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Minutes of the February 24, 2018 Business meeting of the Kansas BASS Nation.

On February 24, 2017 the spring Business meeting of the KBN was held In the Bressner Hall building in Yates Center, Kansas.

At 10:38am the meeting was called to order by President Joel Porter. Brad VanRiette was the recording Secretary. A roll call was taken and the following clubs were represented; Backlashers, Cherryvale, Chisolm Trail, Flint Hills, Hays Bass, Kansas Bassmasters, Last Cast, Leavenworth Elites, Olathe, Ozawkie, Salina, Southwinds, Twin Rivers, KC Bass. A quorum being present, the meeting continued.

Minutes of the November 4, 2018 Business meeting were passed out and approved by general consent.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Joel Porter as KBN Treasurer Larry Brumley was absent. The report was approved by general consent.

The meeting entered in general discussion with Joel Porter presiding.

1. Nation Update presented by Joel Porter.
 - a. Membership numbers are about as expected.
 - i. 201 paid adult members ytd not including three clubs joined at this meeting.
 - ii. Final membership including Youth, High School, College, and adult clubs should be in excess of 400 members in 29 different clubs.
 - iii. KBN is one of the larger states in the BASS Nation.
2. Tournament Report presented by Danny Barrett.
 - a. Entry forms for every 2018 KBN tournament were handed out.
 - b. A Shimano rod and reel, and possible other items, will be raffled at each KBN event. Each angler will receive one ticket for participation, others may be purchased.
 - c. Frank Stong tournament was moved to June 9 and to a Saturday to best fit Jon Stewart's schedule. The move to Saturday had also been requested by others.
 - d. BASS has a new Team Series form that will need to be signed. Signing will be handled at the ramp.
 - e. KBN has a PayPal account and all tournaments can be paid via PayPal.
 - i. Entry fees to the 4man must be paid as a 4man team.
 - f. In 2018 non-piercing cull tags must be used in KBN adult events with the following exceptions. They are not required for club level events, Not required at the Frank Stong event. Youth and High School will switch to non-piercing cull tags with the start of their new season in September of 2018.
 - g. In 2018 at all KBN tournaments; there is to be no alcohol consumption until the scales are closed.
 - h. Expect Orleans Trail on Stockton lake to be where the tournament staff stay for the 2018 Qualifier.
 - i. Danny will try and post where the tournament staff is staying for each event.
3. Youth Report presented by Richard Heflin.
 - a. Richard gave out his contact information.
 - b. New for 2018, BASS allows each state to hold a College Qualifier tournament and KBN will hold one on April 8, 2018 at Milford lake.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54am for lunch provided by the KBN.

The meeting was again called to order at 12:25pm.

Youth Report continued.

- c. Due to a conflict the Wilson and Hillsdale dates have just been swapped.

- d. In the last 4 years the High School program has grown by 400%. Projected that 40-50 boats will participate in each event this fall.
 - e. KBN will send three High School and one Youth team to the National Championships.
 - f. A reminder that each member of the KBN State Team must volunteer to help with a Youth or High School event.
 - g. This summer the KBN Youth program will have its first ever boating and fishing Academy. Planned as a two day event, contact Richard to help, do a presentation, etc.
4. Conservation Report presented by Steve French.
- a. Recycling of fishing plastics and line will be emphasized this year. Collection containers will be at the weigh in trailer at all KBN events.
 - b. For 2018 there will be an award for Conservation Club of the Year and also Conservation Angler of the year. Prizes will be \$250 to the club and \$100 gift card to the angler.
 - c. The 2018 Conservation event is the weekend of June 30 at ~~Milford~~ Melvern (on February 28 Steve notified Secretary of correction) lake. KBN will build 90 georgia cubes and possibly set them that weekend also. Steve is working on plans for some sort of tournament and a cookout.
 - d. Reminder that KBN Conservation will provide matching funds for most club level events.
 - e. If your club has a tournament in Kansas please fill out a KDWPT creel census report and submit it to Steve. The information is vital to our state biologists and the KBN Conservation fund receives \$25 for each one we submit. Contact Steve if you need help.
5. Sponsor Report presented by Justin Harris.
- a. Bennett Buick/GMC in Salina will give the KBN \$200 for any car sold to a KBN member or immediate family member. KBN member Chris Scherbring is the General Manager and your contact person.
 - b. Trophy Bass Company will be sponsoring some product give-a-ways. Also expect a KBN member discount code in the near future.
 - c. Mondo Tackle will sponsor the Heavy Boat Award at each day of the Mr. Bass and the Qualifier. Also Mondo Tackle has a discount code for KBN members and provides give-a-ways for the banquet.
 - d. Russell Marine Products will sponsor the big bass award at the Mr. Bass and the Qualifier. In addition all KBN State Team members will receive RMP Right Cull culling bag system.
 - e. Shady Creek Marine will sponsor all the State Team plaques again for 2018.
6. Unfinished Business.
- a. March 1 - 31 the KBN will sell T-shirts online. Members log onto Custom Ink, purchase shirts at \$20 each suing your credit card. If we meet the minimum sold, they are shipped to you after March 31. A link and more information will be provided.
7. New Business.
- a. BASS has a new "Proof of Insurance" form and link.
 - b. By request KBN will begin posting Business meeting minutes to the KBN website.
 - c. Possibility of rearranging the fall and spring meetings and banquet was raised due to fall conflicts.
 - i. Motion by John Boyd and seconded; The E-board is to investigate moving the dates of the fall and spring meetings and the banquet. They are to report back at the fall 2018 meeting with their findings and suggestions. Discussion followed. Motion passed 14 for and 0 opposed.
 - d. Leavenworth Elites reminded Fishing for Freedom is October 5-7 at Truman lake.
 - e. Salina Bass Club selling raffle tickets again this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16pm.

Submitted by Brad VanRiette, KBN Secretary.