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Minutes of the February 24, 2024 business meeting of the Kansas BASS Nation.

On February 24, 2024 the fall business meeting of the KBN was held at The Venue, Hays Kansas..

At 10:37am 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: Flint Hills Bass Assoc Inc, Hays Bass Anglers Assoc, Heartland Bass Club, KC Bass, Kansas-at-Large, LastCast Bassmasters, Ozawkie 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.

1. Secretary report, Brad VanRiette, Minutes from the November 18, 2023 business meeting were approved by voice vote.
 - a. Results of this year's scholarship Committee were discussed. Motion by Tim Merkh and seconded; to award each of the four applicants a scholarship based on points; 1st \$900. 2nd \$800, 3rd \$700, 4th \$600. Passed 11 for, 0 opposed.
 - i. \$900 Cydney Hutchinson 16804 Kreider Rd, Bonner Springs, Ks, 66012, ph 913-276-9112. Email softballcyd10@gmail.com.
 - ii. \$800 Brendan Akehurst, 5208 Meadowlark Drive, Shawnee, Ks, 66226, ph 913-282-8824, email brendanakehurst@gmail.com.
 - iii. \$700 Bryna Baird, 516 Queens Rd, Salina, Ks, 67401, ph 785-577-0977, email brbaird11@gmail.com.
 - iv. \$600 Tori Willcutt, 14171 Brookstone Ct, Basehor, Ks, 66007, ph 913-416-8073, email Willcutt77@yahoo.com.
 - v. Several suggestions were made concerning the scholarship process. The committee will remain in place and work toward these.
 - vi. Create a points system for the Committee to use.
 - vii. Change the Essay topic.
 - viii. Reword the deadline. (done).
 - ix. Tate Hherrman suggested he be replaced on the committee as his sons will most likely apply next year. The committee will search for a replacement.
2. BASS Quarterly Meeting, Mike Turner. Handout provided.
 - a. KBN never received a Team contract. No info for this year yet.
 - b. Alliance packages were extended to BNC qualifiers and to the Eboard.
 - i. Alliance package for this year "coming in stages?"
 - c. Jerseys/Shirts must have BASS insignia. No competitors insignia allowed.
 - i. No Alliance shirt package this year, maybe a cash allotment.
3. Bylaws report, Jeff Nolte,

- a. Jeff suggested the revisions be handled *seriatim* up to Article VII, and then ask for a motion to accept. The Article VII revision vs amendment would then be addressed.
 - i. Motion by Rick Muhl, seconded; The revisions will be handled *seriatim* up to Article VII. After discussion there were no changes suggested. Passed by voice vote.
 - ii. Motion by Tim Merkh, seconded; That we accept the Hays proposal to amend Article VII.
 1. Motion by Ray Cates, seconded; That the second sentence of Article VIII Section 1 be amended from “every third calendar year” to “every second calendar year”. Passed 10 for 0 opposed.
 2. Motion by Ray Cates, seconded; That Section 3 beginning sentence four, “The Nation shall recognize and reserve...” and the rest of Section 3, be removed. Passed 11 for, 0 opposed.
 3. Motion by Brad VanRiette, seconded; That the first sentence of Section 5 (1) be changed to read “Motion made to accept all tournament proposals as written, 2nd, and passed by majority rules on total amount of votes cast by the Representatives; not majority of representative clubs present. Passed 9 for 0 opposed.
 4. Motion by Mike Turner, seconded; That all references to “three calendar years” or “third calendar year” be changed to “two calendar years” or “second calendar year”. This would bring the entire Article VII into agreement with Motion from 3. a. ii, 1. Passed 10 for 0 opposed.
 - iii. Motion by Don Glick, seconded; That we accept Article VII as amended. Passed 10 for 0 opposed.

At 12:16 pm the meeting adjourned for lunch.

At 12:48 pm the meeting reconvened.

4. Treasurer report by Rick Muhl. Hand out provided and approved by voice vote.
5. Tournament report by Tim Merkh.
 - a. The BNC qualifying anglers will receive \$1400 for boaters and \$700 for non-boaters.
 - b. Tim is working on how we pay back at the ramp if we accept entries at the ramp.
 - i. Certain payouts may generate 1099 forms.
 - c. September Melvern regatta has been approved, one for Glen Elder is pending.
 - d. There is no plan for a KBN Team series.
 - e. Tournament software needs were discussed. Youth are switching to Fishing CHAOS. Adults will be exploring this.
 - f. For 2024 Tim will have a pre-tournament meeting the evening before tournaments. Also all launch coves are off limits during the tournament.
 - g. The Stong benefits tournament will utilize WFT weigh-in. Due to a conflict Tim will not be able to attend.
6. Kayak report by Todd Segraves.
 - a. Plan on five tournaments in 2024.

- b. Two KBN anglers will be advancing to the Classic next month.
- 7. Youth report, Tate Herrman.
 - a. Youth will be using the Fishing CHAOS tournament system.
 - i. It is a phone App that can; collect weigh-in data, calculate payouts, do registration, collect yearly dues, pair anglers, allow catch/photo/release tournaments, etc.
 - ii. \$4 per angler per use fee.
 - iii. Registration collection fees very much like Paypal, would require our banking account info.
 - b. Plan is to get the youth trailer soon, it may need some repairs.
 - c. Potential sponsors should contact Tate.
 - d. Site of this years KBN championship should be announced after the Perry tournament. Date June 1-2.
 - e. Junior Nationals in July, High School in August.
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- 8. Conservation report, Clayton Rudman.
 - a. Conservation project at Wilson started with 200+ concrete anchors and Mossback habitat. From a grant that was received.
 - i. Lots of Hays club there. Expect eastern clubs to support eastern projects.
 - ii. Only one youth. Youth must be involved for grant consideration.
 - b. Sheridan SFL is being renovated.
 - c. Walleye netting will be at Wilson this year.
 - d. In 2025 KDWPT will discuss relaxing/changing bass length limits, changes may occur in 2026.
 - e. Clayton will attend the Conservation summit at the Classic this year.
 - i. States are trying figure a way to track tournaments, at which lakes, etc.
 - f. Clayton is working on a grant proposal for habitat at Melvern. If it is received he may do a workday with a cookout.
 - g. Reminder that you must have a permit to place structures in lakes. Last year fines were issued.
- 9. Social report by Danny Barrett. Hand out provided.
 - a. Danny had expanded the KBN social media exposure.
 - i. For instance, TikTok account has over 5000 views of the Wilson conservation project. Facebook has 178.
- 10. New Business by Mike Turner.
 - a. The topic of "How much do we need in the General Account?" was discussed.
 - i. Jeff will look at ways to better utilize KBN general funds.
 - b. Danny provided a handout "Banquet Makeover Ideas".
 - i. It was mentioned that this topic might be made to coincide with how much to keep in the General Account.
 - c. The Eboard will be investigating the Fishing CHAOS tournament program.
 - d. The Fall meeting and Banquet date was set for November 23. Site TBA.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:52 pm.

Submitted by Brad VanRiette, KBN Secretary.

