



## Meeting Minutes

5/20/24

### **Call to Order**

Brad Noack called to order the meeting of the Williamson County Livestock Association at 7:12 pm on May 20, 2024, at Zion Lutheran School in Walburg, TX.

### **Roll call**

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

Guests: Heather Faske, Kayla Luxton, Shelley Franklin

**Financial Report:**

- R Bank Checking- \$64,266.02**
- R Bank Money Market - \$211,154.78**
- 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. 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> 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.
    - At the April 29, 2024 meeting, 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.

- 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.

### **New 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.

Motion to adjourn made by Blake Henderson. Seconded by BJ Simpson. Meeting adjourned at 10:04pm.

Minutes submitted by: Montgomery Raesz