

**Minutes of World Brahman Federation Meeting  
HLS&R – Reliant Center  
February 27, 2013 @ 1:00 p.m.**

**Present:**

Llewellyn Labuschagne – South Africa  
Chris Shivers – USA  
Armelinda Ibarra - USA  
Dr. Ricky Hughes – USA  
Billy Badilla - Philippines  
Peter Bohman – Ecuador  
Enrique Baquerizo - Ecuador  
Rene Finol – Venezuela  
Pedro Vallarino - Panama

**Guests:**

Wessel Hattingh  
Corrie Labuschagne  
Diana Saporiti  
Leonel Baquerizo  
Milton Charanza  
Emily Otto  
Macy Jennings

The World Brahman Federation meeting was called to order by Llewellyn Labuschagne.

Introduction of Members and Guests followed.

**Pedro Vallarino made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Billy Badilla. Motion carried.**

Armelinda Ibarra reported a total of \$15,208.05 in the World Brahman Federation bank account.

**Chris Shivers made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by Pedro Vallarino. Motion carried.**

Chris Shivers gave an update on the subject of international genetic evaluation. He reported that he has had brief discussions with representatives from Colombia, Brazil, Panama and the U.S. regarding an International Genetic Evaluation, although he explained that these discussions were brief, he stated that there is interest amongst these member countries to pursue an international evaluation, however, there has been no final decision made at this time.

Discussion followed. Pedro Vallarino, President of CRICEPA reported that he has met with the Panamanian Minister of Agriculture and there is already work being done with several countries for the import and export of genetics.

After further discussion everyone agreed that members go to their respective government authorities to request a list of countries where protocols are already in force for the shipment of embryos to other countries. If there was a special need between member countries that each country should deal with these issues individually.

Pedro Vallarino gave a report on the 2012 World Brahman Congress held in Panama City, Panama.

Mr. Wessell Hattingh, Coordinator of the 2014 World Brahman Congress gave a slide show presentation. He reported that the 17<sup>th</sup> World Brahman Congress is scheduled to

take place April 6-11 in Parys, South Africa. This town is near Johannesburg so travel arrangements would be fairly easy and accommodating. Pre and Post Congress tours to South Africa and Namibia will be offered. Booth space will be made available at no cost to all WBF member countries. Registration for Congress will be \$700 per person. Registration fee will include all congress activities excluding hotel. The congress activities will include ranch tours, cattle show, family activities, and much more.

Peter Bohman invited everyone to attend the World Brahman Federation meeting and National Brahman Show to take place in Guayaquil, Ecuador October 9-11, 2013. He introduced Diana Saporiti, Coordinator of this event who also invited everyone to attend and gave a slide show presentation on this event.

Wessel Hattingh reported that South Africa has joined forces with Namibia and they are interested in working with other member countries in an effort for a unified International Genetic Evaluation by Breedplan to be in place by the 2014 WBC. He reported that at this time the United States, Philippines, Australia, Namibia and Australia are all currently on Breedplan program.

Everyone agreed that an International Genetic Evaluation would be in the best interest of all member countries and would be a great method of identifying superior genetics on a worldwide level. After some discussion Wessel Hattingh agreed to draft a letter explaining a proposal for an International Genetic Evaluation that he will send to all member countries for a commitment.

With no further business the meeting adjourned.