American Brahman Breeders Association

International Committee Meeting Agenda

September 3, 2025, 6:00 PM CST
Teleconference

Carolyn Falgout called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM CST.

Present
Carolyn Falgout
David Domsch
Billy Badilla
Collin Hudgins
Kelvin Moreno
Teresa Moreno
Ross Pruitt
Pasquale Swaner
Sallye Fontenot

Staff
Paul Maulsby
Iridiana Ibarra

Pasquale Swaner moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting, and the motion was seconded by Billy Badilla. The motion carried, and the minutes were approved.

Iridiana Ibarra provided a financial update, reporting that the committee currently has a balance of $16,567.09 in its bank account. She noted this balance will change, as additional international buckles have been ordered for the remainder of the year. She also reported that accounts receivable from the World Brahman Congress have been paid and will be moved into the account, along with proceeds from steak knife sales that have not yet been deposited since Houston.

Regarding USLGE funds, Iridiana noted that approximately $35,000 has been used this year, reflecting an active year of ABBA-supported travel for both judges and staff.

Under new business, discussion was held on USLGE reports. Committee Chair Carolyn Falgout asked how much time judges or travelers are given to submit their reports. Iridiana Ibarra explained that an office protocol was put into place when Paul Maulsby joined ABBA, requiring judges or international travelers to submit a report within 10 days of returning. Reports must then be submitted to USLGE within 45 days to remain current. She added that while in the past reports were sometimes delayed until the end of the year, she is pleased to report that 2025 submissions are nearly caught up, with only two reports outstanding from early in the year and a few from recent summer travel. She emphasized that ABBA covers all travel expenses upfront until reimbursement is received from USLGE, making timely reporting essential.

Kelvin Moreno made a motion that after the 10-day deadline, travelers will receive a notice granting an additional seven days to submit their report. Failure to comply would result in probation and potential removal from the international judges list at the next International Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Billy Badilla and carried unanimously.

The committee also discussed international registrations. Chair Carolyn Falgout noted she had received inquiries on this subject. Paul Maulsby explained that during recent international travel, ABBA has been actively promoting registrations, transfers, and DNA. He reported that ABBA is in discussions with

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Ecuador regarding the possibility of taking over their registry and then turned the floor over to Iridiana Ibarra for an update.

Ms. Ibarra reported that in 2025 there have been 367 international registrations (including both reciprocity cases and direct registrations with ABBA) from 11 different countries. She added that 254 DNA samples have been submitted from six countries to a U.S. lab. Allison Hajny, Director of DNA, has worked closely with the labs to ensure all processes remain in compliance with U.S. regulations. Zoetis has provided permits for international members to include with their shipments, ensuring genetic material can be mailed directly to U.S. labs without issue. She stated that this protocol has been working very well.

Additional discussion focused on providing 100-Year Anniversary Commemorative Books to international Brahman associations. Carolyn Falgout proposed that each association receive a copy to keep at their headquarters.

Collin Hudgins made a motion give all international Brahman associations a 100 Year Anniversary Book, seconded by Billy Badilla. Motion carried.

Mr. Maulsby provided the committee with an office report, noting that over the past year ABBA has engaged in extensive international travel to strengthen relationships and expand its global presence. Visits have included Honduras, Guatemala, Guadalajara (Mexico), Palenque (Mexico), and Ecuador, with plans to attend Comzebu in Mexico later this year. These trips have included participation in shows, herd visits, and meetings with association leaders and breeders. Each engagement has provided opportunities to demonstrate ABBA's commitment to collaboration and to explore ways the Association can support its partners abroad.

Mr. Maulsby reported that these efforts are producing tangible results. International membership has steadily increased, and the Association is receiving more direct registrations and reciprocities from international breeders. Equally important has been the deepening of relationships with associations and breeders, strengthening ABBA's reputation as a reliable and collaborative partner.

He highlighted several key initiatives currently underway. These include international advertising and the launch of the *International Connection* e-newsletter, which has been well received. ABBA is also engaging Dr. Mark Allen to help apply ABBA's EPDs globally and to build confidence with international members and associations. In addition, the Association is working with the Texas Department of Agriculture and TransOpa to develop an inbound international program supported by USLGE funds, with planning underway to finalize schedules and logistics.

Mr. Maulsby shared key observations from recent trips, noting strong demand for accurate, science-based education and resources, as well as opportunities to better communicate performance data and research findings to improve global perception of Brahman genetics. He emphasized that ABBA must continue reinforcing its role as a transparent and reliable global authority.

Looking ahead, next steps include expanding international education and outreach through workshops and translated resources, finalizing international DNA protocols for integration into ABBA's DNA plan, continuing aggressive advertising, and expanding the translation of key materials.

In closing, Mr. Maulsby stated that ABBA's international footprint is expanding rapidly through its focus on education, DNA integration, global communication, and inbound programming. These efforts will further strengthen confidence in Brahman genetics and ABBA's leadership worldwide.

The committee asked Iridiana Ibarra for an update on the World Brahman Congress accounts receivable and how much would be transferred into the International Committee account. Ms. Ibarra reported that $1,850 has been paid since the last International Committee meeting in May and will be moved into the

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International Committee account this month. She further noted that $12,450 remains outstanding, and once collected, those funds will also be deposited into the International Committee bank account.

Carolyn Falgout informed the committee that, as discussed at the previous meeting, a fundraiser will be conducted through the sale of branded vests. She noted that the committee is waiting for cooler weather before launching sales, with the goal of having vests available in time for the National Show and again at Houston to generate funds for the International Committee.

After no new business, Kelvin Moreno moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ross Pruitt. Motion carried.

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