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Minutes of the November 18, 2023 business meeting of the Kansas BASS Nation.

On November 18, 2023 the fall business meeting of the KBN was held at the Hilton Garden Inn Salina, Kansas..

At 10:35am 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: Bobcat Bass, East Kansas Bassmasters, Flint Hills Bass Assoc Inc, Hays Bass Anglers Assoc, Heartland Bass Club, KC Bass, Kansas-at-Large, Kansas Bassmasters, LastCast Bassmasters, Milford Lake Bass Club, 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. Mike extended thanks to the outgoing officers, Travis Burch, Charles Capehart, Jon Morris, and Chad Schmidt.

1. 2023 Board member Nominations by Mike Turner, second.
 - a. As they were running unopposed the following were elected by voice vote; Vice-president Jeff Nolte, Youth Director Tate Herrman, Secretary Brad VanRiette. There was no one running for Sponsor Director.
 - b. Jon Morris had submitted his resignation as Kayak Director and recommended Todd Segraves to replace him. Motion by Mike Turner, second. To elect Todd Segraves to fill the empty Kayak Director's position. Passed by voice vote.
2. Minutes of the February 11, 2023 business meeting were approved by voice vote.
3. BASS President's Meeting Report by Danny Barrett. Handout provided.
 - a. KBN membership was up so we will have 6/6 at the 2025 BNC.
 - i. BASS addressed some sign-up anomalies/issues; the number will likely change going forward, probably back to 5/5.
 - b. BASS intends to have an Alliance program, it is being negotiated.
 - c. Gene Gilliland reported they expect a couple more grants available next year.
 - d. Kayak NC will be at Ten Killer while Classic is at Grand.
 - e. BASS plans to increase the Regionals to five in 2025
 - i. Expect a west Regional partnership with WON Bass.
 - f. When registering for Regionals expect an email waiting list reply until you are confirmed.
 - i. The 10/10 priority codes from each state will be offered first registration.
 - ii. Anglers who reside in the Regional states will be offered next registration.
 - iii. Any BASS Nation angler will then be offered registration.
 - g. 2025 BNC is rumored to be a northern smallmouth fishery earlier in the fall.
 - h. No change in the Team series was mentioned.
4. Treasure report by Rick Muhl was approved by voice vote. Hand out provided.
 - a. Twin Rivers made a \$200 contribution to the Scholarship fund.
5. Tournament report by Tim Merkh.
 - a. Tim requested for all tournament inquiries/questions/issues, please call him.

- b. The Regional Qualifier was canceled due to lack of participation.
- c. The BNC Qualifier was held as scheduled.
 - i. All money from the KBN BNC Qualifier, minus expenses, will be paid to the 5/5 anglers who qualified for the BNC. The amounts are expected to be \$1400/\$700 and the money will be distributed by Mike after confirmation of each angler's BNC entry.
- d. Team series information is expected after Time meets with the Tournament Committee. It will be decided by the Spring meeting.
- e. The 2024 Qualifier proposal handout was provided. 1. and 2., as they were the previously approved formats, were explained by Brad VanRiette. 3. was explained by Danny Barrett as he had submitted it. 4. was explained by Brad VanRiette as he had submitted it. 5. was explained by Rob Jilka as Salina had submitted it.
 - i. Mike Turner then explained that each proposal would be considered and voted on by each member.
 - 1. 1. received no motion so it was ruled no vote would be held.
 - 2. 2. Motion by Jeff Nolte, second. Discussion. 6 for 8 opposed, motion failed.
 - 3. Motion by Larry Fralick no second so it was ruled no vote would be considered.
 - 4. Motion by Melissa Herrman, second. Discussion. 9 for 1 opposed, motion passed.
 - 5. Motion by Kelly Ross, second. Discussion. 3 for 9 opposed, motion failed.
 - ii. Motion by Travis Burch, second. Rescind the previous voting as the instructions were unclear. Discussion. 7 for 4 opposed, motion failed.
 - 1. A clarification was asked why the 7 for 4 opposed did not pass as a majority. Brad VanRiette explained that the voting procedure for the KBN was "a majority of the Representatives present". As there were 15 Representatives, the majority threshold was 8 votes.

At 12:03 pm the meeting adjourned for lunch.

At 12:36 pm the meeting reconvened.

- 6. Kayak report by Todd Segraves.
 - a. Clayton Westgate and Tony Boyden qualified for the Kayak NC.
 - b. He has begun working on the 2024 tournament schedule.
- 7. Youth report by Travis Burch. Thanks for the support during the last four years.
 - a. You have grown every year but this one.
 - i. Same results in many other states, generally thought to be the economy.
 - b. Travis plans to work with the new Youth Director Tate (and his wife Melissa) Herrman.
- 8. Conservation report by Clayton Rudman.
 - a. KBN received a Bass Fishing HOF grant.
 - b. Working with Fishery Biologist to determine what habitat to buy/place in Wilson.
 - c. There is a discussion by the State to limit tournaments to one per day per lake.

- d. There is a discussion by the State to raise permit fees.
 - e. He reminded anglers to clear placement of all habitat through the local Fishery Biologist.
 - f. One or two ramp clean ups are planned for 2024.
9. Sponsorship report, none.
10. Social report by Danny Barrett.
- a. Asked the question “Do we need to do anything different; TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, etc?”
 - i. Melissa Herrman stated that generally the ;younger anglers do not use Facebook.
 - ii. Discussion about why KBN uses the Lounge rather than Public Facebook format.
 - iii. Travis Burch suggested that moving to the Public rather than Lounge format would increase awareness of the KBN and increase the chance of acquiring sponsors.
11. Unfinished business, none.
12. New business.
- a. Brad VanRiette asked for Scholarship Committee volunteers. Travis Burch and Jeff Nolte volunteered.
 - b. Tim Merkh was aske now that the Qualifier format had been selected did he have a tournament schedule. He replied he will meet with the Tournament Committee and try to have tournament dates by Thanksgiving.
 - c. February 24 was selected as the spring meeting date.
 - i. Clayton Rudman volunteered to check on arrangements in Hays.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:44 pm.

Submitted by Brad VanRiette, KBN Secretary.