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Minutes of the November 20, 2021 business meeting of the Kansas BASS Nation.

On November 20, 2021 the fall business meeting of the KBN was held at Prairie Band Casino, Mayetta Kansas.

At 10:36am the meeting was called to order by KBN President Richard Heflin; Brad VanRiette was the recording Secretary. A roll call was taken and the following clubs were represented: 316 Elite, BBB, Bobcat Bass, Flint Hills, Hays Bass, Kansas at Large, KC Bass, Last Cast, Leavenworth Elites, Salina, Sand Hills, Western Kansas. A quorum being present, the meeting continued.

**Minutes** from the February 27, 2021 business meeting were approved by general consent.

1. **Treasurer's Report** by Rick Muhl with handout approved by voice vote.
  - a. Landmark Bank will do the bulk of KBN business going forward.
  - b. Richard Heflin will close out the Sunflower Youth account and transfer to Landmark.
  - c. Existing Sunflower General account will be converted to the Kayak account. The Tournament and Conservation accounts will remain with Sunflower for 2022. Dell will be added to the Conservation account.
  - d. The CDs were discussed. Motion by Raymond Hillebrand and seconded; to move the CDs to the Landmark general account and then into a separate account. Passed 13 for 0 opposed.
  - e. Rick will move trailer tag/taxes contact information to his address.
    - i. Cost of approximately \$320 this year.
  - f. The scholarship account will be adjusted to reflect a \$5000 balance.

The meeting entered general discussion with Richard Heflin presiding.

2. **Sponsors Report** by Danny Barrett.
  - a. Not much information from BASS. Yamaha/Skeeter only Reps at national meeting and are on board for 2022. Carhart is leaving bass fishing.
  - b. Local sponsor possibilities with enhanced social presence were discussed. It was suggested that a Special Committee be formed for increasing sponsors social presence. Travis Burch, Jayce Newell, Jon Morse, Danny Barrett, Mike Turner, Chad Schmidt.
    - i. Academy and Garmin have reached out to Travis. Garmin will be at the banquet tonight and is working on State Team discounts.
    - ii. Boat Works in Springfield MO is interested in wrapping the KBN tournament trailer.
    - iii. Wholesale Batteries is involved with the Youth program, we need to approach them for the adult programs.
    - iv. Bass Team Tackle is interested in providing discount codes and products.
    - v. Fatty D's and Temptation Tackle are interested.
    - vi. Remember to tag KBN Facebook.

3. **Election of officers.** All nominees were running unopposed. Motion by Jeff Nolte and seconded to elect the nominees as a group. Passed 13 for 0 opposed.
  - a. Mike Turner Vice-President, Brad VanRiette Secretary, Travis Burch Youth Director, Chad Schmidt Sponsor Director.
4. **Youth Report** by Travis Burch.
  - a. High school continues to grow, Three team trails; had 76 boats at Perry, 73 at Melvern, 41 at Pomme, 39 at Stockton. Middle school is flat.
  - b. Youtube made about \$400 last year.
  - c. No Kansas College growth; nationwide growth is flat. Probably covid.
  - d. Due to growth of the Youth program Travis is seeking help with determining the future direction, possibly it's own board.

At 11:38am the meeting adjourned and was scheduled to reconvene at 12:10pm

At 12:11pm the meeting reconvened.

5. **Conservation Report** was given by Dell Metlin Jr.
  - a. Three grant applications were submitted, one is still pending.
  - b. Dell will check on the Creel Census status.
  - c. Plans need to be made for someone from the KBN to be at the national BASS Conservation meeting, hopefully Dell.
  - d. AFTCO 50%% discount cards were handed out.
  - e. KBN has matching money for conservation projects. BASS is always interested in articles for publication.
6. **Kayak Report** by Jon Morse.
  - a. 2021 was our first year generating about 20 members. A KBN Championship was held.
  - b. More events for 2022, hoping for 60-70 kayaks. Will be using Tourney X.
7. **Tournament Report** by Danny Barrett. Handout provided.
  - a. Discussion concerning Danny donating some of his expenses. General consensus is that he should be reimbursed. Motion by Travis Burch and seconded, Danny should be reimbursed \$350 from the tournament account. Passed 13 for 0 opposed.
  - b. If we get to 40 teams in the Team series we can send 2 teams to the National championship.
  - c. The Stong tournament had 22 boats with another 8-12 donated entries.
  - d. We need a laptop upgrade to run the weigh in system.
    - i. In response to concerns, there is always a paper trail in addition to electronic results.
  - e. The Tournament Committee will review and work on the rules this winter.
  - f. Lake Hartwell SC will host the Team series championship.

At 1:15pm the meeting was adjourned for a break.

At 1:25pm the meeting reconvened.

- g. The three Qualifier Format proposals, as well as the existing format, were read as written followed by open discussion.
  - i. Motion from Dennis Hamel and seconded that we use the existing Qualifier format for 2022.

1. Motion to amend by Jeff Nolte and seconded that in regards to the Mr. Bass clubs can only send members who were in their club the previous year. Passed 9 for 1 opposed.
- ii. Vote on Main motion as amended passed 9 for 4 opposed.
- iii. Motion by Travis Burch and seconded, that the Kayak club can send anglers to the Mt Bass. They must fish from bass boats, not kayaks. Passed 12 for 0 opposed.
- iv. Motion by Mike Sanders and seconded to rescind the previous passed motion to use D. the existing Qualifier format in 2022. Defeated 4 for 8 opposed.
- v. Tentative Tournament 2022 schedule.
  1. March 26-27, 4man Team series at Table Rock.
  2. April 9-10, Mr Bass at Melvern.
  3. May 14-15, 4man Team series at Norton.
  4. June 25-26, Qualifier #1 at LOZ Warsaw.
  5. September 17-18, 4man Team series at Melvern.
  6. September 24, Stong scholarship at Big Hill.
  7. October 15-16, Qualifier #2 at Wilson.

#### **8. Unfinished business.**

- a. Spring meeting was tentatively set for February 26, 2022. Clubs interested in hosting should contact Richard.
- b. Scholarship special committee to determine this years recipients was formed. Volunteers were Travis Burch, Jeff Nolte, Dennis Hamel, Raymond Hillebrand.
  - i. Motion by Travis Burch and seconded to discuss at the Spring meeting amending the scholarship requirements to include out of state schools. Passed by voice vote.
- c. No club of the year, sponsor of the year, or man of the year.
- d. Motion by Danny Barrett and seconded that we form a special committee to create a KBN Hall Of Fame. Passed by voice vote.
  - i. Volunteers were Danny Barrett, Jeff Nolte, Dell Metlin Jr., Dennis Hammel.
- e. Brad VanRiette continues to work an KBN Book, an outline of each Eboard members contacts, our contracts, etc.
- f. It was mentioned that we should consider having a charity event.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:53pm.

Submitted by Brad VanRiette, KBN Secretary.