

Kansas BASS Nation

K.B.N. 2022 Spring Executive Board Meeting
February 26, 2022

1. 8:00 AM, Call To Order
2. Roll Call:
 - President:
 - Vice-President: Mike Turner
 - Secretary: Brad VanRiette
 - Treasurer: Rick Muhl
 - Tournament Director: Danny Barrett
 - Conservation Director: Dell Mettlen Jr.
 - Sponsor Director: Chad Schmidt
 - Youth Director: Travis Burch
 - Social Media Director: Jayce Newell
3. President Situation
4. Secretary Report:
 - a. Minutes
5. Treasurer Report:
 - a. Current financial status
 - b. Receipts
6. Sponsor Director:
7. Youth Program:
8. Conservation Program:
9. Tournament Programs:
10. Unfinished Board Business:
 - a. Meeting Dates
 - b. Banquet
11. New Board Business:
12. Adjournment: Projected Time 10 AM

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K.B.N. 2022 Spring Business Meeting Agenda February 26, 2022

1. 10:30 AM, Call To Order
2. Roll Call:
3. President Situation:
4. Bylaw proposals:
5. Secretary Report:
6. Treasurer Report:
 - a. Financial Situation
7. Lunch Order:
8. Youth Program:
9. Conservation Program:

30 Minute break for folks to grab lunch at Noon

10. Tournament Programs:
11. Sponsors:
12. Unfinished Board Business:
 - a. Scholarship Changes
 - b. KBN HOF
 - c. Meeting Dates
 - d. Banquet
13. New Board Business:
14. Adjournment: Projected Time 4 PM

Spring 2022 KBN Business meeting; 19 active adult clubs with 2 pending.
20% of the clubs required for a quorum; therefore 5 clubs required for a quorum.

Club Name	Voting Representative (please print)
316 Elite Bass	_____
BBB	_____
Bobcat Bass	_____
*Boothill Bass Club	_____
East Kansas Bassmasters	_____
EIDorado Bassmasters	_____
Flint Hills Bass Assoc Inc	_____
Hays Bass Anglers Assoc	_____
Heartland Bass Club	_____
K.C. BASS	_____
Kansas Bassmasters	_____
Last Cast Bassmasters	_____
Leavenworth Elites	_____
Olathe Bass Club	_____
Ozawkie Bassmasters	_____
Salina Bassmasters	_____
Sandhills Bassmasters	_____
Southwinds Bass Club	_____
Twin Rivers Bass Club	_____
*Western Kansas Bassmasters	_____

*Pending clubs.

KANSAS B.A.S.S. NATION INC. BY-LAWS

Amended and effective February 27, 2021

ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE and AFFILIATION

Section 1

Name: This organization shall be called: Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation, Inc. herein referred to as the “Nation”.

Section 2

Purpose: To stimulate awareness of bass fishing as a major sport. To offer our State Conservation Department our organized moral and political support and encouragement. To promote full adherence to all conservation codes, to demand adequate water quality standards and legal enforcement of existing regulatory standards. To detect and report any polluter and to call public and political attention to this crime. To improve our skills as bass anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of bass catching techniques and ideas, to promote and encourage youth fishing and a love for this great recreation. To promote sportsmanship, courtesy and boating safety at all levels.

Section 3

Affiliation: The Nation shall be composed of Kansas affiliated Clubs in good standing with the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP and DUES

Section 1

Membership: Membership in the Nation is open to organized Kansas affiliated Clubs whose membership in B.A.S.S. is one hundred percent (100%). Member Clubs shall maintain a minimum roster of six (6) members. The Nation reserves the right to limit membership and/or reject any Club’s membership if, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, the Club’s membership is not in the best interest of the Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation. All Clubs shall have approval of the B.A.S.S. Nation.

Section 2

Dues: Funds for the support and maintenance of the Nation will be derived from annual dues and from special projects to be sponsored by the Nation. Club member’s dues shall be paid to the Nation’s Treasurer no later than January 1st of each calendar year. Failure to pay dues in a timely manner may result in the entire Club losing its eligibility to participate in all Nation sponsored events for that year. Club members joining an affiliated Club after January 1st will be required to pay annual membership fees immediately upon acceptance by their Club. The Nation Representatives, at the Fall Nation Business Meeting, will establish the annual dues. The circumstances contributing to a Club’s late dues payment will be reviewed and evaluated for acceptance by the Nation’s Officers and Club representatives, in good standing, at the Nation’s next semi-annual meeting. When submitting dues, clubs must also submit an updated club member roster, and current club President and Secretary with valid address, phone, and email. KBN dues will not be processed without this information.

ARTICLE III. REPRESENTATIVES and OFFICERS

Section 1

Representatives: Each Club shall annually elect/appoint, prior to the Spring Business Meeting, a member in good standing to serve as their Nation Representative. This must be a member in good standing. The Representative can represent one Club only. Each Club shall provide the name, address, phone number(s) and e-mail address of their Representative to the Nation President.

Representative Duties: The Club Representative shall represent his/her Club at all State Nation meetings. They shall report the minutes of the Nation Business Meetings to their Club membership.

Officer' s Duties: Officers of the Nation shall have general powers of administration of the offices of the Nation as identified under Article III, Section 6, Officer Duties, and shall be elected as specified in Article III, Section 7, Election of Officers.

Section 2

Attendance: Representatives from each Club shall attend scheduled Nation Business Meetings. In the event that a Representative cannot attend a scheduled meeting, the Club shall appoint an alternate Representative to attend the meeting.

Section 3

Voting Rights: The Representative or his/her alternate is the sole representative of his/her Club and thus is the only person eligible to cast his/her vote at a regular, special, or emergency meeting of the Nation. Each Club is entitled to one vote. Representatives must cast their vote in person. No proxy votes are permitted.

Section 4

Quorum: Twenty percent of the members of the Club Representatives shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If at any meeting of the Club Representatives there are less than a quorum present, said meeting shall be adjourned and rescheduled.

Section 5

Officers: The officers of the Nation shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, Youth Director, Conservation Director, Media Director, Sponsor Director, and President Emeritus (Honorary). The Executive Committee will be composed of the nine elected officers. A Webmaster will be appointed by and serve as directed by the President to fulfill the website needs of the Nation.

Section 6

Officer Duties:

President: The President shall preside over the affairs of the Nation. He shall: Prepare an agenda and preside over all scheduled, special, and emergency meetings; direct all official business; supervise all Nation activities; be an ex officio member of all standing and special committees; be the official representative of the

Nation in relationship to the organization; delegate such duties as may be appropriate to better serve the Nation; and maintain liaison with the B.A.S.S. Nation and B.A.S.S.

Vice President: In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall: have all the powers and be subject to all the duties of the President so long as such absence or disability of the President continues; assist the President upon request, preside in the absence of the President; assume the office of the President if vacated, until a successor can be elected as per Article III, Section 9. The Vice President shall preside over the By-Laws Committee. The Vice President shall act as parliamentarian (one skilled in parliamentary procedures). In addition, the Vice President shall oversee the fundraising events of the Nation and solicitations pertaining to the K.B.N. charitable organizations.

Secretary: The Secretary shall: record accurate minutes of all meetings; assist with maintaining a roster of State Nation members, and transmit those rosters to the B.A.S.S. Nation office when necessary, and assists with notifications to Representatives and Officers of board meeting dates.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall: receive and distribute all monies upon approval of the board; receive updated rosters with dues from affiliated Clubs and forward copies of the updated rosters to the President, Secretary and BASS Nation if necessary; maintain accurate financial records and present current balance at each regular board meeting or upon request of the Club Representatives.

Tournament Director: The Tournament Director shall: chair the Tournament Committee; organize and operate, determine eligibility, collect entry fees, set an awards list, and solicit prizes; rule with final authority on the proper conduct, procedures, qualifications, and other matters relating to the orderly conduct of all tournaments scheduled with the Nation. In addition, he must work in conjunction with the Vice President concerning all charitable and fundraising events. The Tournament Committee shall determine the specific dates, times and locations of all tournaments. It will be the primary duty of the Tournament Director to conduct his/her affairs so that only honor, integrity, sportsmanship and the highest ideals of fair play will accrue to it, and thus to the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, and the Nation.

Youth Director: The Youth Director shall: chair the Youth Activities Committee; to promote, encourage and help member Clubs organize youth related activities. In addition, the Youth Director shall organize and operate, determine eligibility, collect entry fees, set an awards list, and solicit prizes; rule with final authority on the proper conduct, procedures, qualifications, and other matters relating to the orderly conduct of all youth tournaments scheduled with the Nation. The Youth Director shall help implement programs/activities which will introduce young fishermen to the goals of B.A.S.S. and give them a basic respect of our natural heritage, and appreciation of the basic rules of honesty, integrity, fair play, and good sportsmanship; and give them an introduction to the sheer joy of bass fishing.

Conservation Director: The Conservation Director shall: chair the Conservation Committee, keep the Committee and member Clubs informed, and lead efforts to protect our natural environment from harmful change, to document and report to the proper authorities violations of local, state, and federal antipollution laws, statutes, regulations, ordinances or other regulation devices; to take political action to improve our environment; to undertake informational and educational, and above all, a leadership role in repairing the harm that already has been done to the life giving waters of Kansas. In addition, the Conservation Director shall work closely with the B.A.S.S. Nation to help fulfill this mission.

Media Director: The Media Director shall: chair the Media committee, assist directors with media support when needed. Work on keeping the Nation media presence updated.

Sponsor Director: The Sponsor Director shall: Work directly with the membership on sponsor relationships for the Nation.

President Emeritus (Honorary): Aid in the effective transfer of officer's duties from President Emeritus to President Elect. This is not a voting position of the Executive Committee.

Section 7

Officer/Representative responsibility: In order to maintain integrity and to enhance continuity among officers (and activities) of the Nation, all Executive Officers and/or Representatives shall notify the President in advance of any activities which would involve or be representative of the Nation. Implementation of said activities must be approved by the President. Following the request, a detailed written request must follow within three (3) days. This is not withstanding to normal duties.

Election of Officers: Officers shall be elected, by the Representatives, at the Nation's Fall Business Meeting. The term of office will be two years, with officers serving from January 1st to December 31st of their respective terms, providing that the current officer is in compliance with all the rules. Election of the following Officers will be held during the even numbered calendar years: President, Treasurer, Tournament Director, Conservation Director, and Media Director. Election of the following Officers will be held during the odd numbered calendar years: Vice-President, Secretary, Youth Director, and Sponsor Director. No person shall hold more than one office at a time.

Nomination of Officers: Nominations for Nation officers shall be received by the President either in writing or by the use of e-mail, including the nominees name, e-mail address, club affiliation and phone number, beginning August 1st, but no later than August 31st of the election year. Nominees will be contacted to verify that they will accept the nomination. A list of the candidates will be sent to each club's President for discussion at their Club meetings. Nominations will only be valid if submitted by members in good standing. Nominations will not be accepted from a member who submits a nomination on his/her own behalf.

Officer Eligibility: Candidates must meet all membership requirements of their Club and the Nation.

Section 8

Removal from Office: By majority vote of the Representatives, any officer may be removed from office for any action that would reflect dishonor and/or disgrace to the Nation.

Section 9

Vacancy of Office: In case of any vacancy of an office through death, resignation, disqualification or other cause, the remaining officers, by majority vote, may elect an eligible successor to hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of that officer.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 1

Scheduled Meetings: A meeting agenda shall be planned in advance of all scheduled meetings by the Officer presiding over the meeting. The Executive Committee will meet on a quarterly basis. The Club

Representatives will meet semi-annually.

Section 2

Special Meetings: Officers may call special meetings, from time to time, for Nation purposes. Representatives and officers are required to attend and shall be given prior notice in writing, ten (10) days before the special meeting.

Section 3

Annual Meetings: Bi-Annual Nation Business Meetings will be held in the Spring and Fall of each year. The Nation President will determine the date, time, and location of these meetings. Under extenuating circumstances, the Spring and Fall Business Meetings may be combined into one meeting, or deferred to another date within the calendar year.

Section 4

Emergency Meetings: An Emergency meeting shall constitute a true emergency. Every effort will be made to notify all Officers and Representatives of said meeting, place, and time to afford all Officers and Representatives an opportunity to attend. As much notice as possible will be given. The only Nation business that may be transacted at an Emergency meeting shall relate to the specific reason the meeting was called.

Section 5

Rules of Order: All meetings shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order as parliamentary procedure. All KBN meetings may be conducted by teleconference, videoconference, or other electronic means (hereafter referred to as "virtual meetings") provided reasonable measures have been taken to notify all KBN clubs in good standing and/or the involved Committee members. All virtual meetings must provide means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in a virtual meeting shall constitute presence in person at such a meeting.

Section 6

Conduct: Due to the visibility and scrutiny of any organization, it is imperative that each member conduct themselves in a disciplined, orderly and respectable manner at all Nation sponsored events. Failure to comply with Article IV, Section 6, will be grounds for immediate removal of the person in violation from the meeting. In addition, such activity may be grounds to prohibit the person from future meetings.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1

Composition: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, Youth Director, Conservation Director, Media Director, and Sponsor Director.

Section 2

Duties: The Executive Committee shall have all the authority and powers of the Club Representatives in the

management of the business and affairs of the Nation in the interim between regular and special meetings of the Club Representatives.

Section 3

Actions of the Committee: Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called and chaired by the President of the Nation or by the Vice President in the President's absence or inability to act. Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of not fewer than four members voting shall be necessary for a valid action. All actions of the executive Committee shall be reported to the Club Representatives at the next regular scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES of the NATION

Section 1

Standing Committees: The following will be considered permanent standing committees unless changed by amendment: By-laws Committee, Environmental Committee, Executive Committee, Tournament Committee, and Youth Committee. Standing Committees shall be approved by the President, and shall contain no less than five and no more than nine members of the Nation.

Section 2

Special Committees: Special Committees may be formed by Officers, but only for closely defined purposes, and in no case may the tenure of a Special Committee exceed two years from the date of appointment. Special Committees may not supersede or otherwise infringe upon the duties and responsibilities of Standing Committees.

Section 3

By-laws Committee: The By-laws Committee shall consist of the Nation Vice President and no less than five (5) and no more than nine (9) members of the Nation per Article VI, Section 1, Standing Committees. The Committee shall make an annual review of the Nation's By-laws and, as deemed necessary, recommend appropriate changes. These changes, along with those received from Nation members, shall be presented to each Club's President thirty (30) days prior to the first regularly scheduled meeting per Article VIII, paragraph B.

Section 4

Tournament Committee: The Tournament Committee shall be chaired by the Tournament Director. The Committee shall make an annual, and more often if necessary, review of the tournament procedures for all tournaments scheduled with the Nation. Changes will be made as deemed necessary, subject to Article VII.

ARTICLE VII. TOURNAMENTS

Section 1

State Championship Tournaments: At the Fall Business Meeting, of each year, the club Representatives shall decide, by majority vote, the general format as described in Article VII, Section 2, for the tournament, or tournaments, used to determine the members of the Kansas State Team. All suggested changes to the current

format must be submitted in writing to the KBN President 30 days prior to this meeting. The general format approved will be placed in effect for the next calendar year, and once approved may only be changed by two-thirds vote of the Tournament Committee or Executive Committee, and only for the following reasons:

- (1) An insufficient number of tournament staff to conduct the tournament(s).
- (2) Safety issues. Instances where conducting the tournament(s) would place the Nation in violation of local, state, or federal law.
- (3) Conflicts with other tournaments or events that would be detrimental to the best interests of the Nation.

Section 2

State Championship Tournament Formats: The following general format items refer directly to Article VII, Section 1.

- (1) Approximate date (spring, fall, a particular month, etc.).
- (2) Approximate location (in state, out-of-state, east, west, etc.).
- (3) Number of tournaments.
- (4) Entry fees and side pots.
- (5) Any other item as deemed necessary by the Tournament Director.

Section 3

The Tournament Committee shall have sole responsibility to finalize the specific operating format(s) and the specific date(s), time(s), and location(s) of the State Championship Tournament(s). The Tournament Committee shall provide notification to the Nation's Club Presidents of the finalized format. The Nation shall recognize and reserve the following weekends annually as potential qualifier dates:

- 4th weekend of April.
- 4th weekend of June.
- 3rd weekend of September.
- 3rd weekend of October.

These weekends shall be held steadfastly each year, with one or more used, depending upon the format approved by the club representatives pursuant to Article VII, Section I.

Section 4

Other Tournaments: The Nation may schedule other tournaments. The Tournament Director shall decide the format of these other tournaments. If deemed necessary, changes to the format of these other tournaments may be made by majority vote of the Tournament Committee.

ARTICLE VIII. GENERAL RULES of OPERATION

A. All Nation functions, excluding other tournaments in accordance with Article VII, Section 2, must be approved by the Representatives.

B. At the first regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year, the By-laws may be changed or amended by two-thirds vote of the Club Representatives present, provided that the proposed changes have been presented to the active Club Presidents thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. In addition, any proposed By-laws amendment received by an Officer must be submitted at the next Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee may then refer the proposed amendment to the Vice President as an agenda item at the next By-laws Committee

meeting; or by majority vote, call either a Special or Emergency meeting of the Club Representatives. If, by two-thirds vote, the Club Representatives vote to enact the proposed amendment, it shall be in effect until the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year, where a two-thirds vote of the Club Representatives shall be necessary to make the proposed amendment permanent. Unless otherwise stated, changes and amendments to these By-laws will be in effect upon passage.

C. Under no circumstances shall the Nation accept monetary assistance from individuals, businesses, corporations, or governmental agencies if there is prima facie evidence that the goals of these entities are contrary to the primary goals of the Nation.

D. The Secretary shall provide updated By-laws upon request by Officers, Representatives, or Presidents of Nation Clubs. Amendments will be added to the By-laws and forwarded to Clubs as they occur.

E. The President of the Nation shall be a member of the B.A.S.S. Nation Advisory Board, which shall meet upon the call of the B.A.S.S. Nation Director, for the purpose of furthering the goals of the various B.A.S.S. Nations.

F. By-laws and Standing Rules may be amended from time to time. Amendments to these By-laws, approved by the Representatives in accordance with Article VIII, B, will be sent to the BASS Anglers Sportsman Society for their review and approval.

G. Final authority for the interpretation of these By-laws and Standing Rules shall rest with the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society.

H. Any intentional undertaking to discredit, overthrow, or defame the Nation by any member(s) will be grounds for disaffiliation, which also may include civil litigation and prosecution. This to include the unauthorized use or misuse of sponsorship contracts or agreements between affiliated sponsors and the Nation.

I. Capital expenditures in excess of \$1000.00 are to be approved by majority vote of the Club Representatives present at the next regularly scheduled meeting. In an emergency situation, authorization may be obtained by a majority of the Executive Committee.

J. The Youth Director, Tournament Director, President and Conservation Director will give a financial report to the membership at scheduled Nation meetings. This financial report will list all monies received and dispersed in a category. A proposed budget will be submitted to the membership for each year by the above listed Directors at the first scheduled Nation meeting. Each expense submitted for payment or reimbursement must be supported by a receipt or invoice. General accepted accounting principles will apply.

ARTICLE IX. CLUB REQUIREMENTS

Section 1

Good Standing Interpretation:

Membership with B.A.S.S.

Membership with affiliated Kansas Club.

Membership with the Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation.

Membership with the B.A.S.S. Nation. Adherence to Club and Nation By-laws.

Make an earnest attempt to participate in Club and Nation activities as possible.

Exhibit true sportsmanship at all times.

Produced on April 4, 2021 by:

Brad VanRiette, KBN Secretary

Amended dates

February 25, 2017

February 29, 2020

February 27, 2021

Proposal #1: To create a Kansas BASS Nation Kayak Director.

A. Proposed change to Article III, Section 5.

Officers: The officers of the Nation shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, **Kayak Director**, Youth Director, Conservation Director, Media Director, Sponsor Director, and President Emeritus (Honorary). The Executive Committee will be composed of the **ten** elected officers. A Webmaster will be appointed by and serve as directed by the President to fulfill the website needs of the Nation.

B. Proposed change to Article III, Section 6 by adding the following.

Kayak Director: The **Kayak** Director shall: chair the **Kayak** Committee; organize and operate, determine eligibility, collect entry fees, set an awards list, and solicit prizes; rule with final authority on the proper conduct, procedures, qualifications, and other matters relating to the orderly conduct of all **Kayak** tournaments scheduled with the Nation. In addition, he must work in conjunction with the Vice President concerning all charitable and fundraising events. The **Kayak** Committee shall determine the specific dates, times and locations of all **Kayak** tournaments. It will be the primary duty of the **Kayak** Director to conduct his/her affairs so that only honor, integrity, sportsmanship and the highest ideals of fair play will accrue to it, and thus to the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, and the Nation.

C. Proposed change to Article III, Section 7.

Election of Officers: Officers shall be elected, by the Representatives, at the Nation's Fall Business Meeting. The term of office will be two years, with officers serving from January 1st to December 31st of their respective terms, providing that the current officer is in compliance with all the rules. Election of the following Officers will be held during the even numbered calendar years: President, Treasurer, Tournament Director, **Kayak Director**, Conservation Director, and Media Director. Election of the following Officers will be held during the odd numbered calendar years: Vice-President, Secretary, Youth Director, and Sponsor Director. No person shall hold more than one office at a time.

D. Proposed change to Article V, Section 1.

Composition: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, **Kayak Director**, Youth Director, Conservation Director, Media Director, and Sponsor Director.

E. Proposed change to Article VI, Section 1.

Standing Committees: The following will be considered permanent standing committees unless changed by amendment: By-laws Committee, Environmental Committee, Executive Committee, Tournament Committee, **Kayak Committee**, and Youth Committee. Standing Committees shall be **approved** by the President, and shall contain no less than five and no more than nine members of the Nation.

F. Proposed change to Article VI, by adding the following.

Section 5

Kayak Committee: The **Kayak** Committee shall be chaired by the **Kayak** Director. The Committee shall make an annual, and more often if necessary, review of the tournament procedures for all tournaments scheduled with the Nation.

G. Proposed change to Article VIII, J.

J. The Youth Director, Tournament Director, **Kayak Director**, President and Conservation Director will give a financial report to the membership at scheduled Nation meetings. This financial report will list all monies received and dispersed in a category. A proposed budget will be submitted to the membership for each year by the above listed Directors at the first scheduled Nation meeting. Each expense submitted for payment or reimbursement must be supported by a receipt or invoice. General accepted accounting principles will apply.

Proposal #2: To establish an additional State Business meeting and set permanent meeting dates.

A. Proposed change to Article II, Section 2.

Dues: Funds for the support and maintenance of the Nation will be derived from annual dues and from special projects to be sponsored by the Nation. Club member's dues shall be paid to the Nation's Treasurer no later than January 1st of each calendar year. Failure to pay dues in a timely manner may result in the entire Club losing its eligibility to participate in all Nation sponsored events for that year. Club members joining an affiliated Club after January 1st will be required to pay annual membership fees immediately upon acceptance by their Club. The Nation Representatives, at the Fall Nation Business Meeting, will establish the annual dues. The circumstances contributing to a Club's late dues payment will be reviewed and evaluated for acceptance by the Nation's Officers and Club representatives, in good standing, at the Nation's next scheduled annual meeting. When submitting dues, clubs must also submit an updated club member roster, and current club President and Secretary with valid address, phone, and email. KBN dues will not be processed without this information.

B. Proposed Change to Article IV, Section 1.

Scheduled Meetings: A meeting agenda shall be planned in advance of all scheduled meetings by the Officer presiding over the meeting. The Executive Committee will meet on a quarterly basis. The Club Representatives will meet triannually.

C. Proposed change to Article IV, Section 3.

Annual Meetings: Triannual Nation Business Meetings will be held as follows; By-Laws meeting and the Awards/Recognition Banquet on the last Saturday of February, Qualifier Format meeting on the last Saturday of July, Elections meeting on the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving. The Nation President will determine the time, and location of these meetings. Under extenuating circumstances, the Nation Business Meetings may be combined into one meeting, or deferred to another date within the calendar year.

D. Proposed change to Article VI, Section 3.

By-laws Committee: The By-laws Committee shall consist of the Nation Vice President and no less than five (5) and no more than nine (9) members of the Nation per Article VI, Section 1, Standing Committees. The Committee shall make an annual review of the Nation's By-laws and, as deemed necessary, recommend appropriate changes. These changes, along with those received from Nation members, shall be presented to each Club's President thirty (30) days prior to the By-Laws meeting on the last Saturday of February per Article VIII, paragraph B.

E. Proposed change to Article VII, Section 1.

State Championship Tournaments: At the Qualifier Format meeting on the last Saturday of July, the club Representatives shall decide, by majority vote, the general format as described in Article VII, Section 2, for the tournament, or tournaments, used to determine the members of the Kansas State Team. All suggested changes to the current format must be submitted in writing to the KBN President 30 days prior to this meeting. The general format approved will be placed in effect for the next calendar year, and once approved may only be changed by two-thirds vote of the Tournament Committee or Executive Committee, and only for the following reasons:

- (1) An insufficient number of tournament staff to conduct the tournament(s).
- (2) Safety issues. Instances where conducting the tournament(s) would place the Nation in violation of local, state, or federal law.
- (3) Conflicts with other tournaments or events that would be detrimental to the best interests of the Nation.

F. Proposed change to Article VIII, Section B.

B. At the By-Laws meeting on the last Saturday of February, By-laws may be changed or amended by two-thirds vote of the Club Representatives present, provided that the proposed changes have been presented to the active Club Presidents thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. In addition, any proposed By-laws amendment received by an Officer must be submitted at the next Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee may then refer the proposed amendment to the Vice President as an agenda item at the next By-laws Committee meeting; or by majority vote, call either a Special or Emergency meeting of the Club Representatives. If, by two-thirds vote, the Club Representatives vote to enact the proposed amendment, it shall be in effect until the By-Laws meeting on the last Saturday of February, where a two-thirds vote of the Club Representatives shall be necessary to make the proposed amendment permanent. Unless otherwise stated, changes and amendments to these By-laws will be in effect upon passage.

Motion to amend the KBN bylaws by deleting underlined words and inserting highlighted words in Article VII Section 1.

ARTICLE VII. TOURNAMENTS

Section 1

State Championship Tournaments: At the Fall Business Meeting, of each year, the club Representatives shall decide, by majority vote, the general format as described in Article VII, Section 2, for the tournament, or tournaments, used to determine the members of the Kansas State Team. All suggested changes to the current format must be submitted in writing to the KBN President 30 days prior to this meeting. All Qualifier format proposals, including the current format, must be submitted to the KBN President at least 60 days prior to the fall meeting. The Bylaws Committee will review all formats for typographical, rules, or bylaws errors. If errors are found, the proposal is sent back to the original author for revision and resubmission. Final version requires submission to the President at least 30 days in advance of the fall meeting. The President must send the final versions, and the current format, to the clubs at least 15 days prior to the fall meeting. Once the final versions and current format have been submitted, to the clubs, they stand as written with no amending at the Business meeting. The general format approved will be placed in effect for the next calendar year, and once approved may only be changed by two-thirds vote of the Tournament Committee or Executive Committee, and only for the following reasons:

- (1) An insufficient number of tournament staff to conduct the tournament(s).
- (2) Safety issues. Instances where conducting the tournament(s) would place the Nation in violation of local, state, or federal law.
- (3) Conflicts with other tournaments or events that would be detrimental to the best interests of the Nation.

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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.



The Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation Frank Stong Memorial Scholarship

Frank Stong touched many lives during the years he was a K.B.N. member: his willingness to help with the K.B.N and it's programs was just an extension of the way he lived his life. If someone were to break down, or need a ride, Frank was there to give of himself. He shared freely of his fishing and life experiences and knowledge; always offering to those willing to listen. Frank loved his family and friends, especially kids, keeping them in smiles with his jokes and little gifts he seemed to never be without. Ultimately Frank wanted nothing more in life than to help family and friends succeed and be the best they could be. It is these personal attributes that made Frank Stong the perfect model for this K.B.N. award.

Instructions

1. Read the **Scholarship Application Information** carefully to determine eligibility.
2. Make sure all portions of the application are complete.
3. **List of Extracurricular Activities, Essay, and Two Letters of Reference** must be included.
4. Return application and all required enclosures postmarked or emailed before February 1st to:

Brad VanRiette, Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation Secretary.
229 N. Martin Streett
Iola, Kansas 66749
Email: bevanriette@gmail.com.
Phone: 620-365-9899.

Scholarship Application Information

The Scholarship application is open to all youth members or adult members of the Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation, and to their family members.

Incomplete or late applications may not be considered. Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation is not responsible for: any late, lost, misrouted, or otherwise damaged entries, including any failure of electronic hardware, software, or the Internet, as well as any losses or damages caused by events beyond its control. The award(s) will be made annually as funds are available. The award winner(s) will be selected by a special committee approved by the Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation. The decision of the Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation will be final. All scholarship entries become the exclusive property of the Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation. Awards are made without regard to race, age, color, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religious belief, or national origin. Only those selected to receive a scholarship are notified. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the recipient within one month of receiving proof of paid full time enrollment (generally considered at least 12 credit hours) in a College, Community College, University, Vo-Tech, or Trade school located in Kansas.

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

K.B.N. member(s) to whom you are related _____

Have you been awarded this Scholarship previously? _____

School(s) you currently attend _____

Current Cumulative GPA (4.0 scale) _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Name of College or Vo-Tech Preference: _____

Expected Field of Study: _____

Signature

By signing this form, I hereby grant the Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation the unconditional right to use my name, photograph, and essay in connection with press releases and/or publications. I also certify that I have read and followed the **Instructions**, and read and understand the **Scholarship Application Information**. If the applicant is a minor, a parent or guardian must sign and date the application.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent of Guardian _____ Date _____

(If applicable)

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING

List of Extracurricular Activities *(Attach additional sheets if necessary)*

List SCHOOL related activities/awards (i.e Honor Society, Honor Roll, Clubs, Sports, Student Council, etc.).

List COMMUNITY related activities/awards (i.e. 4-H, Scouts, Civic groups/clubs, Church groups/clubs, volunteer work, etc.).

List LEADERSHIP positions held in School and/or Community related activities (i.e. Group/club Officer, Team captain, Scouting Patrol Leader, etc.)

List all KANSAS B.A.S.S. NATION involvement..(i.e. All Adult and/or Youth Club memberships, Club or State Officer, Committee member, All Adult and/or Youth Tournament participation, etc.)

Essay

Write an essay titled "Conservation; vital to the future of the Kansas B.A.S.S. Nation." Essay must be typewritten, double-spaced, and must not exceed three pages.

Letters of Reference

Enclose two letters of reference from, for example, teachers, counselors, community leaders, clergy, etc. Do not include letters from relatives.

Application Checklist

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