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Minutes of the February 11, 2023 business meeting of the Kansas BASS Nation.

On February 11, 2023 the spring business meeting of the KBN was held at the Old School Tap House and Social in Kechi, 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: 316 Elite Bass, East Kansas Bassmasters, Flint Hills Bass Assoc Inc, Hays Bass Anglers Assoc, KC Bass, Kansas-at-Large, Kansas Bassmasters, LastCast Bassmasters, Leavenworth Elites, 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. Minutes from the November 19, 2022 business meeting were approved by voice vote.
2. BASS Quarterly 2-9-2023 meeting—Mike Turner.
 - a. Anglers at the BNC will be listed by state of residence.
 - b. Angler's mailing address will be used to determine each state's membership number for the BNC.
3. Bylaws revision—Mike Turner.
 - a. One proposal was submitted. Motion by Brad VanRiette and seconded, to accept the proposed bylaws change "Article 7 section 3 be changed from the third weekend of October to the fourth weekend of October." 0 for 13 opposed, motion defeated..
4. Treasurer's report—Rick Muhl. Handout provided.
 - a. One correction of \$7712.00 should be \$4712.00. Additionally approximately \$10,000 is in Youth Paypal that is yet to be deposited and is not reflected in the handout.
5. Tournament report—Tim Merkh. Handout provided.
 - a. Tim's proposal was that a Mr. Bass tournament determine the 10 boaters and 10 non boaters who get entries into the BASS Regional Qualifier. Additionally, use the three day qualifier voted on at the fall business meeting as the KBN BNC tournament to determine the boaters and non boaters who advance directly to the BNC.
 - i. Motion by Brad VanRiette and seconded, Use the one three day qualifier to determine all BASS Regional Qualifier and BNC anglers. 5 for 7 opposed, motion defeated.
 - ii. Motion by Tim Merkh and seconded, Anglers that advance to the BNC will be from a three day qualifier on September 15-16-17, and anglers that advance to the BASS Regional Qualifier will be from a Mr Bass tournament on June 24-25. 8 for 2 opposed, motion passed.
 - iii. Motion by Clayton Rudman and seconded, The three day qualifier to determine the anglers advancing to the BNC have a payout at the ramp,

paying 1 in 5 entries, percentages determined by the tournament Director. 2 for 9 opposed, motion defeated.

- iv. Motion by Dennis Hammel and seconded, At the three day qualifier, after expenses, the BNC qualifying anglers be paid equal shares with $\frac{2}{3}$ to the boaters and $\frac{1}{3}$ to the non boaters. 9 for 2 opposed, motion passed.
- v. Motion by Tim Merkh and seconded, At the Mr Bass tournament, after expenses, the BASS Regional Qualifier qualifying anglers be paid equal shares with $\frac{2}{3}$ to the boaters and $\frac{1}{3}$ to the non boaters. 11 for 0 opposed, motion passed.

At 12:15 pm the meeting adjourned for lunch.

At 1:00 pm the meeting reconvened.

6. Kayak report—Jon Morse.

- a. In an effort to boost participation, they had an early sign up with give-a-ways.
- b. Will pay out at the ramp with some monies reserved for the end of year.
- c. Will have three tournaments with Kansas Kayak, two tournaments stan-alone, and a two day championship.

7. Scholarship report—Brad VanRiette.

- a. Eight valid applications, Scholarship committee used a 1-10 point system and one applicant had the most points then three tied with the second most.
- b. Motion by Clayton Rudman and seconded, That we give each of the top 4 a \$500 scholarship. Motion to amend by Daniel Clement and seconded, That we give a total amount of \$3000. Amendment passed 11 for 0 opposed. Main motion as amended was voted on 11 for 0 opposed. Motion passed.
- c. Motion by Richard Kiblinger and seconded, That the \$3000 be divided \$900 to the applicant with the most points, \$700 to each of the three tied sith second most points. 10 for 0 opposed, motion passed.
 - i. Cydney Hutchinson \$900, 16804 Kreider Road, Bonner Springs Kansas 66012
 - ii. Brendan Akehurst \$700, 5208 Meadowlark Drive, Shawnee, KS 66226.
 - iii. Tyler Burns \$700, 1921 SW 32nd Terrace, Topeka, KS 66611.
 - iv. Nathan Fideldy \$700, 4716 Sequoia Street, Hutchinson, KS 67502.
- d. It was suggested that the Stong scholarship tournament entry fee be raised, also some changes in the wording of the application.

8. Youth report—none at this time.

9. Conservation report—Clayton Rudman.

- a. KDWPT is seeking fund to create an aquatic vegetation green house at Perry. Clayton sent a letter of support.
- b. From the BASS nation conservation meeting; there are grants available. Clayton is applying.
 - i. There are national scholarships available, contact Clayton for information.

- c. If any club does a conservation project please contact Clayton; we may be able to submit it to BASS.
- 10.Sponsorship report—Chad Schmidt.
 - a. With the tournament schedule now out he can begin to work for sponsors. Please contact him with leads.
 - b. There is a file on the Facebook page for sponsor codes.
- 11.Social report—Danny Barrett.
 - a. You must be a KBN member to be on the Facebook Member Lounge page.
 - b. Master Class was explained. Danny is asking for nominations.
 - i. Maybe submit our members to the Kansas Sports HOF.
- 12.Unfinished business—none at this time.
- 13.New business—Mike Turner.
 - a. With the BASS changes we must maximize our membership.
 - b. Chad will check on a fall meeting place.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Submitted by Brad VanRiette, KBN Secretary.