

**Minutes of World Brahman Federation Meeting**  
**HLS&R – Reliant Center – Room 205**  
**March 2, 2011 @ 1:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

Chris Shivers – USA  
Bob Hudgins – USA  
Armelinda Ibarra - USA  
Dr. & Mrs. Jose Amauri Dimarzio – Brazil  
Carlos Javier Andrade – Ecuador  
Mr. & Mrs. John Milton Torres - Ecuador  
Brett Kirk – Australia  
Joy Deguara – Australia  
Dr. Gerardo Vargas – Costa Rica  
Pedro Vallarino - Panama  
Frank Perez – Panama  
Guido Martinelli – Panama

**Guests:**

Steve Kahla  
Javier Souto

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

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

**After a review of the October 2010 minutes, Pedro Vallarino made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Bob Hudgins. Motion carried.**

Chris Shivers gave a financial report. He reported that there is a total of \$14087.64 in the World Brahman Federation bank account. This is mainly generated by member dues.

Dr. Dimarzio gave a power point presentation as a follow up to the 2010 World Brahman Congress held in Uberaba, Brazil. The congress was highly successful in commencing trade relations with members of several countries.

**Pedro Vallarino made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Seconded by Dr. Dimarzio. Motion carried.**

Pfizer Director of Commercial Sales, Mr. Kevin Millner gave a brief report on Brahman Specific DNA panels.

Kevin Milner gave a report as a follow up to a request made by Fabio Jaramillo at the last WBF meeting regarding the formation of a Brahman specific DNA Marker Panel. Millner reported that there was currently some work being done by Pfizer Animal Genetics to design and validate a Brahman Specific test. He reported that populations in the USA, Australia and several of the South American countries were being used to develop this. He could not commit on a time frame but did want to report to the group that they were working in this area to develop a test due to the large Bos indicus population globally.

Pedro Vallarino, President of the 2012 World Brahman Congress Committee introduced Ex Minister of Agriculture Frank Omar Perez and Guido Martinelli. He followed with a report on the upcoming WBC to be held in Panama, July 2 – 7, 2012. After his

presentation he asked everyone in attendance for their assistance in promoting the 2012 WBC in their respective countries and presented everyone Ambassador Pins. This campaign has been adopted by their organizing committee and they will continue to appoint ambassadors from various countries during their trip to Houston.

Brett Kirk and Joy Deguara invited everyone to Beef Australia to be held in May 2012. They reported that plans are already underway for this event and they asked for anyone interested in attending please contact them for further information.

Dr. Dimarzio presented a list of proposals in the name of the Brazilian Brahman Breeders Association.

After review and discussion it was agreed that each member country take this to their respective associations for their review.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Armelinda Ibarra  
ABBA Recording Secretary