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Owensboro, KY

The spring quarterly meeting (Bryant Stiles/Green River Officers School) of the Kentucky Firefighters Association was called to order by President Billy Selvage. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Officers all Present.

Welcome by Pat Thompson.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 10- 15 -2016 E-Board meeting held in Corbin.

Motion/Second

John Beatsch/Duane Suttles

Motion passed via voice vote

Officers reports placed in Dropbox are also attached to the minutes.

Officers Reports

President- Billy Selvage

- Reviewed attached activity report

1st VP- Pat Walsh

- Working on Convention
- Tangible tax work group working to come up with a solution.

2nd VP- Pat Thompson

- Reviewed attached activity report

3rd VP- John Beatsch

- Working on convention

VP at Large- Chris Crawford

- Reviewed attached activity report

Treasurer- Duane Suttles

- Working with dues- 445 members still have 45-50 unpaid
- Directors please contact Treasure for breakdown of paid /non-paid departments.
- A big Thank You to Melissa Bayer for helping with audit for license plate money.

- **Motion- gift card for Mrs. Bayer**

Motion/second

Suttles/ Crawford

Motion passed via voice vote

- See attached activity report
- We have ten new departments that have paid dues
- We need to make sure County Clerks are not talking people out of \$10-dollar fee on plates.

Motion was made to accept Treasurers report.

Motion/ Second

Thompson/Crawford

Passed via Voice vote

Directors Reports

Jackson Purchase – Tex Johnson

- Pushing departments to pay their dues so they stay in the know added some new departments
- Fire school planned for April 6,7,8.

Green River- The Association is busy working on the Conference.

Going to have raffle on an AVT price of ticket includes a steak dinner for two. Tickets are \$60.00

Dixie Firefighters – Steve Sheets

- Fire school planned for March 10-12:
- Holding a Buddy Gun Raffle for \$5/ticket
- The association would like to invite the KFA to their fire school
- See attached report

Northern KY – Jeff Pohlman

- Thank You for your support.
- 2020 Conference started planning
- working on recruitment and retention

Eastern KY- Duane King

- Working with VP Selvage on the 2017 conference- hotel and banquet location are secure Web site up

Bluegrass Emergency – Rick Bobo

- Working to increase KFA membership
- Working on VP Walsh Conference

Jefferson County – Bob Frizzell & Pat Walsh

- Working on Membership
- Working with Pat on the upcoming conference to be held July 27th- August 1st at the Crown Plaza

Mountain Firefighters – Sam Stacey

- Having a hard time getting volunteer firefighters- How do we increase members?
- Departments aren't responding to calls because there is no one to cover during the day- Hazard is covering 13 departments during the day
- Working on annual fire school in August

Lake Cumberland- Rick Hayes

Working on Fire School

Next meeting of Lake Cumberland March 9th at Area 14 Office

Central –Greg Bayer

Still getting Association up and running

Southeastern- Eric Philpot

Now have web site up Southern Kentucky Firefighters Association

Fire School October 20-22

Committee Reports

Hall of Fame- John Beatsch

- All is going well seeking nominations from February till June

State Fire School – Gregg Bayer

- State Fire School will be held June 6-11
- Flyers have been distributed
- There are a few classes that will require an extra fee –Nozzle foreword Is one of them.

Scholarship- Allen Johnson

- See attached report
- Currently have 3 individuals active in the scholarship program and have been contacted by individuals looking at scholarship requirements once they graduate high school
- Looking at changing the SOG's for clarity of KFA scholarship requirements

Discussion- a student asked if money from scholarship could be used for other things in Lou of tuition. The student received another scholarship which paid for tuition and wanted to use our scholarship for books and other supplies.

The ruling was NO the License plate monies have strict requirements and our Bylaws and SOGs say that it cannot.

Chairman Jackson said the money will be returned.

A motion was made to send scholarship checks and letter to the Bussers office.

Motion/ Second

Wiseman/Halsey

Passed via voice vote

Special Events – Chris Crawford

- Looking into a phone app for State Fire School and Conference so all info on events will be on app and make it covenant for users
- Increasing involvement on Facebook and twitter going very well.
- Looking into new banners.

Fire Prevention and Education-Greg Schultz

- Vision 20/20 has partnered with Public Health
- Coalition meeting it was suggested to email all Departments and find out what they are doing and contact info of the person coordinating prevention.
- The Red Cross has a grant for smoke Detectors and you can contact them and they will send out teams and install them.
- Please use the resources from the NFPA

Recruitment and retention

- We are working on a Voc. Ed. Program with Jefferson County, Lexington and Kenton County School systems on a Firefighter Certification Program.
- We are also working with the Fire Commission to allow Junior Firefighters to do some live fire training.

NVFC – Pat Thompson

- Discussion to appoint Greg Schultz to KFA as second person representing Kentucky.

A motion was made to appoint Greg Schultz as second member to NVFC of Kentucky.

Motion/second

Suttles/Thompson
Passed Via voice vote

Memorial- Bench for Monica will be done in time for Memorial.

Ethics- Dave Jansing

- Thank You for all the prayers and support during heart issues.

Resolutions

- File 60 days before which would be during the State Fire School

Chapter 75

- Tangible tax work group working on issue
- Discussion of bills during 2016/17 session

Honor Guard

- The Honor Guard has participated in two Funnels Ken Knipper and French

History – Mike O’Day

No report

Legislative – Howdy Kurtsinger

- Watching retirement bills
- Nothing is moving, this session is so different than any I have ever seen.

Steering Committee – Rick Bobo

- Went over survey from Conference and advised on recommendations. See attached.
- Liked educational offering on Saturday
- Keep meetings on Monday/Tuesday
- Keep golf outing
- Speakers on Tuesday night have time limit.

- Look into Executive Director

A motion was made to spend up to a hundred dollars on a survey program.

Motion/ Second

BOBO/Crawford

Passed via voice Vote

Steering Committee is to look into locations for Conferences and weather having them in bigger cities or continue as is.

Finance

- A motion was made to task Finance Committee with reporting on Executive Director and job description to include- (work on increasing membership, work with Legislative Chairman, set up meetings, plan Vendor show at State Fire School, help with social media.) and report back at Fire School Meeting.

Motion/ Second

Crawford/Thompson

Passed via Voice vote

Conference Oversight

- Lots of people to be involved with the steering committee
- Continue to make sure the conferences are prepared
- Dates are set through the 2019 conference
 - 2017: July 28th – August 2nd @ Ashland Plaza
 - 2018: July 27th – August 1st @ Crown Plaza in Louisville
 - 2019: August 3rd- 7th in Owensboro
 - 2020: Date to be determined @Northern Kentucky
- Noticing that presidents have to focus on hosting conferences which may be deterring individuals from stepping up to become president
- Spreadsheets and templates that have been created are very helpful
- The 2020 conference will be hosted by NKY and the President will be Chief John Beatsch and they have started fund raising.

Old Business

Olympics- since the Olympics have been discontinued what is going to happen to the trailer?

A Motion was made to give Olympics Trailer to any region that wants it.

Motion/ Second

Wiseman/ Crawford

Passed via Voice vote

New Business

VP Walsh discussed the funeral trailer they working on inventorying the trailer.

A motion was made to change badges on pocket badges to the one that is on the Honor Guard belt buckle.

Motion/Passed

Crawford/ Beatsch

Passed via voice vote

Line of Duty Cancer Deaths to be recognized at the Conference.

Discussion of having a workshop for Directors at State Fire school.

Good and Welfare

A motion was made to Contribute \$500.00 to 2016 and same for 2017 Chili supper with KPFF and Fire Chiefs.

Motion/Second

Billy Selvage/Pat Walsh

Motion passed via voice vote

Motion to adjourn

Crawford/ Beatsch

Passed by voice vote 1459

The next meeting will be on Saturday, June 10th at State Fire School in Lexington.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Rath

