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Minutes of the November 19, 2022 business meeting of the Kansas BASS Nation.

On November 19, 2022 the fall business meeting of the KBN was held at the Salina Hilton Garden Inn at Salina, Kansas.

At 10:34am the meeting was called to order by KBN President Mike Turner; Brad VanRiette was the recording Secretary. A roll call was taken and the following clubs were represented: 316 Elite Bass, BBB, Bobcat Bass, East Kansas Bassmasters, Flint Hills Bass Assoc Inc, Hays Bass Anglers Assoc, KC Bass, Kansas-at-Large, Kansas Bassmasters, LastCast Bassmasters, Leavenworth Elites, Milford Lake Bass Club, Olathe Bass Club, Salina Bassmasters, Sandhill Bassmasters, Twin Rivers Bass Club, Western Kansas Bassmasters. A quorum being present, the meeting continued.

The meeting moved into general discussion with Mike Turner presiding. Mike thanked Rob Jilka for his efforts in making the arrangements for this weekend.

1. 2023 Board member Nominations by Mike Turner.
  - a. Rob Jilka stated he had been asked to notify the meeting that Tim Merkh of Salina Bassmasters had volunteered to be the Tournament Director; that position having no one nominated. Mike asked for a motion from the Representatives to accept Tim Merkh as Tournament Director as well as the other officers running (all unopposed). Motion by Danny Barrett and seconded. Passed with unanimous voice vote.
    - i. President Mike Turner, Tournament Director Tim Merkh, Treasurer Rick Muhl, Conservation Director Clayton Rudman, Media Director Danny Barrett.
2. Minutes from the February 26, 2022 business meeting were approved by voice vote.
3. BASS President's Meeting Report by Danny Barrett.
  - a. The Team Series, Kayak, and Youth programs stay essentially the same. There may be some small changes in the Youth.
  - b. The State Team program/process has been changed by BASS beginning 2024..  
*Some changes may yet occur.*
    - i. BASS Nation Championship. The KBN State Team beginning in 2024 will go directly to the BNC.
      1. Number of ST members will depend on the KBN membership as of August 31 of each year. Based on 2022 membership the KBN would have 6 boaters and 6 nonboaters.
      2. Anglers can still advance from the Regionals (see below).
      3. There are no Team or angler entry fees at the BNC.
      4. No more boat yard, free gas, free lodging, etc
      5. Still three Classic berths.
      6. BASS wants to create a BNC with 250 boats.
    - ii. BASS Regionals. There will be four beginning 2024.

1. BASS will reserve for each State 10 boater and 10 nonboater priority entries into their respective Regional. Entry fees must be paid.
2. After priority entities are filled. the Regional will be opened to any BASS Nation member who is also a member of a State, BASS wants to create Regionals with 250 boats.
  - a. Can fish any or all of the four Regionals if entries are still available. Must pay entry fee for each Regional fished.
3. Entry fees expected to be \$500/boater and \$250/nonboater.
4. 20 boaters and 20 nonboaters from each Regional advance to the BNC.
5. BASS will set up in each State an at-large club, put BASS Nation members in the at-large clubs, and notify the President.
  - iii. Alliance program is expected to continue but has not been finalized.
4. After the BASS presentation the vote on the 12 qualifier proposals was raised in general discussion. General concern; was there a need to vote since BASS had not finalized their program and the proposals may not accurately meet the new BASS program? Mike said the vote would go forward as the Eboard and Tournament Committee would use the Reps votes as guidance once the final BASS program was known.
5. Treasurer's Report by Rick Muhl. Typographical error was noted/corrected.
6. Kayak Report by Jon Morse. No known changes at the BASS level.
  - a. KBN had three Kayak qualifiers last year and sent one angler to the National Championship.
7. KDWPT presentation by Bryan Sowards, KDWPT Fisheries Chief.
  - a. Native Kansan and member of Hays Bass Anglers Assoc.
  - b. Meade early spawn program is in its 12th year and will continue.
  - c. Licenced angler survey from 2020 lists Largemouth bass as #1 targeted species.
  - d. Looking to start a Meade Smallmouth bass program, maybe early spawn?
  - e. Habitat is still key for bass in Kansas.
  - f. 15 inch bass in east Kansas seem to "disappear", working on why.
  - g. Hays tournament on Wilson sampling in 2019 showed 53% of bass sampled were from stocking in 2016. Meade program is working.
  - h. Each Region now has a Coordinator for contact.
  - i. Umbrella rigs with five hooks are legal beginning January 1.

At 12:04 pm the meeting adjourned for lunch.

At 12:36 pm the meeting reconvened.

8. Qualifier format proposals by Mike Turner.
  - a. Mike explained he will ask for nominations of formats for discussion. Only those formats nominated will be discussed and voted on. If no majority is reached with the first vote a second round of votes will be taken with only the three formats with the most votes. There being 17 Reps present a majority would be nine.
    - i. The following formats were nominated for discussion; #1 #2 #5 #6 #7 #10 #12. Each format was addressed in general discussion.

- ii. The first round of votes were; #1 four votes, #2 three votes, #5 zero votes, #6 one vote, #7 one vote, #10 seven votes, #12 one vote.
- iii. The second round of votes were; #1 four votes, #2 three votes, #10 ten votes. Format #10 was therefore selected; "One 3 day qualifier to determine the state team."

At 1:32pm the meeting was adjourned for a break.

At 1:49 the meeting reconvened.

9. Tournament Report by Danny Barrett.

- a. Handout of 2022 tournament income and expenses was provided.
- b. Motion by Rob Jilka and seconded; Based on tournament expense report showing Danny's out-of-pocket expenses the KBN should write him a check for \$750. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

10. Youth Report by Travis Burch.

- a. Not much change from BASS.
- b. Now holding some tournaments out of state.
- c. Zeiner's is a new Youth sponsor.
- d. In 2022 the high school program qualified five teams for the National Championship. Each team received \$1200.

11. Conservation Report by Jeff Nolte. Nothing to report.

12. Sponsor Report by Chad Schmidt.

- a. The Kansas BASS Nation Members Lounge has the available KBN discounts and codes. Click on Files. Also can contact Mike.
- b. We must do a better job recognizing our sponsors in social media.
- c. Flint Oaks donated a one night stay and guided fishing trip. It will be used as a prize at the banquet.
- d. Prarieland earlier in the year donated \$500 for youth and \$500 for general use.

13. Unfinished Business by Mike Turner.

- a. Brad VanRiette provided an update on the Scholarship Application. Asked for volunteers to serve on the Scholarship selection committee; Travis Burch and Jeff Nolte volunteered.

14. New Business by Mike Turner.

- a. With the new BASS State Team program being based on membership on August 31; anglers will have to be KBN members by August 31 of each year to qualify as a KBN State Team member for the BNC.
- b. The Spring business meeting was set for February 25, 2023.
- c. Danny Barrett provided the following possible tournament date, subject to change with the new Tournament Director. March 25/26, April 22/23 per bylaws, May 13 Stong, May 20/21, June 24/25 per bylaws, September 16/17 per bylaws, October 14/15, October 21/22 per bylaws. Youth dates are; April 1/2, April 29/30.
- d. Motion by Clayton Rudman and seconded; That funding of the KBN State Team be an agenda topic at the February meeting. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Submitted by Brad VanRiette, KBN Secretary.