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Minutes of the November 4, 2018 Business meeting of the Kansas BASS Nation.

On November 4, 2018 the fall business meeting of the KBN was held at the Courtyard Marriott in Salina, Kansas.

At 10:38 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; Chisolm Trail, Flint Hills, Hays Bass, Heartland, Kansas Bassmasters, KC Bass, Last Cast, Oswakie, South Winds, Twin Rivers, Salina. A quorum being present, the meeting continued.

Minutes of the February 24, 2018 Business meeting were passed out and approved by general consent.

Election of officers was held. Steve French explained that he was removing his name for consideration as candidate for Conservation Director. This left Steve Hausler as the only candidate for Conservation Director. All other offices were running unopposed.

Motion by John Boyd and seconded; That we elect all candidates on the ballot to their respective positions. Motion passed 11 for, 0 opposed.

Treasurers report was given by Larry Brumley, handout provided. Due to filing boat raffle information late with the IRS the KBN was fined \$2035.63. This has been paid and a protest filed, expect response in 60 days.

Motion by Chris Brimager and seconded; That the report be accepted. Motion passed 11 for, 0 opposed.

The meeting entered into general discussion with Joel Porter presiding.

1. Conservation report presented by Steve French.
 - a. Conservation tournament had poor turn out probably due to being rescheduled. 63 georgia cubes were assembled. AFTCO sent several nice prizes. Plans are to have another tournament in 2019.
 - b. Conservation club of the year and person of the year will be announced at the banquet.
 - c. Pitch-it and Friends of the Reservoirs grants were applied for. We did not receive either.
2. Youth report presented by Richard Heflin.
 - a. Membership in High Schools is stable, youth numbers are down. More High Schools are forming clubs. About 400% growth in the last four years.
 - b. In 2018 high school had as many as 44 boats at tournaments. Did have to cancel one event due to weather.
 - c. New to BASS, the youth will now be included to some extent in the High School Opens. Some Opens have had as many as 400 boats, BASS will be looking to limit to around 250.
 - d. Richard has notified the Eboard and now the Reps. he will not seek re-election in 2019.
 - e. Richard asked that n email be sent to all members asking for volunteers to be put on a "help list". This will also be posted in the Facebook Members Area.

- i. Richard, Joel, and Mike Turner will work on this.
- f. A KBN College championship will be held again in 2019, probably in the spring.
- g. Richard was asked how to form a high school club. All paperwork is on Bassmasters website. Aslo Richard can help.
 - i. Two kids from the same high school if high school agrees.
 - ii. Two kids from the same high school, if high school denies them verval denial must be verified through BASS.
 - iii. Six kids from different high schools can form a at-large club, or individually join an existing at-large club.
- h. More Colleges are now offering scholarships.
- 3. Nation update presented by Joel Porter.
 - a. With recent developments in bass fishing the new owner of BASS has sent out a letter. He will also meet with state presidents at national meetings.
 - b. KBN membership remain stable.

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

The meeting was again called to order at 12:40 pm.

- 4. Tournament report presented by Danny Barrett.
 - a. Frank Stong participation was down, probably due to conflict with other tournaments. John Ingold presented a \$100 donation from Twin Rivers. With the passing of KBN member Les Branine his family suggested donations and \$175 was donated. 2019 is scheduled for June 6 at Big Hill anticipate using Timber Hill ramp.
 - b. Qualifier had 42 teams down form 46. Danny had negotiated with Orleans Trail for discounts which they did not honor, raised the tournament costs some.
 - c. 4man/Team series participation numbers were same as 2017, expenses were down resulting in \$1002 surplus. The Tam series points winners will receive \$675 to use towards attending the National championship.
 - d. 2019 Qualifier format was discussed. Danny Barrett presented a Mr. Bass format change. Brad VanRiette presented a Qualifier format proposal. Joel Porter reminded that the existing Qualifier format could also be considered.
 - i. Motion by Brad VanRiette and seconded; That the Mr. Bass format (copy attached to minutes) change proposed by Danny Barrett be accepted. Discussion ensued, motion failed 1 for, 7 opposed.
 - ii. Motion by Mike Turner and seconded; That the Qualifier/Mr. Bass format (copy attached to minutes) proposed by Brad VanRiette be accepted. Discussion endued,
 - 1. Motion by Joel Porter and seconded; To amend Brad VanRiette's proposal so that one boater and one non-boater would make the State Team from the Mr. Bass tournament. Discussion ensued, motion failed 3 for, 8 opposed.
 - 2. Discussion continued on Brad's Qualifier/Mr. Bass format, motion passed 6 for, 4 opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm for a 15 minute break.

The meeting was again called to order at 2:09 pm.

- iii. Motion by Dell Metlin Jr. and seconded; That Danny and the Tournament Committee set the Qualifier/Mr. Bass dates and locations, within the approved format guidelines. Discussion ensued, passed 11 for, 0 opposed.
 - e. Discussion about whether High School clubs could send teams to Mr. Bass. It was decided by general consent that the Tournament Committee should consider this and present an opinion at the spring business meeting.
 - f. Motion by Brad VanRiette and seconded; That since Danny Barrett has admitted to paying for tournament expenses out of pocket and that since at least two other members present could verify this was true, the KBN should write a \$250 check to Danny Barrett from the \$1002 4man/team series surplus. Passed 11 for, 0 opposed.
- 5. Sponsors report was given by Justin Harris and Joel Porter.
 - a. Bennett Auto gives KBN \$300 for each member who purchases a car there, and also \$200 if a KBN makes a referral that results in a sale.
 - b. Bob's Machine wants to provide discounts to State Team, also some product for banquet.
 - c. Rayjus wants to provide us with jerseys, Joel is checking on this.
 - d. Russell Marine Products gave 20 cull-bag systems.
 - e. Mondo Tackle provided give-a-ways for the Qualifier.
 - f. Shady Creek buys all the KBN State Team plaques.
 - g. Solar Bat has discounts available.
 - h. Shimano gives 50% discount on 6 rod and reels.
 - i. HUK gives 50% discount, Joel will send in an order Nov. 12.
 - j. Steve Dodig donates a jewelry item for the banquet each year.
 - k. The Eboard has set an approximate \$750 sponsorship/donation value to have sponsors name placed on the State Team jerseys.
- 6. Unfinished Business.
 - a. Awards banquet will be January 12 at Prairie Band Casino, 5 -10 pm. Cost will be \$15 per person.
 - b. Dates for the spring meeting were discussed with March 16 picked. First choice for a site was Russell.
 - c. Club of the year and Person of the year need to be submitted to Joel by December 1. Think in terms of a power point type submission.
 - d. Two \$750 scholarships will be awarded from the seven entries. Richard Heflin will form a selection committee of people he knows to be neutral.
- 7. New Business.
 - a. Clubs need to nominate to Joel candidates for Sponsor of the year.
 - b. Tournament trailer needs were discussed.
 - i. Painting the old vs buying new was discussed.
 - ii. Richard and Danny feel that it would be better if the Youth had their own trailer.
 - iii. Motion by Richard Heflin and seconded; that the KBN begin looking for a new trailer and that the Youth would buy the old trailer. Discussion ensued, motion passed 10 for, 0 opposed.
 - iv. Joel will check with other states to see what they may have used.

- c. Mike Turner will work on Paypal updates on the website.
- d. New Social media Director Dell Metlin Jr asked for ideas, what was wanted and/or needed. Many suggestions were offered.
- e. The 2019 KBN tournament schedule was announced. ***(Secretary note: since the meeting dates and lakes have changed. Please contact Danny Barrett for updated list.)***
 - i. April 27-28 4man/team series at Perry.
 - ii. June 8 Frank Stong scholarship at Big Hill.
 - iii. June 29-30 4man/team series at Wilson.
 - iv. August 24-25 Qualifier #1 at Truman.
 - v. September 28-29 Mr. Bass at Milford.
 - vi. October 13-14 Qualifier #2 at Wilson.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:53 pm.

Submitted by Brad VanRiette, KBN Secretary.