



Meeting Minutes

7/22/24

Call to Order

Brad Noack called to order the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:10 pm on July 22, 2024, at Moravian Hall in Walburg, TX.

Roll call

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

Guests: Heather Faske, Amanda Drummond

Financial Report:

- R Bank Checking- \$5,982.06**
- R Bank Money Market - \$165,402.02**
- R Bank Scholarship Money Market - \$20,504.96**
- R Bank Savings - \$22,953.88**

Committee Reports:

A) Scholarship - Committee Chairman - Colby Doherty

- Scholarship Funding:
 - 12 Scholarships awarded for 2024 graduates:
 - Doug Vrabel Memorial Scholarship - 1 recipient of \$2,500
 - WCLA Scholarship(s) - 2 recipients of \$2,000 and 9 recipients of \$1,555.

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 –Austin Manners
 - Goat – Austin Voyles
 - Poultry – Keith Staggs
 - Steers – Austin Nauman
 - Heifers – TBD
 - Swine – Seth Swenson
 - Breeding Swine – TBD

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. November 6, 2024.

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 - Factor in extra 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.

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) Turkey orders were opened and closed; turkeys ordered for 2024 show. Invoice paid.
- 2) Additional show ring panels and more racks for existing panels were received. Invoice paid.
- 3) Broiler orders will open August 5, 2024, and will close August 30, 2024.
- 4) Ordered tags for 2024. Discussed plan for tag order openings for validation.
 - Tag orders will potentially open at same time as broiler orders, August 5, 2024 and will close at a later date to be determined.
- 5) Discussion on different judges for the breeding shows/update. Wayne has a contact to help get breeding show judges and need Richard's recommendations to follow up. Consensus of discussion is to try and have different judges for the breeding shows and market shows.
- 6) Cattle validation almost completed, alternate housing request forms in for review.
 - Discussion on project checks to commence once species validation(s) are completed.
- 7) Discussion on fundraiser(s) options for this year, not conflicting with booster clubs. Working on plan for Gala type fundraiser/concert for April 2025. Plan to do a raffle up to end of show week for 2024. Discussed starting to work on sponsorships.
- 8) There is a lamb/goat clinic being planned by Texas Agrilife / Wilco CEA coming up sometime in July.

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- 3) Discussion on different judges for the breeding shows/update. Breeding Doe/Ewe judge to be confirmed.
- 4) There was a lamb/goat clinic planned by Texas AgriLife on July 18th that had around 120 people interested and a turnout of +/-80 people.
- 5) Cattle validation completed June 30, 2024, alternate housing request forms in for review.
 - Individual motions were made and seconded by multiple directors to approve individual Alternate Housing requests that were received signed by the CEA or AST. Those motions passed unanimously. Exhibitor names of the requests are redacted in the posted minutes but are on file electronically in the 2024 minutes and agendas folder.
 - Wayne Sanders made a motion to table all Alternate Housing requests that were not signed by the CEA or AST. Seconded by Matt Suchomel. Motion passed unanimously.
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Motion to adjourn made by Matt Suchomel. Seconded by Blake Henderson. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Montgomery Raesz