



Meeting Minutes

6/24/24

Call to Order

Brad Noack called to order the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:08 pm on June 24, 2024, at Moravian Hall in Walburg, TX.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Brad Noack, Montgomery Raesz, Brad Adams, Donnie Smith, Patrick Phillips, John Faske, Daniel Knippa, Dustin Davidson

Guests: Amanda Drummond

Financial Report:

- R Bank Checking- \$20,493.30**
- R Bank Money Market - \$181,284.23**
- R Bank Scholarship Money Market - \$20,500.00**
- R Bank Savings - \$22,568.30**

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 –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. 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) Discussed judges for breeding shows, have some names to look at.
- 2) Rulebook open to update rules:
 - Discussed and updated general rules, market shows and breeding shows from previous 2023 Rulebook.
 - Updated general dates. Removed repeated language throughout rulebook and will create chart for validation information some info that is similar across the board.
 - Tags accepted for market and breeding animals will be WCLA tags and/or State Validated tags.
 - Paul Boff motioned to accept final rule change for Rule 11 Inspection of Projects. Seconded by Matt Suchomel. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Discussed definition of protesting. Updated Rule 13 Protest.
 - Rule 14 Presence on the Show Grounds was updated. Once an entry is checked-in, it may not leave the show grounds. This area will be defined as the area contained within the chain-link security fence or inside the show barn. We will post it defined online and on Facebook.
 - Added Rule 19 (O). Any animals validated and entered into the show are subject to drug testing.
 - This rule will be fully defined and added as an addendum to the rulebook. Discussed cost to be about \$10,000. The WCLA BOD will need to discuss in full the scope and details concerning the rule.
 - Discussed market goat and lamb rules and commercial doe and ewe rules concerning verbiage of animals must be shorn to their defined lengths prior to arrival at the show barn. Decided to leave verbiage as is. Touch-ups will be allowed.

- Discussed Deceased Birds on Rule 29. Dead birds will not be allowed into the show ring, even if they die after check-in.
 - Discussed weights, classes, and other general information for market and breeding shows.
 - Removed “breeding shows” verbiage from Rule 42, Sale of Placing Animals.
- 3) Discuss sponsorship of 2024 State Conference for the Texas Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals.
- Directors pooling personal money together for the cause, not using WCLA funds, and sponsor as WCLA Board of Directors.

New 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 some-time in July.

Motion to adjourn made by Brad Adams. Seconded by Daniel Knippa. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Montgomery Raesz