

**Minutes of World Brahman Federation Meeting
Boardroom Registration Office – Khaya Ibhubesi
April 8, 2014 @ 2:00 p.m.**

Present:

Llewellyn Labuschagne – South Africa
Chris Shivers – USA
Armelinda Ibarra – USA
Dr. Ricky Hughes - USA
Monty Chiepe - Botswana
Obk Basiami - Botswana
Ryno Vd Merwe - Namibia

John Croaker - Australia
Shane Bishop - Australia
Pedro Vallarino - Panama

Guests:

Dr. Michael Bradfield - Breedplan
Mecki Schneider - Technical Committee
Milton Charanza –The Brahman Review

The World Brahman Federation meeting was called to order by President of the World Brahman Federation, Llewellyn Labuschagne.

After a warm welcome to Parys, South Africa and the 17th World Brahman Congress, President Labuschagne reported that he was honored to host the WBF meeting with the following countries present: South Africa, USA, Botswana, Namibia, Australia, and Panama.

After the introduction of members and guests, Chris Shivers made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Pedro Vallarino. Motion carried.

Armelinda Ibarra gave a financial report, reporting a total of \$16,924.29 in the World Brahman Federation bank account.

John Croaker gave a report on the 18th World Brahman Congress. As hosts of the 1st and 11th World Brahman Congresses, the Australian Brahman Breeders Association reported that they were proud to be hosting the 18th WBC. It will take place in Rockhampton, Queensland, May 16-21, 2016. Rockhampton is recognized as the “Beef Capital of Australia”. Situated on the Tropic of Capricorn, Rockhampton is a thriving provincial city with a population of over 75,000 people. They have chosen the theme “The Brahman Advantage” as they have been challenged by nature, backed by science and proven by performance. The program will consist of six days of planned activities including tours, demonstration of working cattle dogs, judging of the led steer competition under lights, technical conference including presentations from around the Brahman world, cattle sales and cattle show. They are looking forward to a great event and have already assigned various committees who are working on the various activities for this event.

Armelinda Ibarra reported that the 2018 WBC is scheduled to take place in Colombia and the 2020 in Paraguay. It was recommended that letters be written as a follow up to these commitments.

Micki Schneider of Namibia and member of the Brahman Technical Committee gave an update on the Genetic Evaluation and Genomics meeting. He reported that they had a great meeting with a core group of members that got off to a great start. This group will continue discussions and communication via mail, and Skype for further development and discussion. He recommended that a Genetic Evaluation and Genomics Meeting take place at all future World Brahman Congresses.

Dr. Michael Bradfield of Breedplan, reported that the evaluations on the weaning weight of bulls are 100% on ranking in regards to each breed association. The results they have obtained at this point are very positive. He reported that complete results should be ready by June 2015 at which time they will determine whether or not to continue the evaluation. With regards to Genomics, he stated that they were in the very early stages and that they need the phenotypes especially to measure traits such as fertility and carcass quality. He is working on an agreement where countries can make available their genomics so that there won't be duplication of work. He stated that the economic benefit would be the fact that animals will be able to be compared. With regards to structural traits, he stated that at the moment this was not a high priority for the U.S. and Australia. All in all he reported very positive development and feels that these evaluations will strengthen each association and strengthen the development of the breed worldwide.

Everyone agreed that an International Genetic Evaluation is of great interest to all member countries and is a great method of identifying superior genetics on a worldwide level.

As an update on import & export of genetics, President Labuschagne reported that the Foot & Mouth ban was recently lifted in South Africa which will open many markets enabling South African producers to export genetics to neighboring countries.

Pedro Vallarino reported that the Panamanian Brahman Association is continuing work and discussions with Peru for the export of cattle to this country.

Everyone agreed that each Brahman association should work closely with their government with regards to issues on import & export of cattle in their respective countries.

President Labuschagne recommended that the WBF logo be used and promoted by all member countries. It was agreed that the present logo be formatted and refined for utilization on internet and letterhead. It was also recommended that the word "member" be added to the logo.

With no further business, President Labuschagne reported that the next WBF meeting will be held in Houston, Texas, Wednesday, March 4, 2015.

With no further business the meeting adjourned.