

## **Minutes of World Brahman Federation Meeting**

**December 8, 2006**

**Medellin, Colombia**

Members Present:

Chris Shivers – U.S.A. Carlos Tamayo - Mexico

Armelinda Ibarra – U.S.A. Rodger Jeffries - Australia

Mauricio Moreno - Colombia Kenny Crampton – South Africa

Fabio Jaramillo - Colombia Margo Maliska - Argentina

Rene Finol - Venezuela

The World Brahman Federation met on December 8, 2006 at 7:00 AM in the Intercontinental Hotel in Medellin, Colombia in conjunction with the 2006 World Brahman Congress.

Mauricio Moreno called the meeting to order. He asked Chris Shivers to give a report of the last meeting held in Houston, TX on March 3, 2006. Shivers then gave a report on the 2008 World Brahman Congress to be held in Ft. Worth, TX May 18-24. Chris said things were coming together well and invited everyone to plan to attend. Chris Shivers announced that the 2010 Congress would be held by the Brazilian Brahman Association.

The 2006 Congress was discussed and the group unanimously agreed the Congress was most successful and congratulated Moreno and Jaramillo on such a great event. The group then went into an open discussion period where several topics were discussed including the judge selection by the Colombians for the 2006 World Brahman Congress as well as their selection process for all of their shows.

The group discussed the challenges each organization was facing. Many of the associations said they were faced with the competition of the English breeds and the discounts received on their commercial steers due to the perception that the carcasses were not as desirable. It was decided that the World Brahman Federation should hold some educational programs in the future to share ideas among the different countries as to what each country was doing to better their product.

Armelinda Ibarra recommended that each member country utilize the World Brahman Federation website as a tool to share research and data between countries. Rene Finol stated that each member country promote the WBF website within their own country

through their official breed publications. Everyone agreed that the WBF website should be promoted and used more widely.

Moreno brought up an idea to name a president of the WBF. There was much discussion but no action was taken.

After more discussion about the challenges and different improvement techniques the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.