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State Fire School

Lexington, KY

The regular meeting of the Kentucky Firefighters Association was called to order by President Steve Kyle. Invocation was given by VP @ Large Mike Hulsey and then the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Officers found all present.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2015 meeting.

Motion/Second

Jeff Pohlman / Mike Hulsey

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March 31, 2015 meeting.

Motion / Second

Jeff Pohlman / Billy Selvage

We had one guest speaker: Amanda Cross with American Income Life. Amanda reviewed the benefits we receive and stressed if there are ever any complaints please give her email address or gain as much info as possible and pass along to her and she will investigate the complaint.

### **Officers Reports**

All Officers place their activity reports in the Dropbox and they are also attached to the minutes.

### **Treasurers report – Duane Suttles**

- Currently have 400 paid department members and 40 personal members, and 34 sustaining memberships.

### **Directors Reports**

#### **Jackson Purchase – Tex Johnson**

- Had a great Spring Fire School
- Working on membership
- Working on 2015 conference hope to see everyone in August

#### **Green River – Bobby Newman for Steve Leonard**

- Thanks for coming to the Bryant Stiles Officer School
- Presented a bible and the Honor Guard was in attendance at funeral of retired long time chief of Owensboro
- Working on membership

#### **Dixie Firefighters – Chris Crawford**

- Had a great fire school , over 800 in attendance
- Dixie will have a hospitality room in Paducah
- Still working on SOCs Firetruck

#### **Northern KY – Bud Lederer**

- Working on 2016 conference
- Working on membership

#### **Pike County – Lewis Ratliff**

- Pike County fire school is set for September 11-13 more info is on the association Facebook page.
- Attended LODD in Floyd County
- Had 3 chiefs recently pass away.

**Buffalo Trace** – Kerry Moore

- Attached to minutes
- Membership is at 75%
- Would like to see the legislative representatives push for an increase in state aid. It is much needed especially for the smaller departments

**Eastern Kentucky** – Duane Suttles for Jeremy Rodgers

- Working on 2017 conference
- Working on Fire Rescue school in October

**Mountain Firefighters** – Sam Stacy for Derrick Hall

- Fire School Aug 28-30
- Having volunteer issues due to economic downfall

**Lake Cumberland** – sent to President Kyle via email

- Attached to minutes
- Ricky Haynes is the new director

**Committee Reports**

**Advisory** – Chris Crawford

- No report

**Ethics** – Dave Jansing

- No report

**By-Laws and SOG's** – Mike Hulse

- No report; will be calling a meeting prior to conference

**Resolutions** – Monica Rath

- All resolutions must be to Secretary Rath by June 19<sup>th</sup> to be considered pre filed

### **Steering** – Mike Hulse/monica Rath

- Have not heard from the following association, need to know who their directors are and contact info; Central, Pennyrile, and Southeastern
- VP@Large Hulse stated a road trip to the Barren River area would probably be appropriate and will call committee members when this is set up.
- Working on agenda for committee

### **Hall of Fame** – John Beatsch

- Attached to the minutes
- Committee met and worked out plans for set up and execution for this year's conference
- Held discussion concerning display banners; committee would like to look into purchasing a flat screen TV and using a thumb drive to contain the Hall of Fame info, they feel more info could be given for the current Hall of Fame members, TV could also be utilized at fire school booths and scroll info about the KFA
- The next three candidates to be inducted into the Hall of Fame will be Paul Billings, Fred Ross, and Harry Thomas

### **State Fire School** – Ronnie Day

- Last Year had 683 total students
- As of this morning there are 685 students with one day still to go
- Offered 36 classes; cancelled 10 classes
- Jim Polly, CEO of the NFPA, was the key note speaker for the opening ceremonies

- Billy Goldfedder class was a success and will possibly do a two day class next year
- Still working on vendor issues, vendors realize we have done everything they have suggested and still low attendance at vendor show

#### **Public Education – Greg Schultz**

- Had a committee meeting that consisted of the KFA committee members plus some, the Fire Marshalls office, the KPF, the Fire Chiefs Association, and the education specialist with the NFPA.
- A lengthy discussion was held concerning how we can all come together and work on the fire death situation in KY
- There are several grants out there we can take advantage of and the NFPA and Vision 20/20 have offered support
- A task force/working group will be assembled and one of the issues they will work on is to get a full time person to work on Pub Ed throughout the state.

#### **Special Events – Chris Crawford**

- New name plates have been purchased and put in service
- Vendor booth is up and operational again
- Would like to encourage all the VP's to get out and be seen, an easy place to do this at is fire schools
- Need to look into getting a trailer to haul the golf cart and meeting and booth stuff around
- Suggest we look into having application put into a PDF format to use at booths and/or put on website
- Discussion was held concerning the ability to take electronic payments

A motion was made to have the treasurer look into getting the “square” to have the ability to accept electronic payments.

Motion / Second

Chris Crawford / Jeff Pohlman

Motion passed via voice vote

## **LAST** – Jason Bowling via Secretary Rath

- Attached to the minutes
- A few committee members have met and looking to meet again in the near future.

## **Legislative** – Howdy Kurtsinger, Monica Rath, Steve Kyle

- President Kyle reviewed the Washington DC trip, stressed the importance of the trip and that we should keep sending representatives from the KFA
- Discussion was held concerning the need to increase State Aid, Howdy explained this past session was not a budget session so they would not consider hearing it; we can work on it in the upcoming session.
- Howdy reviewed status of the bills that passed and died
- There is a very important Senate Committee meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at NKU's MET center in Erlanger concerning the cancer presumption bill; we need as many people to attend as possible to show our support for the bill.
- Howdy stressed how important the calls to legislators are.

## **Scholarship** – Alan Johnson

- Report attached to the minutes
- Four applications have been received
- Attached is an SOG change proposal, committee would like to insert the following

***This scholarship is intended to assist recipients in obtaining a bachelor's degree from a two or four year accredited program, or a program offered by KCTCS. The scholarship funds will be paid twice a year for up to four years or eight semesters, whichever occurs first.***

A motion was made to accept the SOG change proposal as submitted by the scholarship committee.

Motion / Second

AJ Johnson / Jeff Pohlman

Discussion was held

A motion was made to amend the original proposal to add the words “or associates” between the words bachelor’s degree.

Motion / Second for amendment

AJ Johnson / Jeff Pohlman

Amendment passed via voice vote

Motion passed via voice vote

### **Chapter 75 – Jeff Pohlman**

- No Report

### **Honor Guard – Charlie Rafferty**

- Introduced Charlie to the E-Board; he will be the new chairperson for the committee
- He explained to the board he understood the SOG’s and the importance of the committee.

### **History – Mike O’Day**

- Discovered there are a lot of KFA and State Fire School archives located at Lexington’s Engine 15. Committee will get together and go through items.

### **Memorial – Ronnie Day**

- A few pavers have been sold and one bench; all will be installed by this year’s Memorial Service
- This year’s Memorial service will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Trip to Emmitsburg for the NFF Memorial service will be October 1-6<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance – John Wiseman**

- Committee will met July 14<sup>th</sup> to audit the license plate account
- We need to get closer on our numbers to budget for next year.
- Due to an inactive account monies need to be moved to a CD

A motion was made to move \$10220.76 to a CD.

Motion / Second

John Wiseman / Mike Hulse

Motion passed via voice vote

- Additional sales of prints will go into the general fund

**Housing Board – Rusty Todd via Monica Rath**

- Report attached to the minutes

**Conference Overview Committee – Sam Stacy**

- All VP's are to report to this committee twice a year, at winter meeting and before the start of the conference; along with this the financial work sheet needs to be filled out prior to the meeting
- If any problems arise please don't hesitate to contact the committee or someone on the committee that is what we are there for

**Old Business**

**Prints** – Treasurer Suttles will attempt to call Our Designs and have the prints shipped to his office.

A motion was made to go ahead and pre approve shipping for when contact is finally made.

Motion / Second

Billy Selvage / Duane Suttles

Motion passed via voice vote



## **New Business**

### **State Fair – Dale Dobson, Chris Crawford**

- Opening day is August 20<sup>th</sup> and there will be the Commodity Breakfast then work the vendor booth
- Our next day is Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup> and there will be the Ham Breakfast (need tickets) then work the vendor booth
- Need to get shirt sizes to Chris Crawford asap

A motion was made to spend \$2500.00 to participate in the KY State Fair and complete our pledge to the SOCs fire truck.

Motion / Second

Mike Hulsey / Jeff Pohlman

Motion passed via voice vote

## **Good and Welfare**

- Ken Knipper has been in the hospital with a severe case of pneumonia. Please keep Ken in your prayers for a speedy recovery

A motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contracts.

Motion/Second

Jeff Pohlman / Billy Selvage

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to come out of Executive session; with no action taken.

Motion/Second

Pat Walsh / Mike Hulsey

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to accept Hurley Publishing proposal for both the website and the newsletter.

Motion / Second

Jeff Pohlman / Mike Hulsey

Motion passed via voice vote

A discussion was held concerning the timing of notification about who the new incoming VP will be. If we knew ahead of time things could be set in motion to have all their KFA “things” at the banquet to present to them.

VP@Large Hulseley stated he will put a By-Law together with his By-Law committee and present it at the conference.

Discussed the future of the KFA. Ideas expressed will be passed along to the steering committee.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulseley / Pat Walsh

Motion passed via voice vote

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Rath, Secretary

Kentucky Firefighters Association