

Kentucky Firefighters Association
Executive Board Meeting
November 15, 2008
London, Kentucky



President Randy Courtney called the meeting to order at 9:20am. All members of the Executive Board were present. Mr. Bryant Stiles, Howdy Kirtsinger, and Charlie Shaw were also present.

VP @ Large Mike Hulseley led the group with the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Courtney had prepared a report of his activity since taking office. That report was emailed out to the Executive Board prior to the meeting.

1st Vice President Bobby Cowherd had also emailed a report prior to the meeting, as did 2nd Vice President Bob Newman.

3rd Vice President Bob Hendricks reported that most of his activity since the 2008 Conference has actually taken place out of state.

Vice President @ Large Mike Hulseley had also emailed his report prior to the meeting.

Secretary Dave Jansing gave a report on the status of the lawsuit filed in Franklin Circuit Court by Chief Jack Reckner of Jeffersontown FD. The suit was filed asking the Court to clarify whether there is a Mini/Maxi statue dealing with the KY Building Code & KY Residential Code in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. As was discussed at the 2008 KFA Conference there are concerns with various local authorities that have attempted to adopt fire safety regulations only to be notified that they don't have the authority to do so.

After conferring with Treasurer Keller, a motion was made by Bob Hendricks, seconded by Mike Hulseley that we donate \$ 1000.00 to help offset the cost of the lawsuit. The motion carried.

Secretary Jansing introduced to the Board a possible fund raising venture for the KFA. It would involve working with YTB Travel to set up a KFA Travel Web Site where we would in return receive a percentage of the royalties. The program was explained by way of a DVD that Secretary Jansing & Treasurer had received during a meeting with the local representative of YTB Travel. After some discussion Bob Hendricks made a motion that we go with the program providing a couple questions were answered favorably. Mike Hulseley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Secretary Jansing will contact the YTB representative concerning a financial statement and other background information.

Howdy Kirtsinger gave an update on the legislative issues he has been working on. These items include the Pension Working Group, the lawsuit filed by the Jefferson County Sheriff challenging HB 1- the retire, rehire situation. Howdy stated that all positions in the retirement system had to be submitted for proper classification. (Hazardous & Non-Hazardous). New hires after 9/1/08 automatically went into the non-hazardous classification until reviewed by the Board. Howdy is also working on a Fireworks Bill. He will be meeting with Rusty

Todd and his committee, hopefully fireworks manufacturers will also be agreeable to attend.

The CPAP program was discussed. Consideration is being given to making it mandatory for paid personnel.

A letter concerning incentive pay issues as it relates to back pay will be made available on the KFA WEB site.

The Congressional Fire Service Caucus will be held April 1, 2, & 3. President Courtney & 1st Vice President Cowherd will represent the KFA.

Bryant Stiles gave a report on the upcoming Green River Fire School. It will be held in Lexington as the Executive Inn closed for business. The dates are February 27 & 28th, and March 1, 2009.

NVFC- A survey letter was sent out to all KY Fire Departments concerning the State Mutual Aid program. Each Chief is asked to complete the survey and return it as soon as possible.

Bryant said the NVFC is currently working to insure that the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is reauthorized.

Treasurer's Report: Terry Keller gave a break down of income and expenses since the 2008-2009 budget was adopted at the State Conference. We presently have 294 paid departments, 9 personal memberships & 5 sustaining memberships.

After reviewing the KFA financial statements a lengthy discussion followed.

It was reported that the 2007-2008 fiscal year finished in the black by approximately \$4,000.00. This was only due to the Fire Commission purchasing the 4 original prints. Without that we were actually \$ 15,000.00 over budget resulting in a 9% reduction in our reserves.

It was reiterated that we must tighten our belts this year due to a short fall.

No one will be authorized to spend more than the amount of money that was appropriated in each category in the line item budget adopted at the Conference.

Mike Hulsey made a motion that would require an affirmative vote by the majority of the Executive Board before any reserve funding expenditure could take place. Bob Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Everyone was reminded of the KFA SOG's which states that any purchase over \$ 300.00 requires that a purchase order shall be received from the Treasurer prior to the purchase.

Another possible cost cutting idea was discussed. It was decided to explore the idea of placing the Smoke Signals on the WEB site only and eliminating the hard copies. Before this could / would take place, a survey would be conducted, and it would be discussed with Woody Will.

Terry Keller presented a proposal submitted by Allen Johnson to update the requirements for application and to remain eligible for the scholarship program.

Terry Keller made the motion to adopt the changes. Bob Newman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dave Jansing made a motion to accept the agreement for the sale of the prints by the company that purchased Our Designs. Bob Newman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Charlie Shaw gave a report on his activity. The KFA Booth will be setup at the KACO Conference.

Charlie has been involved planning the 2009 State Fire School.

President Courtney signed the 2011 contract for the Conference Center and the 2009 contract for Lex Pro.

A theme for the 2009 fire school was presented to the E-Board. It will be "A Salute to the US Flag and US Military" Mike Hulseley made a motion to adopt the theme. Dave Jansing seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Sustaining Membership was discussed. In the future the membership application will be handled by Treasurer Keller and the dues will be sent directly to Treasurer Keller rather than going through Charlie's office first.

The idea of an advertising book similar to the annual conference book, giving the vendors the opportunity to purchase an ad for state fire school was discussed.

It was tabled until the February meeting to give us time to research the possibility.

With there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

Respectfully submitted:

David E. Jansing

Assistant Chief

Secretary