American Brahman Breeders Association

International Committee Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2026, 6:00 PM
Teleconference

Kelvin Moreno called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM CST.

Present
Kelvin Moreno
Carolyn Falgout
Billy Badilla
Angel Eveline
Collin Hudgins
Teresa Moreno
Ross Pruitt
Pasquale Swaner
Salvador Baldizon

Staff
Paul Maulsby
Iridiana Ibarra

Guests
Justin Garner

GNC Genetics
Josefina Lecuna
Catherine Neumayr
V6 Ranch
Nicole Wilson

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

The committee reviewed the current International Committee budget. It was reported that the committee currently has $26,817.84 available within its budget.

The only recent expenditures consisted of the purchase of buckles for upcoming international shows scheduled throughout the remainder of the year which totaled $3,855.00.

Iridiana Ibarra provided an update on the semen fundraiser conducted during the International Brahman Sale at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The fundraiser generated $11,550 for the International Committee. Once the final outstanding semen lot payment is received, the funds will be transferred into the International Committee account, increasing the committee's available balance to approximately $38,367.84.

Iridiana Ibarra reported that ABBA has been allocated $40,000 in U.S. Livestock Genetics Export (USLGE) funding for the 2026 fiscal year.

She also informed the committee that all required 2025 USLGE reports have been completed and submitted and that ABBA has received the final reimbursement payments associated with the 2025 program year.

Discussion was held regarding the importance of fully utilizing available USLGE funds. Ms. Ibarra noted that ABBA was allocated $50,000 in 2025 but did not fully expend those funds,

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resulting in a reduced allocation of $40,000 for 2026. She stated that work on the 2026 reporting and reimbursement process would begin promptly to ensure the Association remains current and maximizes available funding opportunities.

The committee reviewed upcoming international events and discussed opportunities for ABBA representation.

Upcoming events discussed included:

- Honduras National Brahman Show – San Pedro Sula, Honduras, June 25–28, 2026
- Expo Paraguay 2026 – Paraguay, July 15–22, 2026
- National Brahman Show - Guatemala – July 2026
- Liberia National Show – Liberia, Costa Rica (July 2026)
- Expo Pococí – Costa Rica (September 2026)
- Bolivia National Brahman Show – Bolivia (September 2026)
- Ecuador National Brahman Show – Ecuador (October 2026)
- World Brahman Congress – Mérida, Mexico, November 10–15, 2026

Committee members discussed the importance of maintaining an active ABBA presence at international events and opportunities for committee participation throughout the year.

Iridiana Ibarra provided an update on activities involving the World Brahman Federation (WBF).

She reported that Federation representatives met virtually in January and again during the International Brahman Show at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to begin revitalizing the organization and addressing governance matters.

At the Houston meeting, Federation members requested that Ibarra prepare a revised draft of the Federation's constitution and bylaws. She informed the committee that the draft revisions had been completed and distributed to Federation representatives several weeks prior and that feedback is currently being collected.

The Federation plans to hold additional virtual meetings to review the proposed revisions and discuss any recommended changes.

Ms. Ibarra further reported that ABBA is in the process of establishing a separate QuickBooks account for the World Brahman Federation to ensure proper financial separation between the two organizations. The Federation will also begin invoicing member countries for annual dues in an effort to reestablish active participation and voting status among member organizations.

The goal remains to present the revised constitution and bylaws for approval during the World Brahman Congress in Mérida, Mexico, in November 2026.

Chairman Moreno inquired about a balance currently reflected on ABBA's financial statements as "Due from World Brahman Federation." Ms. Ibarra explained that the balance represents expenses incurred by ABBA several years ago related to translation services and accounting fees associated with bringing the Federation into compliance and filing tax returns.

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Ms. Josefina Lecuna confirmed that these expenses were related to translation services and tax filings. Ms. Ibarra stated that she would work with Federation leadership to ensure reimbursement is made to ABBA and that the balance is cleared.

The committee discussed the proposed Panama Summit 2027, a new international Brahman event expected to be held in Panama.

The event is intended to serve as a regional gathering during odd-numbered years and provide an alternative international event between World Brahman Congresses, which are held every two years during even-numbered years.

Tentative dates are expected to fall in April or May of 2027. Additional information will be distributed once confirmed.

The committee discussed ABBA's participation in the 2026 World Brahman Congress. Discussion included the possibility of securing exhibit booth space, sharing booth expenses with industry partners, and pursuing sponsorship opportunities that may include booth space and congress registrations.

Iridiana Ibarra informed the committee that USLGE funding had been allocated toward participation in the Congress and that she would confirm which expenses are eligible for reimbursement, including whether booth space may be covered.

The committee agreed that maintaining a strong ABBA presence at the World Brahman Congress is extremely important and should remain a priority.

Chairman Moreno discussed developing a formal communication to international Brahman associations outlining the services available through ABBA. The proposed communication would highlight services such as: International judging opportunities, educational seminars and technical presentations, breed improvement programs, youth and leadership development opportunities, other resources available through ABBA.

The committee agreed that increased communication with international partners would strengthen relationships and encourage additional engagement with the Association.

The committee discussed the possibility of providing recognition to Champion Showmen at international events. Several international judges noted that many countries traditionally select and recognize a Champion Showman during their national events. Discussion centered around providing a cost-effective award, such as a banner featuring the ABBA logo, to recognize outstanding youth participants at international exhibitions.

No action was taken, but committee members expressed support for exploring the concept further.

After no new business, Carolyn Falgout moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Billy Badilla. Motion carried.

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