



Meeting Minutes

4/29/24

Call to Order

Brad Noack called to order the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:05 pm on April 29, 2024, at Moravian Hall in Walburg, 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, Shelley Franklin, Amanda Drummond

Financial Report:

- R Bank Checking- \$163,071.31**
- 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 2022 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.
- 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) Look at schedule for 2024 show. Directors discussed keeping same show schedule other than switching lambs/goats. 2024 show is week of December 8-14, 2024.
- 2) Discussed Judge updates for 2024 show.
- 3) Discuss fundraiser postponement/cancelation for April 13, 2024. Potentially do different fundraiser. Will form a committee to plan fundraiser and purpose for raising funds.
- 4) Scholarship applications are online. Return to WCLA postmarked NLT 4/10/24 to be checked and verified at April meeting and letters generated, mailed and posted early May.
- 5) Discussed breeding shows, specifically heifers and potential ownership date requirements. Decision to move all of the breeding shows back out of the auction but keep buckle/banner and premium to overall grand and reserve and allow ownership dates to mirror state rules/regulations and ownership by Oct 31st.
- 6) Discussion of request to add Berkshire class and light cross class to swine show. Need to look at numbers, currently no change.
- 7) Rulebook open to update rules:
 - Changed dates for the general rules.
 - Drug testing. No further updates from previous discussion.
 - Discussed rules to be made in regards to fitters and or fitting at the show.
 - 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.

- 8) DNA results from 2023 show shared with WCLA directors/species superintendents.
- 9) Livestock superintendents pick per species. Officer elections by board of directors.
 - a. Brad Noack mentioned to keep Heather Faske as Executive Secretary. Motion made by Montgomery Raesz. Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Motion Passed.
 - b. Brad Noack mentioned to keep Montgomery Raesz as Secretary. Motion made by Colby Doherty. Seconded by Matt Suchomel. Motion Passed.
 - c. Blake Henderson motioned to keep Wayne Sanders as Vice President. Seconded by Donnie Smith. Motion Passed.
 - d. Brad Adams motioned to keep Brad Noack as President. Seconded by Wayne Sanders. Motion Passed.
- 10) Discuss off going directors and nominations for directors to join.
 - a. Northwest quadrant – Mike Ondrasek rolls off and Paul Boff moves in from at large position for 2nd term..
 - b. Northeast quadrant – John Faske moves off then back on for second term.
 - c. Southeast quadrant – Richard Sells moves off then back on for second term.
 - d. Southwest quadrant – Blake Henderson moves off then back on for second term.
 - e. At Large – Paul Boff moves off and in to 2nd term in NW quadrant.
 - Wayne Sanders motioned to place Patrick Phillips at the open at large position. Seconded by Richard Sells. Motion Passed.

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.
- 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.

Motion to adjourn made by Blake Henderson. Seconded by Matt Suchomel. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Montgomery Raesz