the cattle superintendent was unable to attend the meeting, the specific rules for the heifer show were tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion was then held on the selection of showmanship winners. With many different opinions on showmanship selection, the majority felt that the division judge needs to select the showmanship winners. Jean Langley made the motion, seconded by Tim Sims, to leave the showmanship rule as currently stated in the rule book. The motion passed.

Rule 1, Competition was the next item of discussion. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to change Rule 1 – Competition to state: “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. With this change, it was recommended to move Section B from Rule 1 and insert it as Section B in Rule 2 under eligibility. The motion passed.

With many exhibitors and/or parents concerned with the 5 % commission charged on all sale lots, it was reported that half to the money to pay show and sale expenses is generated from the entry fees and the other half from the 5% commission. If the commission would be eliminated, entry fees would have to be doubled. The board of directors agreed to continue to charge the 5% commission and leave the entry fee cost as is.

There was a recommendation on turning in weight cards for hogs, lambs, goats, and steers. Unofficial scales will be available in the barn for animals to be weighed before weight cards are submitted. When the top of each class is pulled by the judge, all placing animals will be weighed back on the official scales before final placing is made. There will be weight tolerances but final decision on these tolerances will be made at the April meeting. Tim Sims made this in a form of a motion, seconded by Wayne Elam. The motion passed.

After much discussion on the show schedule, the following show schedule was approved by the Board of Directors:

- Monday, Nov. 28 – Barn opens at 6 a.m. All hogs, lambs and goats must be on the premises by 5 p.m. Weight cards for hogs, lambs and goats must be submitted by 6 p.m. Rabbits check-in from 3 – 4:30 p.m. with the rabbit show starting at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 29 – Poultry arrive from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Poultry show starts at 9 a.m. Hog show starts at 1 p.m. Hogs will be released at the completion of the hog show.
- Wednesday, Nov. 30 – Hogs must be out of the barn by 8:30 a.m. Goat show starts at 9 a.m. Steers must be in place by 10 a.m. Steer weight cards must be submitted by 1 p.m. Lamb show starts at 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 1 – Heifers in place by 9 a.m. Check heifer registration papers at 10 a.m. Heifer show starts at 11 a.m. Steer show starts at 2 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 2 – Hospitality Luncheon for *buyers only* from 11 to 1 p.m. Sale starts at 1 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012 – Appreciation dinner for all buyers, WCLA members, special guest and sale exhibitors. Exhibitors will receive their premium checks and some awards at the dinner. More details TBD.

As discussed at the February meeting, it was recommended that bids be accepted for awards and the photographer for the 2011 show. Jodie Wolf and Jay Harbin will put a bid sheet together for each of the above items and have it available at the April meeting for all directors. Some recommendations for the photographer were: Cann Photography, Gomez Photography and Barker Photography. Superior Trophies, along with Creative Awards were suggested for the awards. All directors may give the bid sheets to any business interested in submitting a bid. All bid sheets must be submitted to the WCLA by April 30. No bids will be accepted after April 30 and final decisions on accepting the bids will be on the agenda for the May meeting.

The fund raising committee, chaired by Tim Sims, gave a report on the event schedule for Saturday, October 15, 2011. It was reported that the WCLA will not have the annual WCLA raffle in Granger in April as in previous years. Instead, an event will be held at the Old Settlers Park in Round Rock on Saturday, October 15. This event will include a meal, open bar, a limited auction and a concert with professional entertainment (TBD). The price of the ticket will be \$150 per couple or \$100 for an individual. Sponsorship levels will be available with newspaper coverage, advertising, and tickets available to the event. The number of tickets and amount of advertising will be determined by the level of sponsorship. All areas and clubs within Williamson County will be asked to support the event. After the presentation and discussion of the event, John Hert moved, seconded by Jean Langley, to accept the recommendation and move forward with the event. The motion passed.

Other suggestions for raising funds for the sale were discussed. It was recommended that an exploratory committee be set up to explore other ideas.

After a long meeting with many items discussed and approved by the board of directors, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

President – Jay Harbin

Executive Secretary – Jodie Wolf