

# **KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2007**

**OWENSBORO, KY**

President Troy Newcomb called the meeting to order at 9:00AM- CST. Brother Mac Walls gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary Jansing called the roll. Treasurer Keller made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting as received. VP Randy Courtney 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion carried.

Report of the President- President Newcomb passed out a type written report on his activities since the previous meeting.

Report of the Vice Presidents: VP John Daley attended a legislative committee meeting in Versailles. John is in full support of the fire safe cigarette act and is actively planning the 2008 KFA Conference in Northern KY. John attempted to attend a LODD however due to poor weather conditions (snow & ice) was unable to do so.

VP Randy Courtney has attended several funerals. He has visited with fire departments in the Eastern KY region and is actively planning the 2009 Conference. VP Bobby Cowherd has attended the Bluegrass Association meetings and also expressed support of the fire safe cigarette act.

VP at Large Bob Newman has attended several funerals and worked on the Hotel Reservations for the E-Board at the Executive Inn.

Past President Allen Johnson stated that he has attended one highway safety committee meeting.

Report of the Secretary / Housing Board- Secretary Jansing read a thank you card from Terry Keller for the flowers sent by the E-Board to his mothers funeral. Secretary Jansing read a letter from Pat Trevathan requesting the E-Board to submit a resolution to allow retired firefighters the opportunity to purchase a firefighter license plate if they wish. The outcome of the discussion was that President Newcomb or Gerald Stewart would work with Pat to get the license plate from the county clerk. Secretary Jansing read e-mail from Chief Reckner stating that the Chapter 75 Committee was still working on legislation for the Chapter 75 fire districts. He hoped to have more by the next meeting. Secretary Jansing once again reminded everyone of the procedures to notify Ronnie Day ASAP in

the event of a line of duty death. It was further explained that once Ronnie is notified he then notifies Charlie Shaw & Dave Jansing.

After some discussion the Board, by way of a motion by Randy Courtney and a second by Bobby Cowherd approved the Secretary obtaining a credit or debit card from Fifth Third Bank to be used for such expenses as sending flowers in the event of a firefighter funeral. Secretary Jansing will work with Fifth Third Bank.

Secretary Jansing gave an update on the Housing Board. Effective July 1, 2007 the State will be using the 2006 International Building Code with KY modifications as the new KBC. The 2006 International Residential Code will also be used as the KY Residential Code. The 2006 Edition of NFPA 1 & 101 are currently in place as the fire prevention and life safety codes.

Treasurer Keller reported on his activity since the previous meeting.

Report of the Directors: Those present consisted of Michael Hulsey, Rick Bobo, Bud Lederer, Lewis Ratliff, Van Taylor, Bob Frizzel & Dave McCrady. Michael Hulsey, Bud Lederer and Van Taylor reported on their regional fire schools. Bob Frizzel reported on Insurance Benefits.

State Fire Marshal Rodney Raby stated that he was pleased with the support on the Fire Safe Cigarette Act and he thanked everyone involved.

Commissioner John Jerold of the Fire Commission commented on the LODD. He stated that an autopsy is not required by the state, however a toxicology report is required. He stated that the Federal Government does prefer the autopsy.

Chief Bob Hendricks gave a report on the upcoming 2007 State Fire School. A brochure will be coming out in the near future. He stated they are also looking into a State Firefighters Combat Challenge. Chief Hendricks stated that the four –day school was well received.

#### Committee Reports:

Memorial: Chief Possich stated that the Fire Commission, Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs, KPF, and the KFA would split the cost of the memorial for those firefighters from KY killed while serving in the military. Each organization will pay \$ 1,500.00 The memorial was finalized and will be in place for the October 2007 Memorial Service. Treasurer Keller made a motion to pay the 50% up front and the remainder after the memorial is installed. Secretary Jansing seconded the motion. The motion carried. The two names that were added to the firefighter wall in 2005 will also be added to the new military wall. Those names have since been given to Chief Possich.

Advisory: Allen Johnson. There was nothing to report at this time.

Fire Prevention/Pub Ed: Joe Stambush. Fireman Joe presented the Board with a typed written report. He also commented on the Press Release that was sent out following the 10 deaths in Bardstown, the KY Injury Prevention Grant, and the Juvenile Fire setters Class that was being taught at the Green River School.

Membership: Treasurer Keller reported that we currently have 353 departments who have paid their dues. He stated we currently have 11 sustaining members.

Treasurers Report: Terry presented the board with a very detailed account of the financial situation and each page was addressed. Secretary Jansing made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Randy Courtney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NVFC/ funding Research: Ken Knipper presented the Board with a typed written report. VP Daley made a motion that the KFA send a letter in support of Ken for a seat on the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council. Secretary Jansing 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion carried.

Legislative: David Jackson & Gerald Stewart went over the current bill related to the fire & EMS service. Also the annual Chili Supper with the Legislators will take place on February 27, 2007 at 6:00PM in Frankfort.

Secretary Jansing made a motion prior to the lunch recess that we go into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 1:00PM following the lunch break. The regular session will reconvene at 1:30PM. Terry Keller seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Following discussion in the Executive Session, Terry Keller made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Randy Courtney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pension/ Parliamentarian: Gerald Stewart announced that the Governor has formed a 23-person panel to study the retirement pension system in the Commonwealth. To date 13 people have been named to the panel. John Daley made a motion that the KFA send a letter to the Governor requesting that the fire service have a seat on the panel. Randy Courtney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Special Events: Charlie Shaw presented the Board with a typed written report on his activities.

Scholarship: There are 7 students that are currently receiving a KFA Scholarship and it is the recommendation of the Committee to continue these through the spring of 2007. Those students are: Brandon Griffith, Jacob Warren, Ryan Rose, Kayle Riddle, Mason Muench, Jacob Aull, & Brandon Harvey. It is the recommendation that we rescind the scholarship of Adam C. Day as he is no longer a full time student. Secretary Jansing made a motion to adopt the Committee recommendations. Treasurer Keller 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion carried.

PAC: Bill Robbins stated he is trying to raise money.

Hall of Fame: John Daley gave the report. His committee met at the Green River Fire School. They are exploring some type of pin or badge for the inductees to wear on their coat. He has estimated 40 of them @ \$ 50.00 each with the money to be raised through corporate sponsors. Applications will be going out for the 2007 conference. They must be submitted by the State Fire School meeting in June.

Resolutions: One resolution has been submitted by the E-Board as of this date dealing with voting privileges at the Conference.

SOP: One resolution will be submitted addressing the procedure to change or modify an SOP.

New Business: Secretary Jansing suggested that the KFA look into becoming a sustaining member of the KLC & KACO depending on the cost. This will be research and an email will be sent to the Board for approval prior to any action.

Secretary Jansing made a motion that the KFA send two representatives to the Congressional Fire Service Caucus. Randy Courtney seconded the motion. The motion carried. President Newcomb stated that he would like to attend.

Woody Will stated that with the permission of the Board, he would like to do a department directory in the Smoke Signals. He stated he would like to do a colored ad on the inside of the front cover and the inside and outside of the back cover. There would be no cost to the KFA to do this. Woody was given permission by the Board to proceed with the project.

John Daley made a motion that the KFA purchase a lap top computer and printer to be used by the Special Events Committee. A cap of \$ 1,500.00 was placed on the purchase. Bob Newman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at the Radisson Inn in Lexington on June 9, 2007 at 9:00AM.

Secretary Jansing made a motion to adjourn at 3:30PM. Treasurer Keller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

*David E. Jansing*  
*Assistant Chief*  
*Secretary, KFA*

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