

# MINUTES MEETING 2019 #1

## Meeting of Interim Steering Committee



### Meeting time across the International Time Zones

UTC-time	Melbourne	Lisbon	Madrid	London	Phoenix	Athens	Panama	Christchurch
Wednesday, 31 July 2019 at 21:00:00	Thu 7:00 am	Wed 10:00 pm *	Wed 11:00 pm *	Wed 10:00 pm *	Wed 2:00 pm	Thu 12:00 midnight *	Wed 4:00 pm	Thu 9:00 am

### Connection instructions

Via Skype.

<b>2. Business Arising from Minutes</b>	None to discuss	
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<p><b>3. Director/President's Report</b></p>	<p><b>3.1 Background</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on progress of transition of RBI from UK charity.</li> </ul> <p>Juanvi has been Ill. RBI formed around 1990 in UK/Dublin. Was to aggregate several organizations at the international level with the same objectives in the world who were working with no coordination. Prepared books and conferences. Good work for decades. Time goes on. Original people become older. RBI needs some new younger members to drive it. Low activities in the past 5 years. Lawrence knew of the activities Juanvi was doing in Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula. Lawrence requested Juanvi use his experiences to revive RBI. The philosophy of RBI must change. Must be a meeting point for all of the regional groups and a forum to extend the activities of FAO and other institutions.</p> <p>New statutes formed. Distributed to historical RBI members. Most of them contributed. Many did not understand the new structure of RBI. Only difference is we leave activities to the regions. Our main objective is to develop a meeting point for the regional organizations. If a global topic arises, RBI will lead the program, but this is not RBI primary objective. The primary focus of the new RBI is to be ready to participate at any forum at FAO or other institutions, we persons to represent RBI at a minimum cost. Emiliano an activist in Conservation for a long time could represent us at the FAO context. He knows this territory well. Juan suggested that Emiliano is well positioned and credentialed to represent RBI at FAO as he is already based in Italy.</p> <p>Important members Nuno in Portugal, Portugal rep to FAO. Axel representative in Panama, and presently coordinator of the South America and Caribe Regional Focal Point.</p> <p>Conbiand A network member of RBI</p> <p>Needed to arrange all of the legislative documents to officiate RBI in Spain. Now have all recognitions by Spanish Ministry for the AnG conservation. Official recognition of Spanish Ministry of Taxation.</p> <p>Have a bank Account.</p> <p>Previously used the Conbiand bank account.</p> <p>Now everything is ready</p> <p>Now we can try to get our new objectives.</p> <p>Tried to maintain the charity status in Spain. Difficult in Spain to have a charity with animals.</p> <p>Structure is an NGO with an object to save AgGR – but without tax deductible status by now.</p> <p>Need money at the regional level, rather than the international level.</p> <p>Ideas in UK, ideas very different in relation to charitable donations. Funding support very different in other part of the world. Use personal resources more than our economic resources.</p> <p>1999 forms to create an international network Latin America states (CYTED XII-H) in the context of the Iberoamerican Program of Science and Technology for the development CYTED. Funds for 6 years only for meetings, training courses, and so on. No consumables, initial networks to pursue in 6 countries. Now 23 countries. Most from Latin America, but also Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal and USA, several training courses every year, books on Latin American genetic resources of Turkey, sheep, Goats, Donkeys, 15 PHDs in various countries, Improvement in Donkeys behavior. Role of Conbiand network. Journal too in the last 5 years (Actas Iberoamericanas de Conservación Animal). Proceedings of the Latin American breeds conservation simposia. Nuno is Director of this Journal.</p>	
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	<p>More than 500 papers now. When Conbiand started, very few specialists to develop international agreements in now over 300 specialists in FAnGR. Want to transfer this experience to other part of the world. IN Asia or Africa, experience very important. Last year had a contract with FAO to develop a tool to estimate the breed census in the countries. Have experience from other countries. FAO Funds to do works in South America. Very successful. Argentina developing a national initiative based on our previous experience with the Conbiand infrastructure. No representative capacity.</p> <p>Conbiand does not have a seat in FAO- RBI has.</p> <p>Conbiand needs international recognition of RBI. RBI needs Conbiand from other regional concrete projects.</p> <p>RBI the voice of organization at regional level.</p> <p>Global Work network</p> <p>In Europe, have a good structure too. Portugal society for conservation of AnGR. Coordinated with the Spanish Society.</p> <p>North Portugal meeting next year. Most Diverse countries in Europe -287 breeds in Spain and 50 breeds in Portugal.</p> <p>Legal structure of RBI in Spain is an Association NGO.</p>	
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4. Financial Reports

4.1. Financial reporting

Treasurer Cecilio José Barba Capote

- Account status

Concept	Original Currency	Date	Conversion factor one day	Income	Expenses	
RBI foundation transfer	11.173,94 €			11.173,94 €	€ 11.173,94	
National registry of associations Certificate	37,75 €	17/04/2018		37,75 €	€ 37,75	
RBI settlement	£ 500,00	10/05/2018		571,50 €	€ 571,50	
ERFP	€ 753,58	24/08/2018-28/08/2018		€ 753,58	€ 753,58	
						<b>Total</b>
						€ 9.811,11

Need to spend 211.75 for new website. – Total cost for the year.

Also collected some money 2 euro /membership from CONBIAND meeting. Collected in Ecuador.

20-30 new partners.

Received from Michael and Fiona by postal \$2 from Michael Willis and Rex Walters.

Database register available through website so people can identify if their membership is current. Principle moving forward is that people can manage their own membership online.

<b>6. General Business</b>	<p><b>6.1 Activities of the New RBI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Croatia presentation. Distributed to all historical members. Last information RBI received before Juanvi became ill.</li> <li>Ecuador meeting with CONBIAND</li> <li>Published results – 2 papers. Next one to be presented</li> <li>PHDs</li> <li>Best new – invited again to European focal point meeting in Belgium. Hoping to have 15 minutes to present on RBI activities of the past year</li> </ul>	
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- RBI/CONBIAND invited to South America and Caribbean Focal Point meeting in Brazil to present some of activities of the past year and interact with the National Coordinators.
- Some arrangements with Ministry in Spain and taxation

**Motion:**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Result:**

## 6.2 Transition to the New RBI

- Agree on a process for the establishment of an interim RBI steering committee whose role will be to guide the formation of the new RBI Board and Governance structure.

International network is important – South America, North America 'North Africa

South Sahara, Asia ,Oceania (Aus/NZ/Asia) and Europe

The Spanish regulations require all representatives to reside in Spain

- President
- Secretary and
- Treasurer. ----.

Need and International Structure that includes non-Spanish members who will make us a General Assembly.

Directive (Spanish) Board performs an administrative function only and responds to the decisions made in General Assembly. A General Assembly must be held at least one per year.

All regional organizations will be represented at the General Assembly.

Spain is the Global Administrative centre for RBI. This can change if at a General Assembly meeting it is voted for the President/Secretary/Treasurer to be from another country. Under the current framework, the Association President etc must be Spanish or foreign resident in Spain.

**Motion:**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Result:**

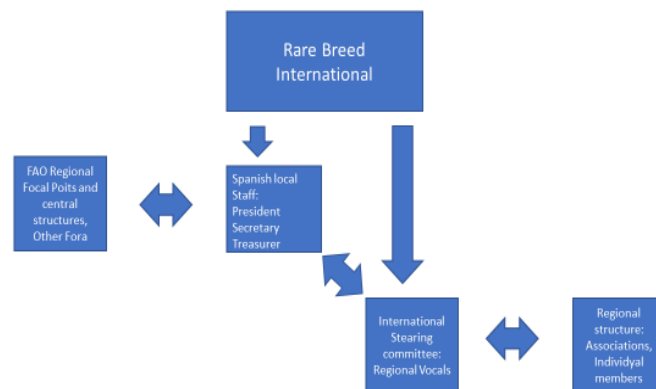
### 6.3 Regional Representation

Appoint/determine interim regional RBI delegates whose role will be to:

- Represent their region on the directive board/interim Board.

We are in the foundation stage. We need to develop some regional general election. Every RBI Partner could feel represented in FAO.

**ACTION: develop a diagram to show the relationships.**



- Establish a regional network (associations or individuals) coordinating the RBI interactions in every region
  - Carry information and demands from the region to the directive board and from the directive board to other regional partners - Horizontal platform
  - Distribute the general information and demands to their regional members.
- Need to establish the channel of communications too (website/newsletter/social media)

- Promote concrete initiatives (Publications, meetings, projects, etc)
- Conbiand structure could support the base for an RBI event in Latin America, even this is not the primary objective of new RBI to organize Conferences, but may do so.  
 Easy to service publications via Uni of Cordoba. Can leverage funds through Uni. Cheaper to publish in South America than in Spain.  
 Traditional Angus – this type of project must be supported by our RBI network  
 Published review by Lawrence Alderson in 2018 – being well received.  
 Can use AICA and Archivos de Zootecnia, 2 platforms for publishing, Scopus, Latindex, Scielo indexed among others. AZ near to be included in web of science.

**Motion:** Nominate Axel and Fiona to the regional level

**ACTION** Fiona will talk with Michael Willis to determine who is the best person to represent Oceania.

Axel accepted interim nomination.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Result:**

#### 6.4 Web page and other disseminations

The New RBI is changing. People and time is changing. Need to work to improve the image of the new RBI.

Important to have a good image for RBI and communicate that we are growing.

Started gathering information. Fred (previous web host)

Some of the photos may not be of such great quality.

Good if members of RBI could send their old photos about meetings, events, projects, etc.

As far as documents that are concerned, past documents old reports to be used.

Website to be collaborative. Everyone has opportunity to share.

