

Minutes of World Brahman Federation Meeting

March 5, 2008

Reliant Center – Room 201

Members Present:

Chris Shivers – U.S.A. Rene Finol - Venezuela

Armelinda Ibarra – U.S.A. Mario Carpena - Brazil

Carl McKenney – U.S.A. Cesar Morales - Panama

Billy Dan Lindley – U.S.A. Fabio Jaramillo - Colombia

Jerry Word – U.S.A.

Alfredo Muskus – U.S.A.

The World Brahman Federation met at the Reliant Center in Houston, Texas on March 5, 2008.

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

The minutes of the February 28, 2007 meeting were reviewed.

Fabio Jaramillo made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Alfredo Muskus. Motion Carried.

The WBF Financial Statement was presented by Chris Shivers. Member statements were distributed.

The EBF website was discussed. Rene Finol stressed the importance of member countries responsibility to submit new research and/or breed association information for inclusion in the WBF website. It was agreed that this tool be used to promote the use of Brahman cattle worldwide and share information and/or research data between countries.

Fabio Jaramillo reported on the latest research they are doing in Colombia on measuring ribeye fat by ultrasound. They are utilizing this data and providing it to their judges to help them make judging decisions. They also provide their judges with weaning and yearling weights.

It was agreed that this type of information should be posted on the WBF website and shared with other member countries. Fabio Jaramillo agreed to send this information. Carl McKenney discussed the Brahman Carcass Research that is currently being done in the U.S. He also mentioned the recently negative press printed in New England. Everyone agreed that member countries should work together on promotion and advertisement to help fight negative press such as this.

Alfredo Muskus suggested that member countries report any negative press to the WBF and member countries work together in helping fight any negative press. Chris Shivers gave a report on the Nolan Ryan Beef product and gave a brief review of this program.

Everyone agreed that carcass quality and feed efficiency research data were two very important topics that would benefit all member countries. Alfredo Muskus encouraged everyone to submit this type of data to the website.

Mario Carpena representing Brazil gave an update on the World Brahman Congress to be held in Brazil in 2010.

He also reported on a Latin American Congress to be held in February 2009 in Rio de Janeiro.

Cesar Morales of Panama presented a proposal to host the 2012 World Brahman Congress in Panama

Carl Mckenney made a motion to accept the proposal for Panama to host the 2012 World Brahman Congress. Seconded by Fabio Jaramillo. Motion carried unanimously.

The BSE and sanitary health issues were discussed.

It was agreed that the BSE issue was a political issue that breed associations have no control over.

With no further business, Rene Finol made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Carl McKenney.

The meeting adjourned.