

**Minutes of World Brahman Federation Meeting
HLS&R – Reliant Center
February 29, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Present:

Chris Shivers – USA
Armelinda Ibarra - USA
Dr. Jose Amauri Dimarzio – Brazil
Mr. John Milton Torres - Ecuador
Billy Badilla - Phillipines
Rene Finol - Venezuela
Pedro Vallarino - Panama
Secretary of Agriculture Oscar Osorio – Panama

Guests:

Carmen Arias
Alfredo Motta
Javier Souto

The World Brahman Federation meeting was called to order by Chris Shivers.

Chris welcomed all in attendance and asked that everyone introduced themselves.

Rene Finol made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Pedro Vallarino. Motion carried.

Armelinda Ibarra reported a total of \$15,192.36 in the World Brahman Federation bank account.

Chris Shivers made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by Billy Badilla. Motion carried.

Chris Shivers gave a report as a follow up of the International Genetic Evaluation discussion that took place at the last meeting. It was agreed that he and Australian representatives will get together to investigate this matter further.

Pedro Vallarino, President of the 2012 World Brahman Congress Committee introduced Secretary of Agriculture, Oscar Osorio. Secretary Osorio stated that the Panamanian Brahman Association, CRICEPA and organizers of the 2012 WBC had full government support and that his office will work closely with these entities to make the congress a successful event. The Panamanian government will do everything in their power to lend support to this event and is willing to work with the member countries in an effort for bilateral sanitary agreements for the importation and exportation of Brahman genetics worldwide. Pedro Vallarino followed with a report on the plans and schedule of events for the WBC to be held in Panama, July 2 – 7, 2012. He requested the member countries present to assist him and organizers of the congress to promote this event in their respective countries. He then presented everyone with WBC Ambassador Pins.

Armelinda Ibarra reported that the newly elected Executive Vice President of the Cattle Breeders Society of South Africa, Mr. Marinus Van Jaarsveld contacted ABBA to confirm that they will host the 2014 World Brahman Congress in South Africa. He reported that it would most likely take place between the months of April-May in a town near Johannesburg. Plans are to hire a Meeting Planner to organize this event. The congress will include ranch tours, cattle show, family activities, and much more.

Senator Javier Souto addressed all members and invited everyone to the Miami Intl. Show to take place in Miami, Florida, April 13-15, 2012.

Under new business it was reported that South Africa and Namibia have joined together and want to know how many other countries want to work on a unified Genetic Evaluation by Breedplan.

After some discussion Pedro Vallarino agreed that this type of evaluation would be in the best interest of all member countries. In his opinion this would be the best method to identify superior genetics and thought that all countries need to work together on other issues as well such as sanitary regulations amongst countries in an effort to help market semen and embryos.

It was recommended to bring USDA officials specializing in sanitary protocols to the WBC in Panama to meet with officials from other countries for a possible discussion regarding OIE rules focusing on health protocols for the exportation of semen and embryos.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Armelinda Ibarra
ABBA Recording Secretary