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Minutes of the February 29, 2020 Business meeting of the Kansas BASS Nation.

On February 29, 2020 the spring business meeting of the KBN was held at Diamond Archery in Wichita Kansas.

At 10:32am 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: Chisolm Trail, Flint Hills, Hays Bass, Heartland, KC Bass, Kansas Bassmasters, Last Cast, Olathe, Ozawkie, Salina, Twin Rivers, Western Kansas. A quorum being present the meeting continued.

Minutes of the November 16, 2019 business meeting were passed out. Motion to accept by Dennis Hammel, seconded. Passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's report was given by Larry Brumley, handout provided. Motion to accept by Dennis Hammel, seconded. Passed by voice vote.

The meeting entered into general discussion with Joel Porter presiding.

1. Conservation report Steve Hausler.
 - a. The Habitat challenge generated approximately 38 anglers, 10 clubs, and 675 habitats on 6 lakes.
 - b. Repeat in 2020 but by club rather than by angler. As a prize will consider paid tournament entry fees for winning club, paid through the Conservation account.
 - c. We need to concentrate on Creel census reports. For each one that we submit to KDWPT, they give our Conservation fund \$25.
 - i. Submit those done in the first six months by June. Those done in the second six months by December.
 - ii. Send them directly to Steve and he will submit to KDWPT.
2. Nation Update by Joel Porter.
 - a. 36 clubs total so far this year. Includes both adult and youth to date.
 - i. About 370 members to date; normal for this time of year.
 - b. Donation by Manning Electric in 2019 has helped pay off the trailer.
 - c. There were two bylaw amendments submitted for vote, each to be considered separately.
 - i. Motion by Jeff Reed, seconded; We accept Bylaws Suggestion #1 as written. Discussion followed. The motion passed 12 votes for, 0 opposed.
 - ii. Motion by Rick Muhl, seconded. We accept Bylaws Suggestion #2 as written. Discussion followed. The motion passed 12 votes for, 0 opposed.
 - d. New kayak series will be started in 2020 by BASS.

- i. Each state can hold its own State Championship (tentative date 3rd weekend in September). Five can advance to the National championship.
 - 1. All participants will need to be KBN members.
- ii. BASS will also be holding three kayak opens.

11:34am the meeting adjourned for lunch provided by the KBN.

12:14pm the meeting was again called to order.

- 3. Tournament report by Danny Barrett.
 - a. 4-man tournament was discussed. Danny reminded all that the 4-man/Team series is a way to make the Classic.
 - i. Dennis Hammel reported on their trip to Hartwell to fish the Team National Championship.
 - ii. If we get to 40 boats we can send two 2-man teams to the National Championship.
 - iii. In 2020 there will be a third 4-man tournament for fun. It will not provide points for the Team series; only the first two 4-man/Team series tournaments will provide points to determine the Team series champions.
 - iv. We need to work on getting creel census cards turned in. All cards will be put into a drawing and the card selected gets to determine the location of the third 4-man.
 - b. For 2020 boaters and non-boaters will be paired by drawing for the Mr. Bass and Qualifier tournaments.
 - c. We will be inviting kayakers to the Stong scholarship tournament this year. They will have their own division.
 - d. KBN uses BASS Nation rules. They can be found on our website and at Bassmaster.com.
 - i. Cell phone used issues were raised last year. Use courtesy, tell the other angler in the boat when you plan to use your phone.
 - e. Starting order for tournaments is determined by the date the entry was received. Starting order is reversed for the second day.
- 4. Youth report by Travis Burch.
 - a. Currently there are six sponsors: Wholesale Batteries, DW Creative, Balzout, Bustin Lips baits, Kast King Rods and Reels, K-guard Leaf and Guttering.
 - b. Tournament registration 72 hours in advance and drawing 48 hours in advance. Will be moving towards both going live on YouTube.
 - c. Projecting 49 High School and 26 Youth boats at the next event.
 - i. May be able to qualify two teams this year to the National Championship.
 - d. Has 6-7 new High School leads. Most High Schools want Community clubs not high school sponsored clubs.
 - e. We need to continue to try and bridge High schoolers to the adult KBN.

5. Sponsors report by Joel Porter.
 - a. The Alliance contract, T+H Marine, Power Pole, B+W hitches, Minnkota, Humminbird, Lorange, TNT fireworks.
 - b. Local; Fatty D's (Dell Metlin Jr) will provide \$25 gift certificate for each day's Fat Bass (big bass), plus product at the banquet. Total of \$500.
 - c. Mike and Joel will work on a way to get limited sponsor information on the website so members know what is available.
6. Unfinished Business by Joel Porter.
 - a. After discussion it was decided that the fall business meeting and banquet will be November 7th.
 - i. Mike Turner will check on the Topeka area.
 - b. Due to essentially no input from clubs or members the Eboard will continue to determine the Sponsor and Person of the year.
 - c. The new trailer will have property taxes that need paid. Joel is investigating trailer insurance.
 - d. The website needs more content, members or clubs should submit articles etc to Joel.
 - i. Mike Turner will work on creating secure area where members can see what sponsor programs we have.
 - e. The Club of the Year will again receive a trolling motor.
7. New Business by Joel Porter.
 - a. Joel introduced KBN member Brande Branine who is the Retail Manager at the Greenwich Academy Sports. As a BASS Nation sponsor Academy Sports is reaching out to the KBN, and will host a tournament with KBN support.
 - i. Date TBD.
 - ii. As Academy Sports is a BASS Nation sponsor probably all participants will need to be KBN members.
 - iii. Three divisions; Adult, Youth, Kayak. Probably each on it's own lake.
 - iv. Teams/anglers will weigh in at the lake with no weight announced at the lake. Teams/anglers will then go immediately to Academy Sports where the results of each division will be announced.
 1. Academy gift cards will be given as prizes.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:39pm.

Submitted by Brad VanRietten, KBN Secretary.