

**KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**  
**2010 CONFERENCE**  
**JEFFERSONTOWN, KY**  
**JULY 31-AUGUST 3**

On Friday evening the Executive Board met to discuss the proposed budget as prepared by Treasurer Keller and the Finance Committee. Finance Chairman John Wiseman presented the proposal.

The Executive Board as met with representatives of the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve. This is a group of individuals who are actively supporting our military in the National Guard and Reserve Units. M/S Dave Jansing/Sam Stacy that the KFA support the program. Motion carried. A presentation will be made on the floor at the Conference.

VP @ Large & By-Laws Chairman discussed the proposed by-laws changes he is going to present to the floor by way of resolutions.

On Saturday the annual Olympic Competition was held. **Once again this year our good friend Mr. Steve Siereveld of VFIS donated the trophies for the winners.** The Middletown FD hosted the Olympics and their explorers prepared the lunch.

The winners this year are: In the adult category, Parkers Mill # 2, Parkers Mill # 1, and Southgate. In the Explorer category, Southgate, Pulaski County, and Alexandria.

The Sportsman Award went to Parkers Mill in the adults and Pulaski County in the Explorers. A total of ten teams participated. Everyone had a good time and the weather cooperated.

On Sunday afternoon a Fire Commission Meeting was held. Following the meeting, the Annual Memorial Service took place at the Middletown Christian Church. This year three LODD were recognized and memorialized. One of the three occurred in 1944. These three names will be added to the wall in Frankfort. A complete listing of the names read may be seen on the KFA WEB Site.

On Sunday evening a Monte Carlo took place. There were many prizes won by the attendees.

On Monday morning the delegates and attendees were on hand as the welcomes were received from the local officials. A copy of the activities that took place on Monday morning is outlined on the enclosed Agenda.

Following the appointment of the Committees by President Cowherd, Ronnie Day then gave the preliminary credentials report. There were 62 Departments with 86 registered delegates.

Ronnie Day then gave the report from the Fire Commission. He stated the new WEB Site is up and operational. **The address is [kyfirecommission.kctcs.edu](http://kyfirecommission.kctcs.edu).** The Fire Commission is now also on **Facebook**. The firefighter ID cards are available at a cost of \$5.00. The CPAT cards are also being used. The new training hour's program is being used. There are some bugs so please be patient and let the office know if you have a particular problem. Since acquiring the NFIRS from the Fire Marshal's office, over 700 departments are now submitting their incident reports. The NCIC Grant (five million) for the testing of protocol equipment is moving ahead.

M/S Joe Bowman/ Mike Hulsey to place the memorial wreath on the grave of Terry Cannon. The motion carried.

Bryant Stiles gave a detailed KCTCS report. A copy is on file with the Secretary. One of the high points is that 93,202 students received training this year. That is up from 88,000 the previous year.

Gary Yurt gave the report from the KY Association of Fire Chief's. The SEAFK conference was a success. Danny Castle has assumed the duties of Executive Director. There are 44 new members with the association. The KAFK support the efforts of the KFA, NFPA, and the KY State Fire Marshal's Office.

Executive Director Bob Hammonds of the KY Board of EMS gave the attendees an update. New Regulations for EMT's are being drafted. KBEMS wants to work closely with the fire service in the state. Board Chairman Mike Poynter stated that changes are needed in the regulations and he is seeking input from the fire service.

Ken Knipper gave a detailed NVFC & EMS report. Copies were available for all delegates. Bryant Stiles gave additional information on his activities with Ken in the NVFC.

Because Ken Knipper was unable to attend the Banquet on Tuesday evening as he was flying out to Washington, he was presented with the Hall of Fame Medal to be worn on his shirt or sport coat.

Hall of Fame Chairman John Daley recognized and thanked Danny Sutphen of Sutphen Fire Apparatus for his \$1,000.00 donation for the purchase of the Hall of Fame Medals.

President Cowherd thanked Steve Siereveld of VFIS for his many years of donating the Trophies for the Olympic Competition and the clock for the incoming President.

President Cowherd then called upon the Officers to give their activity reports. A copy of each is on file with the Secretary.

Gerald Stewart read the resolve for two non-prefiled resolutions dealing with a by-laws change. Resolution # 1 addresses an increase in the Membership dues over the next three years.

M/S John Daley/Bill Leslie to send it to the By-Laws Committee. Motion Carried.

Resolution # 2 addresses certification of candidates to hold office with the KFA. It also includes Directors elected at the regional level.

M/S Pat Thompson/John Daley to send it to the By-Laws Committee. Motion Carried.

President Cowherd called for nominations from the floor for the Office of Secretary. Mike Hulsey nominated Dave Jansing. There were no other nominations received. M/S Mike Hulsey/Troy Newcomb to close the nominations. Motion Carried.

Ronnie Day gave an updated Credentials Report. 63 Departments, 94 Delegates, 133 votes.

We stood in recess until Tuesday Morning at 8:00am.

Monday afternoon while the ladies were attending a function, the golfers were enjoying a round of golf in the 95 degree heat. It was hot, but it was fun. On Monday evening the attendees took part in a pool party.

Tuesday's business activities followed the enclosed agenda.

Ronnie Day gave the final Credentials Report. There are 65 Departments, 96 Delegates, 137 votes plus 7 E-Board Votes.

Jim Bobavich representing the Employer Support of Guard & Reserve gave a power point presentation to the delegates. President Cowherd signed a document indicating the KFA's support for the military personnel.

Gerald Stewart read Resolution # 3 that was not prefiled. This resolution addressed dismissing firefighters from jury duty. M/S Marc Muench/Randy Lawson to send it to the Resolutions Committee. Motion Carried.

Tom Arnold gave a report from Homeland Security. He stated they are working on integrating the fire service into the law enforcement community with the idea of better sharing information.

President Cowherd called upon any of the Directors present to give a report from their regional associations. Reports were received from Troy Newcomb, Steve Leonard, Chris Crawford, Bud Lederer, Johnny Mills, Junior Fortenbery, and Bob Frizzell.

Committee Reports:  
Advisory- No Report

Fire School- Ronnie Day & Bob Hendricks. They reported attendance was down slightly over the previous year. Six classes were cancelled. The committee is looking for class ideas.

Pub Ed/Fire Prevention- Wanda Isaacs gave a report to the delegation. A copy of her report was filed with the Secretary.

Another non-prefiled resolution was read by Gerald Stewart. It is Resolution # 5 addressing the cost of narrow banding and attempting extend the time frame by two additional years. M/S Joe Stambush/Brent Schaffer to send it to the Legislative Committee. Motion carried.

Chapter 75 Fire Districts- Jack Reckner reported the attempted legislation to increase the amount of board members on the District Fire Board. The Frankfort delegation will be working with the legislators to reach a compromise.

Scholarship – Allen Johnson reported that the last two students to receive a scholarship have graduated. M/S Allen Johnson/Danny Allen to raise the scholarship by \$50.00. The motion carried. The next two individuals to receive the scholarship are Joseph Vance and Alex Johnson. Hardee's Restaurant did donate \$250.00 to the program.

Honor Guard- Troy Newcomb stated the uniforms are available on the trailer. He also stated we are in need of one case of Bibles.

Fireworks- Rusty Todd submitted a detailed report on the activity of the Committee since last year. Numerous meetings were held with all interested parties. Rusty fought hard to allow local jurisdiction to maintain control dealing with fireworks safety issues.

History- Mike O'Day stated they have Conference books dating back to 1929. They are working with Ronnie Day to have the old books preserved by sealing them. It will cost approximately \$1,000.00 to accomplish this.

Olympics- Terry Allen reported on the Olympic competition. This year ten teams participated. Terry thanked the Judges and announced the winners.

Legislative – Gerald Stewart gave the report. A copy was given to each Delegate as prepared by Mike Kurtsinger.

EMS- Bill Martin stated that not much has taken place since last year. As previously mentioned by Bob Hammonds & Mike Poynter, KBEMS is seeking input from the fire service on regulation changes.

Hall of Fame- John Daley recognized all the Hall of Famers present. He thanks his committee and announced the three new inductees. John stated his committee is looking for ideas for names for the Hall of Fame.

Memorial- Ronnie Day stated that the three new names will be added to the wall in Frankfort. He thanked Jon Jarrell for the donation of the lit flag pole. A concrete pad was poured that will accommodate 100 people at the site. On September 11<sup>th</sup> a walk /run fund raiser will take place in Frankfort.

Conference City- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President reported that the 2011 Conference will take place in Owensboro.

Mike O'Day Sr. announced that Steve Siereveld of VFIS agreed to donate \$1,000.00 toward the preservation of the old conference books.

Resolutions- Mark Luckett read resolution # 3 addressing the dismissal of firefighters from Jury Duty. M/S Mark Luckett/Rusty Todd to adopt the resolution. Comments from the following. Mike Hulsey against, John Daley in support, Jack Reckner explained the issues with overtime when a firefighters is called for jury duty. Allen Johnson-against, Terry Keller-against, Bill Martin in favor, & Jim Peden against. Following a voice vote, a show of hands was used. There were 30 for and 39 against. The resolution failed.

Resolution # 4 for a Job well done.

M/S Mark Luckett/Allen Johnson. The motion carried.

Resolution # 1 for an increase in dues. M/S Mark Luckett/Ray Mannis. The motion carried

Resolution # 2 to require verification of the individuals running for office or being a Director from their Regional Association. M/S Mike Hulsey/Bill Hall. The motion carried.

Gerald read Resolution # 6 which is another non-pre-filed resolution to clean up some language and update the Conference rotation through 2020. M/S Ray Mannis/Steve Rath. Motion carried.

Finance – John Wiseman gave the Finance Committee Report. Each delegate received a copy of the proposed budget. M/S John Wiseman /John Daley to accept the report and adopt the budget. The motion carried.

Charlie Shaw submitted a written copy of the Special Events committee report. He stated the Committee is looking for ideas for a Theme for the upcoming school.

Nominations – Bill Martin reported. M/S Bill Martin/Bill Hall to elect Dave Jansing for another two year term as Secretary. The motion Carried. President Cowherd casted one vote for the Secretary.

Recess for Lunch

Mike Hulsey read resolution # 6. M/S Mike Hulsey/John Daley to adopt. The motion carried.

Gerald Stewart read resolution # 5. M/S Pat Thompson/Bill to adopt. The motion carried.

Old Business- None

New Business- None

Good & Welfare- Chief Bob Hendricks gave an update on the 700Mhz radio frequencies. Contact Chief Hendricks if you have any questions. Chief Hendricks stated the Intrastate Mutual Aid project is still moving forward.

Bill Martin announced that the 2010 Officer's School is set for November 11 and 12. The KAFC will meet on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Recessed until the Banquet.

At the banquet the E-Board members /spouses were introduced. The table of Honor ceremony took place followed by the Presentation of the Colors/Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. Following a delicious dinner Mr. Pat Gavin of the US Department of Homeland Security addressed the attendees. Next the Hall of Fame ceremony took place. Chief RK Bach of Pleasure Ridge Park, Chief Bill Conway of Southgate, and Fireman Joe Stambush were inducted into the Hall of Fame.

President Cowherd recognized and thanked the members of the Conference Committee and E-Board. Gifts were exchanged. President Cowherd then released all his committees. County Judge Executive Rob Rothenburger administered the Oath of Office. Badges were exchanged. Steve Siereveld presented the wall clock to President Bob Newman. President Newman made a few brief remarks. Secretary Jansing announced the committee assignments.

President New adjourned the 90<sup>th</sup> Conference.

Door prizes/raffles were presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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