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Minutes of the March 16, 2019 Business meeting of the Kansas BASS Nation.

On March 16, 2019 the fall business meeting of the KBN was held at the Fossil Inn, Russell Kansas.

At 10:43 am the meeting was called to order by KBN President Joel Porter; Brad VanRiette was the recording Secretary. A roll call was taken and the following clubs were represented; Flint Hills, Hays Bass, Heartland, KC Bass, Last Cast, Olathe, Ozwakie, Salina, Twin Rivers, Western Kansas. A quorum being present, the meeting continued.

Minutes of the November 3, 2018 Business meeting were passed out and approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's report was given by Larry Brumley, handout provided. Twin River's made a \$200 donation to the scholarship account. Larry reported that IRS had refunded \$1348.36 after our protest. The Treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

The meeting entered into general discussion with Joel Porter presiding.

1. Conservation report was presented by Steve Hausler.
  - a. AFTCO should be on board with gift certificates.
  - b. Re-signed with Pitch-it.
  - c. Conservation day and tournament will be July 13 at Milford.
    - i. Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies will be having meeting there that day. Hope that KBN members can take WAFWA members fishing. Build and place habitat. Free meal for participants. More information to come.
  - d. Steve was asked about other possible conservation projects.
    - i. Individual acts of conservation have to be approved through KDWP, and varies by reservoir.
    - ii. KBN has matching money available to the clubs.
  - e. BASS has determined that culling clip modifications cannot keep the penetrating clip in the system. The penetrating clip must be removed.
  - f. Sebelius lake is being pressured to allow an irrigation draw in March. Could adversely affect the spawn.
    - i. Steve will draft a KBN position statement and submit it.
2. Nation update was presented by Joel Porter.
  - a. Adult membership constant for about the last five years.
  - b. Team Trail, non-KBN anglers (AIA, Joe Bass, etc) must now pay BASS Nation membership. Since KBN members have already paid BASS Nation membership no \$10 registration will be needed from KBN members.

- c. Scholarship winners were Hunter Baird and Monica Schmidt. KBN needs to consider updating our application/selection process.
    - i. Possibly move application so that award is in same year as enrollment.
    - ii. Create an application form with specific questions so all applicants provide the same general information.
    - iii. Create a selection committee of non-KBN person's to ensure impartiality. Clubs are encouraged to submit names for potential section committee.
- 3. Youth report was presented by Richard Heflin.
  - a. Richard will not run again for Youth Director. Reggie Smithson has expressed an interest in running.
  - b. BASS no longer requires "time outs" in youth events. Mandatory lunch break is still in effect.
  - c. Youth program is considering an east and west tournament trail.
    - i. Would allow KBN to qualify another team for nationals.
    - ii. Youth program wants to explore having their own weigh-in trailer. This has been mentioned in the past.
  - d. The youth (pre high school) membership is starting to grow.
  - e. Plans on a College State championship again for 2019. College has not paid state dues in the past, considering having them pay dues.
- 4. Tournament report was presented by Danny Barrett.
  - a. Due to new work requirements Danny may reach out for help for some tournaments.
  - b. 4man/Team series---KBN anglers no longer need to pay \$10 registration fee.
    - i. Hoping to include more High School anglers.
  - c. Frank Stong ----dates depend a lot on Jon Stewart availability as he is a major donor.
    - i. It was suggested that we emphasize KBN puts on the tournament.
    - ii. Will try to use Timber Hill ramp this year to decrease pleasure boat congestion.
    - iii. Suggested that clubs pay an "honorary" entry fee.
  - d. Qualifier/Mr. Bass was covered.
    - i. Top four anglers and co-anglers from each of the two qualifiers will make the state team. Top two anglers and co-anglers from Mr. Bass will make the state team.
    - ii. Alternate will be the boater with the highest finish of both qualifiers combined, who did not make the team.
    - iii. In response to question at previous business meeting; Tournament committee has determined that High School anglers can compete in Mr. Bass and other KBN adult tournaments if they meet the following ;
      - 1. Must be 16 or older at the time of competition.
      - 2. If under 18 must have parent signature on entry/waiver.
      - 3. Must pay same national and state dues as adults and be a member of an adult KBN club.

- iv. Discussed which events the KBN should try to schedule around when determining our schedule.
      - 1. TBF and in-state bass tournaments.
    - e. Joel outlined regional realignment options.
  - 5. Sponsors report was presented by Justin Harris and Joel Porter.
    - a. Bennett Motors donates \$300 if a KBN member buys a vehicle, donates \$100 if a person referred by KBN buys a vehicle..
    - b. Manning Electric, owned by member Dale Manning, has donated \$2500.
      - i. Consider \$500 to youth, ask Dale for more direction as to how to allocate money.
    - c. Russell Marine Products has committed to a \$500 donation.
    - d. Mondo Tackle has committed to providing product.
    - e. T-H Marine provides discounts.
    - f. Shady Creek provides trophies.
    - g. Solar Bat has discounts
    - h. Power Poles has discounts.
    - i. KBN continues to be signed with the Alliance.
  - 6. Unfinished business.
    - a. Banquet will most likely be put back to the same day as the fall business meeting. Trying a separate date did not seem to make a difference.
      - i. Discussion concerning fall meeting date/place. November 16, 2019 is date with place TBD.
    - b. No Club of the Year submissions were made.
      - i. If no submissions this year then may discontinue it.
    - c. No Sponsor and/or Person of the Year submissions were made.
      - i. Joel suggested that we should have club input, not just Eboard.
    - d. Website problems are being corrected.
      - i. PayPal needs to be used or changed/discontinued.
    - e. Weigh in trailer issues were discussed.
      - i. Increased usage due to increasing size of Youth program. Youth have mentioned in the past they would like to have their own trailer.
        - 1. Coordinating tournament dates has become harder.
        - 2. Transporting between Youth and Adults is harder.
      - ii. Current trailer needs sandblasted and painted, approximately \$1800.
      - iii. Possible ways to fund a second trailer were discussed.
        - 1. Youth program might "buy" existing trailer by transferring \$1000 into general fund.
        - 2. Conservation program could help fund, possible \$1000 transfer to general fund.
        - 3. BASS partnered with TNT fireworks, possibly a fireworks stand.
        - 4. Solar Bat will sell KBN sunglasses with our logo that we can resell.
        - 5. Add \$10 to all adult entry fees for one year only to be used for trailer.

6. Ask clubs to donate.
  7. Ask if some portion of Manning Electric donation could be used.
- iv. Motion by Joel Porter and seconded; That the KBN get at least three bids with in the next thirty days on trailers with the following specifications;
1. 7x14 enclosed “cargo” trailer, dual axles, rear fold down loading door, front 32 inch exit door, 6ft minimum interior height, 4x6 “window” on the side hinged at top with support gas struts.
  2. At least one bid with the exterior skin of the trailer to be steel construction.

The club presidents will then be emailed with the trailer bids and asked for their input on ways to finance a new trailer. Time frame; be ready to potentially shop for a trailer in May. Motion passed by voice vote.

7. New business.
  - a. Joel encouraged clubs to contact him with possible Agenda suggestions.
  - b. Joel has been asked if a Presidents chat group could be formed. If interested please contact him.
  - c. Joel needs clubs to provide him with accurate contact information.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:39 pm.

Submitted by Brad VanRietten, KBN Secretary.