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Bryant Stiles Officer School

Owensboro, KY

The regular meeting of the Kentucky Firefighters Association was called to order by Vice President Jeff Pohlman. Invocation was given by VP @ Large Mike Hulsey and then the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Officers found all present except President Steve Kyle, VP Billy Selvage, and VP Pat Walsh.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2014 meeting.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Duane Suttles

Motion passed via voice vote

We had one guest speaker; Heather Schafer with the NVFC. Ms. Schafer gave a presentation to the group covering the advantages of being an All State Member of the NVFC. We currently already pay for this with our membership so there is no extra money needed. Allows our members to receive 50% discount on their department's membership and also allows 50% discount on personal memberships. NVFC is open to all firefighters for membership not just volunteers. Ms. Schafer will work with Duane on getting the promotional flyers out with the dues statements. Ms. Schafer also complimented Ken Knipper and explained to the board how well Ken represents the state of Kentucky with his involvement in the NVFC.

Officers Reports

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

VP @ Large Mike Hulsey announced in addition to his activity report he wanted to report he will be retiring in July and will not be seeking reelection.

Treasurers report – Duane Suttles

- Currently have 378 paid department members and 48 personal members, sustaining memberships will come along with state fire school

Directors Reports

Jackson Purchase – Tex Johnson

- Fire School is April 10,11, and 12
- Working on membership
- Working on 2015 conference

Green River – Bobby Newman

- Welcome back to Owensboro
- Working on membership

Dixie Firefighters – Chris Crawford

- Dixie Fire School will be 2nd weekend of March
- Dixie will have a hospitality room in Paducah

Northern KY – Jeff Pohlman

- Working on 2016 conference
- Working on membership

Bluegrass – Bobby Cowherd

- Would like an updated membership list, to work on membership

Pike County – Lewis Ratliff

- Good to see everyone
- Attended association meetings
- Promoting fire prevention is a priority
- A new Memorial wall has been erected
- Pike County Association has been offered a \$5000 no questions asked death benefit from Armed Forces Benefit Association
- Pike County fire school is set for September 11-13

Barren River – VP @ Large Mike Hulseley was contacted by Chief Keith Jones of the Stony Point VFD, he is interested in getting the Barren River Association up and going again and becoming an active member of the KFA.

Committee Reports

Advisory – Chris Crawford

- As new people come on board we need to stress the importance of attendance at board meetings and committee meetings

By-Laws and SOG's – Mike Hulseley

- Reviewed what will need to happen if Barren River gets association back together.

Steering – Mike Hulseley/Monica Rath

- Have not heard from the following association, need to know who their directors are and contact info; Central, Pennyryle, and Southeastern

Hall of Fame – John Beatsch

- Attached to the minutes
- Committee met and nomination forms will be out soon, will ask Woody Will to put the form on the website

State Fire School – Ronnie Day

- Dates are June 3, 4,5,6,and 7th
- Hoping numbers will go back up with Green River Officer school moving back to Owensboro
- Jim Polly NFPA President will be keynote speaker
- Billy Goldfedder will have a class on Friday but will cost additional at registration
- Looking at doing a challenge coin in partnership with LG&E, instructors will receive coin instead of shirt
- This year theme is Pink Heels, T-Shirts will be pink
- Brochure will be out soon
- Vendor show – Therese will be getting help from Mark Henderson
- Cook out Friday and Saturday
- At 4pm on Saturday Lexington Fire will host their annual Stair Climb at the Hilton
- Bike show will be back on Saturday night
- Will have Friday night Vendor party

Fire Commission – Ronnie Day

- New facilities – Area 14 moving to Jamestown, Area 7 working with Boone County for CPAT building and offices, Area 9 just moved into new building, Ashland and Lexington have both moved
- There are a couple of positions open check the KCTCS website
- Dr. Jay Box is the new president of KCTCS
- Commission is going paperless there should be few changes
- Working on getting driving simulators
- Working on MILO EMS program

Public Education – Greg Schultz

- KY is still #8 in fire deaths according to FEMA, part of this problem could be reporting related
- We need to report functioning smoke detectors involved in a structure fire with NIFERS
- Looking into possibly applying for a large scale grant for public education, it would be used for learn not to burn type of program using the monies for the education portion

Special Events – Chris Crawford

- Will have booth during Green River vendor show and State Fire School
- New flags have been purchased and are present today
- Using Facebook to push personal memberships and for legislative issues

NVFC – Ken Knipper

- Working on getting Homeland Security funded
- There is now a bio detector guide app available
- Working on EMS organization in cases of emergencies and/or disasters
- Working on POV operations and safety
- Legislative priorities are SAFER grants and Homeland Security
- CDC admitted they left 1st responders out in the cold in regards to Ebola

LAST – Jason Bowling via Secretary Rath

- Attached to the minutes
- Have been trying to get in contact with John Proels at NFFF for information and training

Legislative – Howdy Kurtsinger

- Reviewed legislative report #3
- This year is a short session
- Please contact Legislators when the call is put out this really does make a difference
- Reviewed SB 157, 169, and 200 along with HB 132, 156, 175, 308, 348, and 444

Scholarship – Alan Johnson

- Report attached to the minutes
- Discussed issues with having applicants get a background check

A motion was made to do away with all background checks for scholarships.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulse/ Duane Suttles

Motion passed via voice vote

- VP@Large Mike Hulse will make changes to SOG and send out to E-Board and committee
- Committee would like to put a max of years able to receive scholarship

A motion was made to give out a maximum of four years of scholarships with a maximum of \$8000.00 per student.

Motion/Second

Alan Johnson/

Died for a lack of a second

A motion was made to table the discussion till the next meeting.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulse/

Died for a lack of a second

Chapter 75 – Jeff Pohlman

- Attached to the minutes

History – Mike O’Day

- Still working on getting memorabilia in the history trailer
- Checking with the fire commission to see if they have a computer that can be utilized

Finance – John Wiseman

- Reviewed financial standings at 6 months
- Looking at keeping up with technology

A motion was made to create and mail a flyer to every county clerk’s office in the state explaining the firefighter license plate and what it does for our association.

Motion/Second

John Wiseman/Mike Hulsey

Motion passed via voice vote

- Very little money is being made on the CD’s. committee will come back to board with suggestions

Conference Overview Committee – Monica Rath

- Committee met and found the following; 2016 is on track with everything, 2017 is still working on fundraising
- All VP’s are to report to this committee twice a year, at winter meeting and before the start of the conference

Old Business

Legal Shield – Discussed Legal Shield from last meeting; Ethics chairman stated it would be unethical to partner

Prints – No one present had any information concerning the prints, Duane is in his new building and now has room to store them, President Kyle will need to call Our Designs and make arrangements for them to be shipped.

Cold Checks – Still working on a cold check from 2014 fire school

New Business

American Income Life – we were told AIL is not going to pay the death benefit for Malcolm Jenkins due to cause of death being heart related not accidental, \$63,000.00 have been paid out to our membership, will discuss again at next meeting

Good and Welfare

- VP Billy Selvage's father passed away this morning
- What/Who is the representative for the KY Fire Coalition?

A motion was made to go into Executive Session.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Monica Rath

Motion passed via voice vote

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

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Duane Suttles

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to have President Kyle call a special meeting with E-Board and Woody Will to discuss his contract prior to State Fire School.

Motion/Second

Monica Rath/Mike Hulsey

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to send two representatives from the KFA to Washington DC for the Congressional Fire Service Caucus.

Motion/Second

Monica Rath/Mike Hulsey

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to send Steve Kyle and Steve Rath to Washington DC.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Duane Suttles

Motion passed via voice vote

Monica Rath sustained from voting

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Monica Rath

Motion passed via voice vote

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Rath, Secretary

Kentucky Firefighters Association