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Minutes of the February 27, 2021 KBN business meeting of the Kansas BASS Nation.

On February 27, 2021 the spring business meeting of the KBN met via Zoom.

At 8:07am 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, Bobcat Bass, East Kansas, Flint Hills, Hays Bass, Heartland, KC Bass, Last Cast, Leavenworth, Olathe, Ozawkie, Salina, Sand Hills, South winds, Western Kansas. A quorum being present the meeting continued.

**Minutes** from the November 7, 2020 business meeting were approved by general consent.

**Treasurers report** was presented verbally by Rick Muhl and Richard Heflin and was approved by voice vote. Due to officer locations banking accounts with Landmark have been opened.

Amounts are as follows.

Landmark general	\$25,147.07
Landmark scholarship	\$101.00
Landmark youth	\$1,210.00
Sunflower general	\$4,276.60
Sunflower conservation	\$2,687.77
Sunflower youth	\$15,480.56
Sunflower CD #1	\$1,637.03
Sunflower CD #2	\$4,134.09

Richard noted there is an encumbrance of about \$19,000.00 to the State Team.

There are currently 23 paid clubs.

The Eboard has been able to determine there should be about \$5200 in the scholarship account. Some of that money is tied up in product bought for the banquet raffle that was canceled due to Covid-19.

Raffle items need to sell to re-fund the scholarship account. If necessary the scholarship account will be re-funded using CD's.

The meeting entered into general discussion with Richard Heflin presiding.

**Youth report** was presented by Travis Burch. A written budget was submitted.

Table Rock then Wilson are the first two lakes. About 60 registered for Table Rock.

The format to make the State Championship remains the same.

Travis is planning on the College, High school, and Junior championships in June.

The Youtube channel is generating a few dollars per day.

Steve French will provide a release boat again this year.

A list of Youth sponsors was presented.

Considering two divisions, but numbers have to stay up for winners to advance.

**Conservation report** was presented by Dell Metlin Jr.

Jesse Cornell submitted the only conservation project.

Will receive one paid boater and non-boater entry to a Qualifier.

Dell will apply for AFTCO grant.

Working with Pratt to determine Creel census status.

Fish alive weigh in chemical could be bought with Conservation funds.

KBN can reimburse 50/50 matching funds up to \$250 for conservation projects.

**Bylaws amendment** proposals were presented by Richard Heflin, Brad VanRiette, and Danny Barrett. All club presidents had been provided with the proposals in advance. The amendments were placed on screen for review.

By-laws proposal 1. Motion to accept by Brad VanRiette, seconded.

Motion to amend pending motion by Jeff Nolte, seconded; that "Social" be replaced by "Sponsor" as "Social" is incorrect. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Amended by-laws proposal 1. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

By-laws proposal 2. and 3. Motion to combine and accept both by Richard Heflin, seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

By-laws proposal 4. Motion to accept by Richard Heflin, seconded. Motion approved 14 for, 0 against.

By-laws proposal 5. Motion to accept by Richard Heflin, seconded. Motion approved 14 for, 0 against.

At 11:57am the meeting adjourned and was scheduled to reconvene at 12:30pm.

At 12:32 pm the meeting reconvened.

**Sponsor report** was presented by Thomas Heinen.

Thomas has been in touch with Trophy Bass and Yo-zuri working on discounts.

Richard provided a list of known sponsors.

Thomas is to reach out to the following as potential sponsors or renew sponsorship.

Shady Creek, contact Mike Morgan. Has provided State Team plaques.

Fatty D's, contact Dell Metlin Jr. Has provided products for BB awards.

Bass Team Tackle, contact Jeremy Montgomery. Potential new Sponsor.

Shimano, contact??? Potential discount code.

Wholesale Batteries, Travis Burch to help Thomas with contact. New sponsor.

Danny Barrett noted that Darren Jackson, Jason Liker, and Jeremy Montgomery recently made donations for tournament equipment.

**Social media report** was presented by Jayce Newell. He's looking forward to the tournament season for content.

Articles or video ideas are welcome. BB and Winning ways are considerations.

Jayce is interested in doing something at the Central Regional.

**Tournament report** was presented by Danny Barrett. A written budget was submitted.

The Sunday after the Stong tournament is also reserved.

May coordinate with Dell for a conservation tournament on that date.

This year there will be 0 tolerance for piercing cull tags, use means DQ.

Plan to continue with drive through weigh ins.

Jon Morse will help head up the Kayak division.

2021 Central Regional is at Milford April 21-23. Richard Heflin has already been

interviewed by BASSTimes. If BASS asks, Richard will coordinate a help list. 2022 Central Regional is planned for an as yet undisclosed state adjacent to Kansas. Qualifier and Mr. Bass take-off will be by random draw. 4man take-off will be date entry Is received.

Entries received after the 10 day deadline result in those anglers going out last. Again for 2021, no cell phone use except in emergencies. Nets are allowed at the state level, but not at Regional or beyond. Pre-tournament meetings may be held virtually.

**Unfinished business** was presented by Richard Heflin.

Reach out Richard if you're interested in hosting the fall business meeting and banquet. Club, Person, or Sponsor of the year; please reach out to any Eboard member.

**New business** was presented by Richard Heflin.

Trailer tags and taxes have been paid.

Travis will speak to the Youth sponsor that handles insurance about insuring the weigh in

trailers and contents. Travis and Danny will do trailer inventories.

There are four scholarship applicants. As in the past two \$750 scholarships will be awarded.

Richard Heflin, Joel Porter, Travis Burch, Jeff Nolte, and Brad VanRiette will be the selection committee. They are encouraged to enlist the help of their spouses.

Brad VanRiette is working on compiling a "KBN book" that will include important legal information like; Tax ID, Incorporation forms, bank account number/contacts, Website information, paypal information, etc.

Looking to 2022, KBN will need clubs to manage their own club rosters with BASS. Each club should go online and update their club roster and ensure Bassmaster membership is paid and pay BASS Nation dues. Dues for KBN membership should continue to be sent to, and will be handled by, the KBN Treasurer.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.

Submitted by Brad VanRiette, KBN Secretary.