

Executive Session Meeting Minutes

5/7/24

Call to Order

Brad Noack called to order the Executive Session meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:07 pm on May 7, 2024, at 100 Wilco Way, County Extension Training Room in Georgetown, TX.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Wayne Sanders, Montgomery Raesz, Daniel Knippa, BJ Simpson, Colby Doherty, Blake Henderson, Dustin Davidson, Richard Sells, John Faske, Donnie Smith, Matt Suchomel, Brad Adams, Patrick Phillips

Guests: Heather Faske

Financial Report:

- R Bank Checking- \$109,967.56**
- R Bank Money Market - \$211,038.01**
- R Bank Scholarship Money Market - \$20,500.00**
- R Bank Savings - \$22,568.30**

Committee Reports:

A) Scholarship - Committee Chairman - Colby Doherty

- 13 applications submitted for 2024. Top 12 will be awarded.
- Scholarship Funding:
 - Doug Vrabel Memorial Scholarship - **TBD**
 - WCLA Scholarship(s) - **TBD**

B) Livestock -

- Superintendents:
 - Livestock - Wayne Sanders
 - Poultry - Montgomery Raesz
 - Rabbit - John Faske
 - Goat - Richard Sells
 - Lamb - Matt Suchomel
 - Swine - Colby Doherty
 - Cattle - Dustin Davidson
 - Media - Paul Boff
 - Award - Blake Henderson

- Facility - Brad Adams
- Fundraising - Donnie Smith
- Scholarship - Colby Doherty
- Jr. Steering - Matt Suchomel
- Judges:
 - Rabbit – Mary Jo Terry
 - Lamb – Derrick Brown
 - Breeding Lamb/Goat –Derrick Brown
 - Goat – Austin Voyles
 - Poultry – Keith Staggs
 - Cattle – Austin Nauman
 - Swine – Seth Swenson
 - Breeding Swine – Seth Swenson

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 2023 show.
- Validation operations:
 - 2024 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.
 - 2024 WCLA Show Market rabbit tattoo date to be major show entry night or last day of regular entry for WCLA to be announced at a later date.

D) Facility -

- Show Schedule details
 - Saturday, December 7th through Sunday December 15th, 2024
 - Placing panels on Friday December 6th for barn setup Saturday December 7th.
 - Friday December 13, 2024 barn teardown, prep for sale / auction on Saturday. Need to review and adjust show schedule and show order for the week.
- Expo and review layout - Will stay the same until we get more panels.

- Will we allow any vendors
 - Vendor Fee - Fundraiser donation
 - Supply Trailer – **TBD**
- Need PA System - **TBD**
- Announcer - Scooter Dubec - **TBD**
- 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 2023 show. **TBD**

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 - Matt Suchomel

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

J) Legal

- **No Report**

K) ShoWorks

- New 2024 ShoWorks program with online auction capabilities. Conference April 3-5, 2024.

L) Fundraising / Sponsor / Auction - Committee Chairmen - Donnie Smith

- 2024 Spring Fundraiser/Sponsor Appreciation Event postponed.
- Discussed alternative fundraiser.

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 in future 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 2024 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, 2024 and have a quality counts number.
- We will have a future feeder's showmanship for market shows: Lambs, Goat, & Swine only.
- Photographer for 2024 - **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) 2024 show is week of December 8-14, 2024, schedule was posted and disseminated. Lamb show will begin right after opening ceremony.
- 2) Discussed including a Berkshire class, light vs. dark cross classes, and Hereford class. Will discuss more at next meeting.
- 3) Discussed judges for 2024 show and need to send contracts out. Will get different judges for breeding does/ewes, breeding swine, and heifers so they will not be the same as the market shows. Judges for breeding shows will be picked from TAMU and/or Texas Tech.
- 4) Discuss scholarship applications and funding. Motion was made by Blake Henderson to round up the full scholarship fund to \$20,500 (\$29.26 more). Seconded by Daniel Knippa. Motion passed unanimously. Top 12 applicants will be awarded on a TBD tiered basis.
- 5) Discuss fundraiser possibilities, discussed food and casino night at Reunion Ranch or a concert at the Cotton Club. Will get more information for a better decision.
- 6) Discussed validation of breeding rabbits to be at the same time as rabbit tattoo, WCLA entry night Wednesday, November 6, 2024.
- 7) Rulebook open to update rules:
 - No update on drug testing. Waiting to contact someone for more information.
 - Discussed rules to be made in regards to fitters and or fitting at the show.

- At the March 25, 2024 meeting, Blake Henderson motioned to mirror state/majors shows goat-fitting rules, resulting in no fitting of goats at the WCLA show. Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Brad Adams motioned to table for a decision later to review major show rules on goat fitting and to have a vote before the final ratification of the rulebook. Seconded by Mike Ondrasek. Motion to table decision of goat fitting passed.
 - At the April 29, 2024 meeting, Brad Noack reopened discussion for Blake's motion to "mirror state/major shows goat-fitting rules, resulting in no fitting of goats at the WCLA show." Blake Henderson amended his motion to include the new rule change as presented separately. After reading the proposed rule change, Wayne Sanders seconded the motion. Discussion ensued then a vote was taken. 9 Directors were in favor, 4 opposed. The motion passed to mirror state/major shows goat-fitting rules, resulting in no fitting of goats at the WCLA show with the proposed new market goat rule verbiage, specifically Rule 33. Market Goats, B):
 - (B) All market goats must be shorn with hair no longer than 3/8" in length from knee and hock up, excluding tip of the tail. No indication of blocking will be permitted. The division superintendent may refuse to allow any market goat that has not been shorn to be unloaded at the barn or may require that any market goat that has not been shorn be disqualified from the show. Electrical trimming and/or the use of blow dryers on the goats in the show barn will be allowed only in areas designated by the division superintendent. Any alteration of the natural color of a Market Goat, or attachment of any objects, including hair, hair substitutes, or fiber to the animal is prohibited. Fitting: Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited.
 - BJ Simpson motioned to mirror the no fitting rule for all species, resulting in no fitting of all species similar to the goat fitting rule at the WCLA show. (Fitting: Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited.). Seconded by Richard Sells. Patrick Phillips motioned to table for a decision later to review major show rules on all species-fitting and to have a vote before the final ratification of the rulebook. Seconded by Montgomery Raesz. 11 Directors were in favor of tabling the motion to a later date, 2 opposed. Motion to table passed.
 - Blake Henderson motioned to have the rules for fitting of the breeding goat show mirror the above new fitting rules of the market goat show. Seconded by Dustin Davidson. 9 Directors were in favor, 4 opposed. Motion passed.
- 8) Discussed state and WCLA checking on projects throughout the year and if an animal is disqualified by a state validation committee is that animal disqualified for WCLA. Further discussion will be had to clarify.
 - 9) Discussed Rule #9 and definition of "family" when determining ownership of animals. Family members not living in the same household may not be cross validated (cousins). Also discussed alternate housing requests being needed regarding exhibitors who do not reside in the same household but house animals at a separate family member's location.

New Business

- 1) 2024 show is week of December 8-14, 2024, schedule was posted and disseminated. Lamb show will begin right after opening ceremony. Updated show schedule sent to be posted on website and Facebook with lamb and goat and swine moving in with tack and lamb show starting immediately following the opening ceremonies.
- 2) No update of judges for breeding shows. Will discuss more at next meeting.
- 3) Discussed scholarship applications. Letters drafted and sent to schools for the recipients to be acknowledged. Heather mailing selection and rejection letters.
- 4) Discussed what membership is for Board of Directors. Two separate issues, one being membership and one being board members terms. The board member term is from April 1st to March 31st; once elected in good standing, BOD terms are for 3 years as stated in the constitution. Membership fees, due dates, and terms of membership will be discussed and defined in the rulebook at the May meeting.
- 5) Rulebook open to update rules:
 - No update on drug testing. Need to contact someone for more information and/or to conduct the testing. Will review 2023 San Antonio Rule 29.G. Costs: \$85/sample for blood/feces/urine (performance), \$145/sample for feathers/hair/wool.
 - Discussed rules to be made in regard to fitters and or fitting at the show.
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 - At the May 7, 2024 Executive Session, Brad Noack reopened the tabled motion for discussion prior to bringing to a vote. 3 Directors were in Favor, 11 Opposed. The motion failed.
 - Continue through rulebook. Directors will look through proposed rulebook updates for any necessary changes compared to the 2023 rulebook before the next May meeting.
- 6) Discussed fundraiser possibilities, at the Cotton Club. Need to schedule another meeting for more info and work on planning and dates.
- 7) Discuss sponsorship of 2024 State Conference for the Texas Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals. The District 8 Association is charged with planning, implementing, and funding the conference for 2024. We are requesting financial donations from organizations who can contribute to this valuable professional development event. Primary funding for the conference comes from the registration fees of the members. The remaining funds needed to support tours, professional improvement, awards, guest speakers and other recognitions events are provided through donations and generosity of organizations and individuals sponsorships. 5 levels \$50-250, \$500, \$750, \$1,000 and \$1,000+.
 - Discussed the Directors pooling personal money together for the cause, not using WCLA funds, and sponsor as WCLA Board of Directors.
- 8) Next regularly scheduled BOD meeting falls on 5/27/24 which is Memorial Day. The regular May meeting will be moved to Monday, May 20, 2024. If room is available, it will be held at

100 Wilco Way, County Extension Training Room. A post will be made via Facebook for updated May regular meeting date and location.

Motion to adjourn made by Wayne Sanders. Seconded by Patrick Phillips. Meeting adjourned at 9:29pm.

Minutes submitted by: Montgomery Raesz