

**Minutes of World Brahman Federation Meeting
Reliant Center – Room 705
March 3, 2010 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Members Present:

Dr. Jose Amauri Dimarzio – Brazil	Jose Octavio Lemos- Brazil
Bianca Goulart – Brazil	Florencio Jimenez - Venezuela
Chris Shivers – U.S.A.	Llewelyn Labuschagne – South Africa
Armelinda Ibarra – U.S.A.	Corey Labuschagne – South Africa
Billy Dan Lindley – U.S.A.	John Milton Torres - Ecuador

The World Brahman Federation met at the Reliant Center in Houston, Texas on March 3, 2010.

Dr. Dimarzio called the meeting to order followed by an introduction of all members and guests in attendance.

The minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting were reviewed.

Florencio Jimenez made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Chris Shivers. Motion Carried.

Chris Shivers reported that there was a total of \$9385.19 in the World Brahman Federation account.

Dr. Dimarzio stated that the federation needed to encourage the payment of member dues.

Dr. Dimarzio gave a report on the World Brahman Congress to be held in Uberaba, Brazil. He reported that plans for the congress are underway, he presented promotional literature including events, activities and list of hotels that will be available. He stated that Flytour Agency has been hired for the facilitation of travel arrangements for all participants. The Brazilian Brahman Association is made up of 150 members and they are working diligently with Agri Business to make this a memorable event. They have received FAO support from Dr. Tito Diaz and have received much support from sponsorships. He stated that it was very important to have participation from all member countries and that his committee has decided to offer a large area under a Gazebo to all active World Brahman Federation members at no cost. This will provide enough space for all countries to participate in the Trade Show and allow them to disseminate their literature and promotional items.

One of the challenges he is facing is dealing with other activities that are being organized during the congress activities. He wants to make sure that all participants stay on the grounds to participate in the technical seminar, trade show and cattle show. This is a challenge that he is very concerned about and asked for suggestions on how to handle this from the group.

Some suggestions were discussed however, no definitive decision was made. Dr. Dimarzio stated that he will continue to work on this issue.

Hotel rates in Uberaba were questioned, Dr. Dimarzio reported that they are still working with hotels on obtaining a Congress rate as soon as an agreement has been reached he will make this information available.

In the absence of representatives from Panama, Chris Shivers reported that they will host the 2012 World Brahman Congress and plans are underway. He reported that South Africa will host the 2014 congress and Australia will host the congress in 2016.

Under new business, Llewelyn Labuschagne addressed the group. He presented a report on "Acceptance of Breedplan EBV's Between the USA, Australia, The Republic of South Africa, as Well as Other Countries". He stated that South African breeders have encountered problems because Breedplan does not accept the USA EBV's. This decision has caused South African breeders to collect new data in order to build a record for the progeny of specific sires used in South Africa. He would like for Breedplan to recognize worldwide EBV's and asked for the support of the World Brahman Federation.

Chris Shivers stated that the American Brahman Breeders Association would support this request. He suggested that a meeting be set-up with Arthur Richards and John Croaker to discuss this issue.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Armelinda Ibarra
ABBA Recording Secretary