



## Meeting Minutes

**5/19/25**

### **Call to Order**

Brad Noack called to order the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 6:15 pm on May 19, 2025, at Moravian Hall in Walburg, TX.

### **Roll call**

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Wayne Sanders, Montgomery Raesz, Patrick Phillips, Daniel Knippa, BJ Simpson, Donnie Smith, Richard Sells, Amanda Drummond, Lance Hunter, Dustin Davidson

Guests: Victoria Saldaña

<b>Financial Report:</b>	<b>R Bank Money Market -</b>	<b>\$98,583.02</b>
	<b>R Bank Savings -</b>	<b>\$79,865.46</b>
	<b>R Bank Checking-</b>	<b>\$35.78</b>
	<b>R Bank Scholarship Money Market -</b>	<b>\$20,527.67</b>
	<b>Eagle Bank Checking -</b>	<b>\$756.68</b>
	<b>Eagle Bank Money Market</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **A) Scholarship - Committee Chairman – Paul Boff**

- Scholarship Funding:
  - 2024-2025 Scholarships
  - 12 scholarships awarded. 1 Doug Vrabel Memorial \$2500, 1 - \$2000, 4 - \$1750, 6 - \$1500 for total of \$20,500.00 worth of scholarships.

#### **B) Livestock -**

- Superintendents:
  - Livestock - Wayne Sanders
  - Poultry - Montgomery Raesz
  - Rabbit – Patrick Phillips
  - Goat - Richard Sells
  - Lamb – John Faske
  - Swine – Amanda Drummond
  - Cattle - Dustin Davidson
  - Media - Paul Boff
  - Award - Blake Henderson

- Facility - Brad Adams
- Fundraising - Donnie Smith
- Scholarship – Paul Boff
- Jr. Steering – Brad Adams
- Judges:
  - Rabbit –
  - Lamb –
  - Breeding Lamb/Goat –
  - Goat –
  - Poultry – Keith Staggs
  - Steers –
  - Heifers –
  - Swine –
  - Breeding Swine –

**C) Validation -**

- DNA Testing – Animal ID -
  - All champions & reserve champions
    - Pull hair at conclusion of champion drive
  - Pull random test from showmanship classes
  - Retags (all) shall have DNA hair pulled
  - Any protest that is brought to the committee will be tested. Samples will be pulled after protest fee paid.
  - DNA Samples matched prior to checks being issued. All samples matched for 2024 show.
- Validation operations:
  - 2025 Steer Validation DNA samples will be pulled at state validation time that the county extension office sets. Need Rules Acknowledgment Forms filled out at same time. Alternate Housing Requests, if applicable, must be submitted minimum of two weeks prior to state validation for approval. Heifers will need to be state validated.
  - 2025 WCLA Show Market rabbit tattoo date to be major show entry night or last day of regular entry for WCLA. November 5, 2025.

**D) Facility -**

- Show Schedule details
  - Saturday, December 6th through Sunday December 14th, 2025
  - Placing panels on Friday December 5th for barn setup Saturday December 6th.
  - Friday December 12, 2025 barn teardown, prep for sale / auction on Saturday.
- Expo and review layout - Factor in extra panels.
  - Will we allow any vendors

- Vendor Fee - Fundraiser donation
- Supply Trailer – **Sullivan's confirmed**
- Need PA System - **TBD**
- Announcer - **Scooter Dubec**
- Scales - Rusty Morgan

**E) Awards -**

- Need to review awards and order new buckles to at fundraiser for buckle sponsors.
- New Herdsman Award for FFA Chapter or 4H Club from 2024 show. **Vista Ridge**

**F) Youth Fair -**

- **No Report**

**G) Social Media -** Committee Chairman - Paul Boff

- Sharing of other groups fundraising efforts on WCLA social media page(s). If they support 4H/FFA youth at the WCLA sale, we will support them and share their information.

**H) Auctions -**

- **No Report**

**I) Junior Steering Committee -** Committee Chairman – Brad Adams

- Discuss Junior Directors and possible Top Hand Award(s).

**J) Legal**

- **No Report**

**K) ShoWorks**

- New 2024 ShoWorks program with online auction capabilities.

**L) Fundraising / Sponsor / Auction -** Committee Chairmen - Daniel Knippa/Donnie Smith

- 2025 Spring Fundraiser/Sponsor Appreciation Event complete. Made about \$16k.

**M) Audit**

- **No Report**

**N) 4-H Report**

- **No Report**

**O) Show - No Report**

- Trailers with Ramps can unload from the North area.
- Covered Breezeway will unload from East to West for trailers without ramps.
- Livestock species and tack will not be able to move in until time and date set on schedule.
- Poultry to unload in Covered Breezeway from East to West.
- Photography backdrop setup and operation: Chairman: Donnie Smith
- Sponsor Signs:
  - Current

- New
- Show Ring
- Setup, tear down and storage
- Opening Ceremonies: Junior Steering Committee:
  - Flags, Anthem, Pledges, Mottos, Prayer
- No Peewee class for 2025 breeding showmanship shows. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 9 (or 8 and in the third grade) and 19 years of age as of September 1, 2025 and have a quality counts number.
- We will have a future feeder's showmanship for market shows: Lambs, Goat, & Swine only.
- Photographer for 2025 - **MD Creations**.
- Animals need to be sheared / clipped prior to arriving, touch up is ok.
  - Steer heads needs to be clipped, specifically polled breeds.
  - British Breeds need to designate breed showing under.
- No Wire Halters of any kind on any species.
- Drug Testing: Look into hiring outside entity to administer, monitor and test. Set up teleconference or tour to research. Need to review guidelines and set rules.

### **Old Business**

- 1) Discussion on Fundraiser. Made about \$16k – will deposit cash and checks at Eagle Bank. Will have committee meet to discuss pros/cons to improve for next fundraiser. Online ticket sales worked good on the back end.
  - a. \$16,130 raised for Kelsey Mcafferty at the fundraiser (separate from other funds). Daniel Knippa motioned for WCLA to donate an additional \$3,870 to Kelsey Mcafferty, making the total donation \$20,000. Seconded by John Faske. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Discussion of Scholarship awards by scholarship committee. Natural break on points awarded by rubric allowing for 12 awards. 1 Doug Vrabel Memorial - \$2,500, 1 - \$2,000, 4 - \$1,750, 6 - \$1,500. Total of \$20,500 for 2024-2025 scholarships.
  - a. Patrick Phillips motioned to accept scholarship committee's recommendation for 2024-2025 scholarship disbursements. Seconded by Daniel Knippa. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Discuss need for another laptop to transfer archived WCLA info and add ShoWorks for WCLA president position.
  - a. Wayne Sanders motioned to purchase a new laptop for the WCLA Board President position. Seconded by Lance Hunter. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Update on checks left and second check issuance.
- 5) Discussion of 2025 WCLA Rulebook.
  - a. Updated general dates.
  - b. Wayne Sanders motioned to update rule 10 Validation. to include "Validation of animals will consist of a WCLA tag inserted properly in the correct ear by the validation date, October 4, 2025." Seconded by Blake Henderson. Motion passed unanimously. We plan to have a few dates to help tag if needed.

- c. Patrick Phillips motioned to update rule 19N Unethically Fitted Livestock. to read “Halters of any material less than ¼” in diameter are prohibited for all species, including but not limited to: cable, wire, nylon, string, and monofilament.” Seconded by Lance Hunter. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Dustin will check with cattle exhibitors on the safe drenching method for rulebook (19J).
- e. Patrick Phillips motioned to update the Market Show Rules introduction to include “Any Species project shown in the breeding show(s) will be ineligible for the market show.” Seconded by Paul Boff. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. BJ Simpson motioned to include wording of “no adhesives” allowed for the market swine in rule 27 Market Swine (no fitting). Seconded by Richard Sells. Motion passed unanimously.
- g. Richard Sells motioned to update rule 33 Market Goats. to include “The species superintendent will decide the weight divisions” rather than having a set number of divisions. Seconded by Lance Hunter. Motion passed unanimously.
- h. Richard Sells motioned to remove the “Fitting” verbiage from rule 33B Market Goats. Seconded by BJ Simpson. 5 were in favor, 8 opposed. Motion failed.
- i. John Faske motioned to update rule 34 Official Weights. to include “The division superintendent decision will be final and not subject to appeal or protest.” Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Motion passed unanimously.
- j. Discussed updating Market Rabbits. Tabled for the next meeting.
- k. Richard Sells motioned to update the Breeding Show Rules introduction to include “All breeding species overall grand champions and reserve champions will be eligible for a payout to be determined by the WCLA Board of Directors and will not be eligible for the premium auction.” Seconded by Brad Adams. Motion passed unanimously.
- l. Wayne Sanders motioned to update rule 36E Breeding Swine. to include “Pedigreed and Cross Breeding Swine will be broken by weight.” Seconded by Amanda Drummond. Motion passed unanimously.
- m. Richard Sells motioned to remove the “Fitting” verbiage from rule 38G Commercial Does. Seconded by Lance Hunter. 5 were in favor, 6 opposed, 2 abstained. Motion failed.
- n. Richard Sells motioned to allow full hair for the Commercial Doe show by removing the first two sentences of rule 38G “All Commercial Does must be shorn with hair no longer than 3/8” in length from the knee and hock up, excluding the tip of the tail. No indication of blocking will be permitted.” Seconded by Brad Adams. 8 were in favor, 1 opposed, 4 abstained. Motion passed.
  - i. Richard Sells motioned to amend the previous motion to also remove the hair verbiage from rule 38G “The division superintendent may refuse to allow any Commercial doe that has not been shorn to be unloaded at the barn or may require that any Commercial Doe that has not been shorn be disqualified from the show.” Seconded by Patrick Phillips. 10 were in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstained. Motion passed.
- o. Richard Sells motioned update rule 38G to allow powdering as “Powdering on Commercial Does will be allowed to the extent it does not alter the natural color of the

animal.” Seconded by Lance Hunter. 7 were in favor, 4 opposed, 2 abstained. Motion passed.

- p. Dustin Davidson motioned to update rule 44 Commission on Sale. to remove the word “Premium” and include “Sale Lots,” with respect to what the 6% commission would be charged. The rule would also be updated to include “All WCLA checks issued to exhibitors not picked up, deposited and/or cashed prior to 90 days from the date of issue will be forfeited to the scholarship fund.” Seconded by BJ Simpson. Motion passed unanimously.

6) Discussed updates on a few judges. Will finalize at later meeting.

7) Will discuss 2026 Commercial Heifer show and rules at later meeting.

### **New Business**

1) Update on Judges for 2025 show.

2) Discuss turkey orders currently open, close May 30th.

3) Discuss community events page on website. We will support all clubs that support us.

4) Discussion on few rule updates.

- a. Wayne Sanders motioned to accept all proposed changes to the Market Rabbit rules (Rule 32). Montgomery Raesz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Richard Sells motioned to update rule 38 Commercial Does (Goats). to include “There will be no hair length restrictions on commercial does and blocking will be permitted.” Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Amanda Drummond motioned to remove rule 19J of Unethically Fitted Livestock “Stomach pumping or any other method by esophagus is prohibited.” Seconded by Dustin Davidson. Motion passed unanimously.

5) Spring Steer and Heifer validation will be June 24, 2025 at the Williamson County Expo from 7am-11 am..

6) Discuss Sullivans trailer confirmed for show week.

7) Discussed a Bred Commercial Heifer Show for 2026. Complete rulebook to follow at later date.

- a. Daniel Knippa motioned to have a Bred Commercial Heifer Show during the 2026 WCLA show based on these following preliminary guidelines:

- i. (1) A project shall consist of a minimum of 2, maximum of 5 bred heifers, showing only a pen of 2;

- ii. (2) No cross validation permitted;

- iii. (3) There will be 3 divisions split by age (Junior, Intermediate, Senior);

- iv. (4) Project scores will be graded on 4 criteria (Interview, Showing of Animals, Record Book, and Test); and

- v. (5) Exhibitors must either reside in and/or be enrolled in, and attending, public or private and/or home school elementary or secondary schools in Williamson County by validation date or prior to school district start date, whichever is earlier.

Dustin Davidson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by BJ Simpson. Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Minutes submitted by: Montgomery Raesz