

MINUTES OF THE KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

LEXINGTON, KY

A Regional Association meeting was held on Friday evening.

The Olympic competition took place on Saturday, August 5, 2006. Thirteen teams consisting of adult and explorers competed. The top three in the adult group consisted of Parkers Mill (1st), Nancy (2nd) & Southgate (3rd). The adult sportsman award went to Union Fire Department. In the explorers division, Nancy FD finished in 1st place, followed by Union team 2 and Southgate. The sportsman award in the explorer division went to the Hebron FD.

As he has done for so many years our good friend Steve Siereveld of VFIS Insurance had once again donated the trophies. Our thanks to Steve! In the history of the Olympic Competition this was the first year that Special Events Chairman Charlie Shaw could not be present as he was attending his daughter's wedding. Asst. Chief Terry Allen of the Erlanger Fire Department, and long time member of the Olympic Committee stepped up to the plate and was "Charlie for the day".

The Fire Commission held a regular meeting on Sunday afternoon. Following the Commission meeting, an actual firefighter wedding took place in the hotel lobby. Look for photographs of this and of all the events coming soon on the KFA WEB site. (www.kyfa.org)

At 4:00PM on Sunday afternoon, the annual Fallen Firefighter Memorial took place at the hotel. The names of 72 deceased fighters including two who were killed in the line of duty since the 2005 conference were read by Secretary Jansing as a carnation was placed on the memorial wreath. The complete list of names is posted on the WEB site. During the service, Woody Will sang Amazing Grace. Mrs. Patricia Combs and her family received a KFA flag case in honor of her husband Henry Combs of the Watts FD who was killed in the LOD. Mrs. Dee Williamson and her family received a KFA flag case on behalf of her father Charles McKenzie of the West Van Lear FD who was also killed in the LOD.

Sunday evening was capped off by a Bar-B-Que cookout.

President Johnson called the assembly to order on Monday morning, August 7th at 8:30AM. The Lexington FD Color Guard presented the colors, followed by the invocation from Fireman Joe Stambush. Campbellsville Mayor, Brenda Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance. Our own, Woody Will then sang the National Anthem. The Honorable Teresa Isaac, Mayor of the City of Lexington welcomed the assembly to

Lexington. Tiger Robinson, President of the Lake Cumberland Firefighters Association also welcomed everyone. Mayor Brenda Allen of Campbellsville then gave the keynote address. 1st Vice President Troy Newcomb gave the response to the welcome.

Mr. Eric Johnson, President & CEO of Supporting Heroes addressed the assembly about the company and the role it provides in the event of a line of duty death. Please visit their WEB site at www.supportingheroes.com

President Johnson introduced and welcomed the public safety commissioner for the City of Lexington, Rebecca Langschar.

A short recess was taken.

Upon returning into session, each delegate was presented with a copy of the Conference Rules. Chairman / Parliamentarian Gerald Stewart made a motion to accept the rules. Joe Stambush seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Resolutions Chairman Mark Luckett presented the non pre-filed resolutions by reading the resolve and making a motion to accept each one. (A 2/3 majority vote is required for non-pre-filed resolutions before any action can be taken). The three that were not pre-filed consisted of one submitted by Treasurer Terry Keller dealing with KRS 95 and the old pension system. The second one was submitted by Chief Jeff Pohlman of the Alexandria FD dealing with taxes on fuel for fire departments. Secretary Jansing on behalf of the E-Board supporting HR 6027 submitted the third dealing with LOSAP.

Mark Luckett made a motion to individually accept the three resolutions. In each case, Ken Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried.

John Daley made a motion that the memorial wreath be placed on the grave of Sylvan Smith. Bill Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Secretary Jansing gave the preliminary credentials report, stating that 88 voting delegates were registered.

Assistant Director Richard Peddicord of the SFM Office gave the report from the Fire Marshal's Office. The 2006 edition of NFPA 1 & 101 will be adopted into law in the next couple days. There have been no multiply fatalities fires in regulated inspected buildings (excluding arson fires). The SFM inspection forms are now available on line or they will provide a CD. They will no longer be providing paper copies. The SFM is also working on the Safe Cigarette Act. There are too many loopholes in the current fireworks laws.

Special Events Chairman Charlie Shaw gave his report. The KFA booth was at the State Fair for 10 days. Charlie stated that the KLC, KY Association of Judges, and the EMS organizations are all sustaining members of the KFA. Charlie reported on the new State Fire School. He also reported on the number of funerals and Olympics he has been involved in over the past year.

President Johnson reported on his travels as President over the past year. He has put in many hours dealing with the new state fire school. AJ complimented Chief Hendricks and the work that he and his department have done to help make the fire school a huge success. It was pointed out that without the great cooperation and working relationship between the Fire Commission, KCTCS, Homeland Security, Lexington FD, and the KFA it would not have been possible to make the new school a reality. With these organizations working together it promises to get even bigger and better.

President Johnson reported on the times he traveled to Frankfort and met with Dave Jackson & Gerald Stewart during the session. He also commented on his attendance at the Congressional Fire Service Caucus in Washington DC

1st VP Troy Newcomb gave his report. Troy stated that it is goal to try to get more people involved and to come up with new ideas to keep the KFA moving forward. Troy also attended several funerals and fire schools.

2nd VP John Daley gave his report. John also attended several funerals, and thanked everyone who attended Smitty's and Bob Hebbeler's. John stated that he was very pleased to see how successful the new fire school turned out, and stated that we all need to have firefighters take part in the new exciting learning experience. John complimented Woody Will on the job he is doing with the WEB site and Smoke Signals. John also announced that he received a letter from Paul Billings stating he was going to retire at the end of Troy's term and that Paul is willing to train someone over the next year to replace him as the Scholarship Chairman. A golf outing is planned for 10/14/06 in Northern KY with the proceeds going to the 2008 Conference.

3rd VP Randy Courtney reported on the funerals he has attended and what he is attempting to do to increase the membership from his section of the state.

VP @ Large Bob Newman stated that he has attended several Regional Association meetings, E-Board meetings and funerals during the past year.

Treasurer Terry Keller gave a report on his activities. Terry has attended several funerals and meetings over the last year in addition to all the hours spent performing the regular duties of the treasurer. It was explained that Terry is the contact person between the KFA and Civic Development. Any complaints about the telemarketing program must be funneled through Terry who will then address them with the proper people at Civic Development. The finance report was given on Tuesday.

Secretary Jansing gave a report on his activities over the past year. I attended all the E-Board meetings and prepared the minutes and other necessary paperwork. I assisted with several funerals including Smitty's, Bob Hebbeler's and Jack Moyer's. All the necessary paperwork dealing with conference delegates was prepared and mailed to each fire chief.

Report of the Directors who were present. Paul Billings gave an update for Shawn Bixler on the 2007 Conference. Bud Lederer gave the Northern KY Report. Dave McCrady gave a report on the Green River Fire School and Casey Steele stated that the Barren

River Firefighters were working to sponsor another fire school. Michael Hulsey reported on the Dixie Association activities. Bobby Cowherd reported that Rick Bobo would be taking over as the Director from the Bluegrass Association. Bill Hall thanked everyone for attending the conference on behalf of the Lake Cumberland Association.

Secretary Jansing announced the Conference Committees appointed by President Johnson.

Finance- Terry Keller, Joe Bowman, Bill Carver, & Bryant Stiles
Conference City- Troy Newcomb, Tommy Kimbro, & Paul Billings
Nominations- Myron Born, Bill Martin & Ronnie Mayfield

Ronnie Day gave the report for the Fire Commission/KCTCS. He stated that there is now money available for the Health & Wellness Programs for Firefighters in KY. Call Ronnie at the Commission Office for info concerning the Health & Wellness Program. Two driver's training simulators have been purchased.

In 2005, there were 2058 IFSAC seals obtained in KY. To date in 2006, there have been 1024. KY is in the top three in the nation. 3,531 FF's received incentive pay in 2005, in 2006, 3595 FF's have received it. In 2005 747 departments received state aid totaling 6 million dollars. The state aid this year will be sent out on a 1st come, 1st serve basis. 309 departments have already received it. Workers compensation has increased to 3.5 million.

Ronnie reported that Lexington was selected by Governor Fletcher to kick off Fire Prevention Week. There will be a fire prevention parade on October 2. The Fallen Fighters Memorial service in Frankfort at the KFA /Fire Commission/KPF memorial will be on Wednesday 10/4/06.

In 2005-2006 FY, SFRT taught 5, 329 classes with a total of 79,294 students in attendance.

The KY Board of Emergency Medical Services is now under KCTCS.

The meetings were recessed at 11:45AM. A golf outing was held on Monday afternoon, in addition to a luncheon for the ladies. A cookout was held on Monday evening.

President Johnson called the meeting to order on Tuesday morning, 8/8/06 at 8:30AM

Secretary of State, Trey Grayson addressed the assembly.

Secretary Jansing gave the final credentials report. There were 92 delegates registered.

Chairman Luckett was called on to present all the resolutions. (A copy of resolutions 1-5 is attached in the appendix of the minutes). There were a total of six resolutions. The Resolutions Committee voted to send Resolutions 1, 2, 3, & 5 to the Legislative Committee. 4 & 6 remained with the Resolutions Committee for recommended action. Each of the six was passed unanimously on the floor. No. 1- Fire Safe Cigarette- M/S

Mark Luckett-Joe Bowman. No.2- Chapter 75 Fire District Tax Increase M/S Mark Luckett- Jack Reckner. No. 3- Fuel Gas Tax M/S Mark Luckett- Scott Lewis. No.4- Support of HR 6027 M/S Mark Luckett-Charlie Rauch. No.5 Chapter 95 Pension Laws- M/S Mark Luckett-Terry Keller. Resolution No. 6- Was read thanking President Johnson and the Regional Association for a job well done putting on the Conference.

Secretary Jansing gave a brief report on the Housing Board and reported that Governor Fletcher reappointed him to another 4-year term to represent the fire service.

Joe Bowman / Terry Keller gave the Finance Committee report. Joe Bowman made a motion to accept the books as being in compliance with general bookkeeping guidelines and practices. Joe Stambush seconded the motion. Motion carried. Joe Bowman made a motion to adopt the proposed line item operating budget for the 2006-2007 KFA FY in the amount of \$ 102, 500.00. Ken Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Joe Stambush gave a report on the activities of the PUB-ED Committee throughout the year. A written copy was filed with the Secretary for the record.

Co- Chairman Ronnie Day & Bob Hendricks gave a report on the new state fire school. Attendance was up this year, and next year expects to be even bigger.

Chairman Ken Knipper gave a report on his activities at the NVFC. A written copy was filed with the Secretary for the record.

Chairman/2nd VP John Daley gave a report on the Hall of Fame. This years inductees are Walter Brumfield, Rick Games, Jimmy Cox & Donald Roberts. John stated that Otto Printing in Newport has donated the brochures in color this year. John also thanked his committee.

Chairman Dave Jackson gave a report on the Legislative Committee. He stated there were three good bills passed this year. They are still working on the heart bill. Gerald Stewart gave a report on the pension system issues, defined benefit vs. defined contribution plans. Gerald stated they are still working on the LOSAP from the 2005 Conference Resolution.

Chairman Paul Billings gave a report on the Scholarship Committee. He emphasized the importance of selling the prints.

Chairman Michael Hulsey stated there was no activity this year on the Constitution & By-Laws Committee.

Captain Dan Shouse of the Frankfort FD gave the report on the Memorial Committee. A meeting is scheduled with the people from the Rock of Ages group to update the work they will be doing concerning the engraving, etc. The wall will be ready for the annual service on 10/4/06. The paver brochure would be added to the KFA WEB site.

SFM Rodney Raby stated that he would be working for passage of the fire safe cigarette act. Rodney also stated that he would welcome help from the firefighters to look at ways to address the current fireworks laws to see what could be done to clean them up. A committee was formed by President Elect Newcomb and announced at the banquet.

Chairman Ronnie Mayfield stated there was no action necessary with the Ethic's Committee during the past year.

Chairman Bill Robbins will be selling split the pot tickets for the PAC.

Conference City- The 2007 Conference would be held at KY Damn Village in Gilbertsville, KY July 28-31st

Nominations: Myron Born reported that the Committee is recommending Troy Newcomb for President, John Daley for 1st VP, Randy Courtney for 2nd VP, Bobby Cowherd for 3rd VP, & Dave Jansing for Secretary. The term for the VP @ Large & Treasurer is not up this year. After each office was asked three times from the floor, there were no other nominations for any of the seats. Tommy Kimbro made a motion that the Secretary cast one vote for all offices except his own and that the President cast one vote for the office of Secretary. This was done.

Chairman Dave Jackson made a motion that the Legislative Committee handles the four resolutions presented to them. They are No.1, 2, 3, & 5. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Old Business- None

New Business- Mark Luckett presented an idea that the KFA provide "seed money" to help out a Regional Association putting on the annual conference. Discussion was held. Mark then made a motion that the Executive Board study this idea, and the amount he had in mind was \$ 1000.00, which would be paid back to the KFA if funds were available after all the bills were paid at the conclusion of the conference. The intent is to provide financial assistance if necessary. Ken Elliott seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Woody Will made a motion that the KFA support legislation closing the loopholes in the current fireworks laws. Ken Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Hendricks stated that the KY Fire Chief's Association has had several Intra-state mutual aid committee meetings. It looks as if they will be using the plan that Florida put together which has the same basic information in the KY plan that had been put together several years ago by Otto Mock. Otto is serving on the committee.

Mark Luckett made a motion that the E-Board look at the overall financial condition of the KFA and consider a possible increase in the membership dues to be done in increments, and report back at the 2007 conference. Woody Will seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Good & Welfare- Ken Knipper talked about the possible insurance problems a department can run into if crossing state lines for mutual aid. He stated that the department should notify the EMA office before doing so, to avoid the possible non-coverage issue.

The meeting was adjourned until the banquet on Tuesday evening. Following the wonderful meal the four inductees were entered into the KFA Hall of Fame. After the presentation of gifts and raffles the new officers were sworn in. The new committee members were announced. President Troy Newcomb presented Allen Johnson with the Past President's Badge and Lifetime Membership. President Newcomb addressed the crowd and then adjourned the 2006 Conference.

On Wednesday morning, 8/9/06 the Executive Board met with Dave Jackson & Gerald and approved their legislative contracts for the upcoming short session.

Mason E. Muench was also granted a Scholarship to ECU.

President Newcomb announced the appointment of Mr. Mac Walls as the KFA Chaplain.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be October 28, 2006 at the Radisson Inn in Covington, KY. This is in conjunction with the OLS Fire Officers School.

Reminder: 10/4/06 is the Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Frankfort. The Owensboro meeting will be Saturday February 24, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, KFA

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