

Brahman



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Dear Members

We would like to inform you on the following discussions and decisions taken at the last Council meetings:

1. Our finances are in a healthy state. As a result of good financial management there is no need to collaborate with other breeds to bring about savings. We enter the future in our new offices. We rent office space to the Ayrshires, which serves as a further source of income.
2. Council has appointed a committee to conduct the training of inspectors who will then do voluntary inspection with inspection cards on an area bound basis by way of an experiment. We will keep you informed.
3. At all shows, except Pretoria Show, committee and exhibitors will weigh and measure the cattle themselves. Shoulder height will again be measured as an alternative. Each area will receive a measuring stick which will be provided by Sietze Smit.
4. **Judging Pretoria Show:**
The judges at Pretoria show 2013 will be:
Red cattle: 1. Llewellyn Labuschagne
2. Hennie Jacobs
White cattle: 1. Jaco Marè
2. Heinrich Bruwer
5. **Livestock Improvement Act:**
According to the above mentioned act, each society must annually do sire certification. As prescribed, each 1 000th calf registered will be tested. In other words 10 calves will be nominated, from the herd from which the calf originated to be DNA-typed. If there is an error, ten additional calves will be drawn for DNA-testing at the breeder's expense. The first ten calves are at the Society's expense.
6. **World Congress**
(a) Commemorative Journal
We kindly remind you that a Commemorative Journal will appear in February 2014 which will be used for the World Congress. The journal will be printed in English and Spanish.



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- (b) Furthermore we wish, once again, to appeal to you to support the World Congress. Your attendance is vital. This is an opportunity that many of us might not enjoy again. Remember there are 23 member countries and there is a World Congress every second year. South Africa will therefore have another opportunity of this nature only in 40 years' time.
- (c) We invite you to please come and show your animals to expose them to the world. Make use of this opportunity to enjoy special moments with your Brahman family and friends to strengthen bonds.

7. **DVD's**

7.1 **We take pleasure in informing you that we are going to compile 4 videos. The script has already been written for the following titles:**

- a. Young breeders/Emerging farmers
- b. Educational institutions
- c. Established Brahman breeders.

7.2. **How do we breed and manage the perfect Brahman?**

7.3 **Training video//DVD for emerging farmers (3 languages)**

- a. Why Brahman?
- b. How to phase Brahmans into existing farming
- c. Where do you obtain breeding material?
- d. Basic management
- e. Basic equipment
- f. Nutrition and licks
- g. Medication/diseases
- h. Marketing

7.4. **The Brahman in Africa:**

- a. In a cross breeding programme.
- b. In the feeding lot
- c. As dam line

Please let us know us if there are any breeders who are interested to sponsor such DVDs or parts thereof. You and your herd will then receive prominence in such a DVD to make it worth your while. The cost of producing the DVD's: R52 998 (VAT excluded). We already have two breeders interested in sponsoring.

Brahman greetings.



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