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Minutes of the November 4, 2017 Business meeting of the Kansas BASS Nation.

On November 4, 2017 the fall Business meeting of the KBN was held at the Holiday Inn East I-35 in Wichita, Kansas.

At 10:30 am the meeting was called to order by President Joel Porter. Brad VanRietten was the recording Secretary. A roll call was taken with Representatives of the following clubs being present; Backlashers, Chisholm, East Kansas, Flint Hills, Hays Bass Anglers, Heartland, Kansas Bassmasters, K C Bass, Last Cast, Leavenworth, Olathe, Ozawkie, Salina, Sand Hills, South Winds, Twin Rivers. A quorum being present, the meeting continued.

Minutes of the February 25, 2107 business meeting were passed out and approved.

Treasurer's Report was given in an oral form. This was due to the boat raffle causing last minute changes to the accounts. The report was approved.

The meeting entered into general discussion with Joel Porter presiding.

1. Nation Update presented by Joel Porter.
 - a. KBN will sign with the Alliance again, it's the best deal going at this time. Joel did look into program that Arkansas uses with Bass Cat etc
 - b. Other sponsor programs are available; JL Marine, Skeeter/Yamaha, Shimano, Power Pole (rebates available to members), Berkley (discount program for members), Hummingbird/Minnkota, T-H Marine, Shady Creek Marina.
 - c. Membership numbers were discussed, Adults remain about the same, youth is increasing dramatically. BASS will not be continuing the membership incentive that allowed some states to send more than one team to the National championship.
2. Youth Report presented by Richard Heflin.
 - a. High school program continues to grow; 400% in the last four years. As growth continues KBN will have to address help for Youth Director.
 - b. 30+ teams at the first two high school tournaments, possibly 40 by spring.
 - c. BASS is starting College state championships. Richard will coordinate the KBN College tournament in Kansas for spring of 2018.
 - d. Youth finances were discussed.
 - e. State Team obligations to the Youth program was discussed. All KBN State Team members are required to be involved in a youth event, preferably a KBN event.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.55am for lunch provided by the KBN.

The meeting was again called to order at 12.37pm.

3. Tournament Report presented by Danny Barrett.
 - a. The resignation of Evan Hartnett had been previously submitted via email. The Executive Committee accepted the resignation and appointed Danny Barrett as Tournament Director to fill the unexpired term..
 - b. Danny handed out the tournament expense report as prepared by Evan.
 - c. The 2018 tournament season was generally discussed with tentative dates and locations discussed.
 - d. Motion by Jeff Nolte and seconded; For 2018 the KBN will have two qualifiers, one in state and one out of state, each a two day tournament, half the State Team will qualify from each tournament. Discussion ensued. Motion defeated 3 for, 13 opposed.
 - e. Motion by Chris Brimager and seconded; For 2018 the KBN will use the same qualifying format as 2017 (Mr. Bass two day, instate, in the first half of 2018, west of highway 135; and the Qualifier two day, out-of-state, last half of 2018). Discussion ensued Motion passed 14 for, 0 opposed.
4. Conservation Report presented by Jesse Jordan.
 - a. The resignation of Jesse Jordan had been previously submitted via email. The Executive committee previously accepted the resignation effective at the end of the KBN business meeting and appointed Steve French Conservation Director to fill the unexpired term.
 - b. Creel Census submissions are down, need to push the clubs to fill them out.
 - c. Conservation tournament had very poor attendance probably due to location and weather. Jesse suggests we attempt again in 2018.
 - d. Doug Nygren, KDWPT Chief Fisheries Biologist, gave an update on the early spawn program. Q and A followed.
5. Old Business.presented by Joel Porter.
 - a. The boat raffle is done, about \$24,000 generated for charities. The E-board does not think this type of raffle should be attempted next year. Selling a boat through the Alliance is an option and will be investigated.
 - b. 2017 KBN Club of the Year will be announced at the banquet.
 - c. Due to a favorable Scholarship Fund balance there will be two \$500 scholarships awarded again this year.
6. New Business presented by Joel Porter.
 - a. As there were no valid nominations for Sponsor Director, Justin Harris was appointed by the E-board to serve the full two year term.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.
Submitted by Brad VanRiette, KBN Secretary.