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**The 2014 Kentucky Firefighters Association Conference was held in Elizabethtown Kentucky from August 2 – 5 hosted by President Chris Crawford, his lovely wife Dena and the Dixie Firefighters Association.**

**Saturday August 2, 2014**

The 2014 Kentucky Firefighters Conference began with the annual Firefighter Olympics. The Olympics were held at The American Legion Park in Elizabethtown. Several teams from across the state participated and brought along their rowdy supporters. Fun was had by all. The Official results are attached to the minutes.

**Sunday August 3, 2014**

The Fire Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting. The annual Memorial Service was held at the First Christian Church in Elizabethtown. We memorialized three LODD's, Arlie "Pooh" Hill, Charlie Goff, and Robert Webster. All names of our deceased brothers and sisters were read and remembered for their service. Sunday evening we enjoyed a Pool/Welcome Party with food by the Beef Producers. Fun was had by all.

**Monday August 4, 2014**

President Chris Crawford called order and welcomed everyone to the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Bill Mullins, Chaplain of the Elizabethtown Fire Department gave the Invocation. Elizabethtown Fire Department Honor Guard presented the Colors. Joe Stambush led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Officers were present. Dale Dobson with the Dixie Firefighters Association gave a welcome speech and covered a few housekeeping issues. Vice President Steve Kyle gave his response to the welcome and thanked President Crawford and his crew for all their hard work.

The following public figures gave a short speech and welcomed everyone to the area; Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes, Senator Dennis Parrett, Representative Jimmie Lee, Representative Jeff Greeg, Judge Executive Gerry Lynn, Mayor Edna Berger. Tom Bennett, Chief of Staff for State Auditor Adam Edlen, reviewed KRS 65A formally known as House Bill 1.

President Crawford officially opened the conference meeting.  
Mike O'Day Sr. presented the members with the Rules of the Conference.

A motion was made to accept the Rules of Conference.

Motion/Second

Mike O'Day Sr/Mike Hulsey  
Motion passed via voice vote.

President Crawford allowed the Steering committee to have the floor. At this time the only prefiled resolution was presented to the floor.

Resolution 1-2014 – Reinstatement of Lake Cumberland Association – submitted by Pulaski County and Steering committee - Hereby ask for reinstatement of the Lake Cumberland Association at the same level as when they were removed.

A motion was made to accept resolution 1-2014 as presented.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Jeff Pohlman  
Motion passed via voice vote.

A motion was made to place the wreath from the Memorial Service on Jamia Skaggs gravesite after the conference.

Motion/Second

Woody Will/Joe Bowman  
Motion passed via voice vote.

Secretary Monica Rath read the conference committees. They are as follow;

**Credentials:** Ronnie Day, **Finance:** Finance Committee, **Conference:** Fred Dewitt and the conference committee, **Nominations:** Ronnie Day, Rusty Todd **Parliamentarian:** Mike O'Day Sr.

Preliminary credentials report submitted by Ronnie Day 56 departments represented with 80 delegates. Report attached to minutes.

### **Officers Reports:**

A report from the following officers have been filed with the secretary and will be attached to the minutes; President Chris Crawford, VP Steve Kyle, VP Jeff Pohlman, VP Billy Selvage, VP @ Large Mike Hulsey, Treasurer Duane Suttles and Secretary Monica Rath. All filed reports, meeting schedules, and attendance were available to any member to view prominently displayed at the Head Table.

### **Reports:**

#### **State Fire Commission – Ronnie Day**

- Added a curriculum specialist to update curriculum on existing programs
- New equipment – Fire Blast and variety of EMS and firefighting equipment
- Reviewed upcoming/future equipment and training facilities
- Had 3 instructors retire; Charlie Shaw, Whitney Ennis, and Chuck Cauldwell
- We need to contact our Congressmen concerning the PSOB and how long it takes to pay out these benefits
- Hosted 2013 Mid Atlantic conference
- Report attached to minutes

**Fire Rescue Training – Pat Thompson**

- Reviewed retirements and new hiring's; Brian Smiley Area 2, Casey Hall is the curriculum specialist, Brian Steele, Casey Smith, and Jake Warren
- Promoting degree program
- 6 million dollars have been used for equipment upgrades
- NVFC – Ken Knipper is very well know across the country and world, very knowledgeable, and respected by his counter parts, represents KY very well

**State Fire Marshalls Office – William Swope**

- Congratulated and commended all firefighters for what they do
- Reviewed programs that came out of the fire marshall's office

**Kentucky Homeland Security – Tom Arnold**

- Received 180 grant applications; Award letters will be out in September
- Reviewed advantages of the Fusion Center

**Kentucky Fire Chiefs – Steve Kyle**

- Moved conference to the fall; still held in Bowling Green

**Legislative – Gerald Steward, Mike Kurtsinger**

- Report Filed & Attached
- Reviewed 2013 Resolutions and outcome – attached to report
- Thank you for all the phone calls when they were needed, they do make a difference
- Will be calling a legislative meeting at the end of the year

Amanda Cross with American Income Life gave a short review of programs and benefits offered to our members.

**Resolutions:**

Any resolutions not pre-filed must be presented to membership and accepted with a two-thirds vote to send to committee

2-2014 – Increase fire tax – Submitted by VP Jeff Pohlman – Create legislation to increase fire tax from 10 cents to 15 cents per \$100 of property assessment or completely eliminate tax cap altogether.

A motion was made to send resolution 2-2014 to legislative committee.

Motion/Second

Jeff Pohlman/Paul Hehman

Motion passed via voice vote

3-2014 – Compensation for Fire Board members – Submitted by VP Jeff Pohlman – Support following change to KRS Chapter 75.260;" Board may fix salaries of members per meeting not to exceed \$50 per meeting per one meeting a month".

A motion was made to send resolution 3-2014 to legislative committee.

Motion/Second

Billy Selvage/Jerry Tiemeier

Discussion was held concerning changing the word salaries to compensation.

A motion was made to amend the original motion to include the change of wording from salaries to compensation in the Therefore Be It Resolved section.

Motion/Second on amendment

Jeff Pohlman/Mike Hulsey  
Amendment passed via voice vote  
Original motion passed via voice vote

4-2014 – Where tax hearing is held – Submitted by VP Jeff Pohlman – Support new legislation reverting tax fee hearings to be held at the main fire station.

A motion was made to send resolution 4-2014 to legislative committee.

Motion/Second

Jeff Pohlman/Jerry Tiemeier  
Motion passed via voice vote

### **Nominations – Ronnie Day**

Nominations for the position Secretary were opened on the floor.

Monica Rath was nominated by VP Steve Kyle and Seconded by John Beatsch.

Monica Rath accepted nomination.

Hearing no other nominations a motion was made to cease nominations for secretary and have President Crawford cast one vote for Monica Rath for Secretary.

Motion/Second

Jeff Pohlman/Duane Suttles  
Motion passed via voice vote.

President Chris Crawford cast one vote for Monica Rath for the position of Secretary.

President Crawford recessed meeting until Tuesday morning at 8:00 am.

Golf Outing was scheduled for 1pm at Doe Run Golf Course.

Men's luncheon was scheduled for 12pm at Elizabethtown Fire Department with a scheduled tour of the Patton Museum.

Ladies luncheon was scheduled for 11:30am at the State Theater.

Monday evening there was an authentic Luau held at City of Radcliff Park.

### **Tuesday August 5, 2014**

President Crawford brought the meeting out of recess and Chaplain Jeff Rickles gave the invocation. VP Steve Kyle led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ronnie Day gave the credential report of 59 departments represented with 84 delegates present. All Officers present.

### **KFA Directors Reports:**

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

- Spring Fire School went well

#### **Green River – Steve Leonard**

- Very active with community and school activities
- Officers School will be February 20, 21, 22 2015 in Owensboro.
- Thanks for support received from everyone in Lexington area when Officers school was held there

- Need to push fire prevention and safety
- Life safety saves lives

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

- Hope everyone is enjoying the conference

#### **Northern Kentucky Firefighters – Bud Lederer**

- Thanked President Crawford for all the hard work he put in over the past few years
- 2016 Conference will be in Northern Kentucky and is currently in the fund raising stages and preliminary planning.
- Educational opportunities can be found at nkyess.org

#### **Bluegrass Emergency Services – Rick Bobo**

- Congratulations to President Crawford for a successful conference
- Mt. Eden fire department burnt to the ground with everything in it this morning, total loss, may need help with replacing equipment
- Kevin Becker is the new Shelbyville fire chief
- Added 2 new departments to association; working on KFA membership, currently at 82%

#### **Buffalo Trace – Kerry Moore**

- Thanks for great conference
- Continually promoting KFA membership
- Report filed

#### **Pike County – Randy Courtney for Lewis Ratliff**

- Lewis took ill a few weeks ago and had his foot amputated; Thanks everyone for the well wishes
- Promoting KFA membership in area
- 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire School is scheduled for September 5,6,&7

#### **Jefferson County and Bluegrass – Bob Frizzel**

- Pat Walsh, Chief of McMahan FD will be the new incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President
- Annual Fire School is set for September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

#### **Lake Cumberland – Junior Fourtnebery**

- Rick Hanes is the president of the association
- Currently have 20 departments on board with the association and the reinstatement

Lawyer, Darrin Sammons, with the Department of Local Government, along with two other members of the DLG staff reviewed KRS 65A with legal issues and general questions.

Senator Mitch McConnell stopped by in the early afternoon to address the group. Thanked everyone for doing the job we do.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Membership Status – Duane Suttles**

- Currently have 517 dues paying members
- 420 departments, 56 personal, 41 sustaining

**Steering – Mike Hulsey**

- Committee has been very active
- Visited Pulaski County and have Lake Cumberland Association back on board
- Will be working on Barren River Association next

**Constitution & By-Laws – Mike Hulsey**

Several changes were proposed and reviewed with the members present.

A motion was made to review all changes at the same time and vote on the entire package.

Motion/Second

Terry Keller/Jeff Rickels

Motion passed via voice vote

The following changes are proposed;

Line 23 – DELETE *To complete statics of information concerning the practical workings of various apparatus in the use of extinguishing fires, also the cultivation of* ADD *To cultivate the*

Line 38 – DELETE *Fire Insurance or other salvage corps.*

Line 44 – DELETE *Personal membership may be obtained in the KFA by paying annual dues of \$25.00 per year.*

Line 61 – ADD *Section 3B: Personal Membership – may be obtained in the KFA by paying annual dues of \$25.00 per year.*

Line 119 – ADD *Section 10: Personal Membership is afforded all benefits and privileges of this Association with the exception of the right to hold office and vote.*

Line 138 – ADD *Lake Cumberland*

Line 140 – DELETE *Committee* ADD *Board*

Line 149 – DELETE *Committee* ADD *Board*

Line 162 – DELETE *Committee*

Line 163 – ADD *Board*

Line 164 – ADD *Directors filling these roles shall be sworn in by the highest ranking Executive Board member present for the duration of the absence.*

Line 216 – DELETE *Committee* ADD *Board*

Line 218 – DELETE *Chairperson of all committees may attend all regular meetings or called meeting by the President and their expenses paid on approval of the President.*

Line 221 – DELETE *shall* ADD *may* DELETE *\$1500.00* ADD *\$1750.00*

Line 223 – DELETE *shall* ADD *may* DELETE *\$750.00* ADD *\$1000.00*

Line 226 - DELETE *shall* ADD *may* DELETE *\$750.00* ADD *\$1000.00*

Line 232 – ADD *Section 2: Expenses: Expenses of all KFA offices are described under separate cover, known as Standard Operating Guidelines for KFA.*

Line 240 - DELETE *Committee* ADD *Board*

Line 244 – DELETE *2014 Central* ADD *2024 North*

Line 269 - DELETE *Committee* ADD *Board*

Line 277 - DELETE *Committee* ADD *Board* (TWICE on this line.)

Line 298 – DELETE *Procedure* ADD *Guideline*

Line 325 – ADD *shall be described under a separate cover, known as the Standard Operating Guideline*

DELETE - Line 327 – Line 339

A motion was made to accept the changes as proposed by the By-Law committee.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Jeff Lang

A discussion was held concerning Article 3 Section 3.

A motion was made to amend the original motion to include a change to Line 49

DELETE *Secretary* ADD *Treasurer*.

Motion/Second on amendment

Duane Suttles/Terry Keller

Amendment passed via voice vote

Original Motion passed via voice vote

An updated version of the By-Laws and Constitution will be posted on the website as soon as changes are made.

### **SOG's – Mike Hulsey**

Additions and explanation of expenses were proposed for the Standard Operating Guidelines. The following is what was proposed;

Section 2: Expenses

Expenses for KFA travel In State shall be:

(A) Mileage shall be reimbursed at the rate of \$0.50 per mile

- a. Mileage when using personal vehicle and pulling a KFA trailer shall be reimbursed at the rate of \$0.75 per mile, with Presidents prior approval.

(B) Meals shall be reimbursed at the following per deim rates:

- a. Breakfast \$7.00
- b. Lunch \$10.00
- c. Dinner \$18.00
- i. Meals may be reimbursed by receipt

Expenses for KFA Out of State shall be:

(A) Mileage shall be reimbursed at the rate of \$0.50 per mile

(B) Meals shall be reimbursed at the following per deim rates:

- a. Breakfast \$8.00
- b. Lunch \$12.00
- c. Dinner \$25.00
- i. Meals may be reimbursed by receipt

Lodging: Reimbursement for lodging with a receipt requires prior approval of the KFA President.

Expenses for Directors:

Directors may be reimbursed travel expenses under the KFA guidelines for the February and June meeting.

Expenses for Committee Chairs:

Committee chairs may be reimbursed travel expenses with prior approval of the KFA President.

A motion was made to accept the proposed additions to the SOG's.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Joe Stambush

Discussion was held concerning committee chairs and members

A motion was made to amend the original motion by adding *members* to line 219.

Amended Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Ronnie Mayfield

Amended motion passed via voice vote

Original motion passed via voice vote

### **Special Events –**

Promoted the KFA at the following schools; Green River, Jackson Purchase, Meade County, Jefferson County, Dixie Firefighters, and Daniel Boone Fire Schools and Bluegrass Emergency Services Meeting

Funeral Director Charlie Shaw assisted with two LODD funerals; Arlie Pooh Hill and Charlie Goff.

Purchased a golf cart to assist with promotions, state fire school and wherever needed.

### **Hall of Fame – John Beatsch**

- Joe Bowman and Mike Hulsey will be inducted into the Hall of Fame tonight

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

- This year was the 85<sup>th</sup> year
- Committee members all worked well together
- Attendance was up
- Please continue to support our vendors
- State Aid money can be used for all State Fire School expenses

### **Scholarships – Allen Johnson**

- Thanked committee members for hard work
- 6 new applications, and 3 renewals in review
- Report attached

### **NVFC – Ken Knipper**

- Action Training Systems offered 38 training packages, packages are worth \$5000.00 in value, Oldtown FD won one of these packages
- There is a Firefighter Support fund for firefighters who suffer an unusual loss
- Volunteer Services Recruitment and Retention may possibly be splitting to attack problems individually
- NVFC sends sympathy cards for LODD and offers free memberships if departments are not already members
- NVFC has a virtual classroom on website
- CapWiz is a great program to get in touch with legislators
- Pushing for PSOB benefits to be paid in a timely manner
- Thanks to Ronnie Day and Monica Rath for getting info out to everyone

### **Memorial – Ronnie Day**

- Need to sell pavers
- Fallen Firefighter Memorial will be on October 8<sup>th</sup> in Frankfort at 11am; we will be adding 3 names

### **History – Mike O’Day Sr.**

A motion was made to spend \$600.00 on recruitment and retention.

Motion/Second

Mike O’Day Sr./Mike Hulsey

Motion passed via voice vote

### **Ethics – Dave Jansing**

No report

### **EMS –**

No Report



**Public Education – Wanda Issacs**

No Report

**LAST – Tim Brumfield**

- Setting up this program in KY, waiting on training info to come in
- Report filed and attached

**Conference Oversight Committee – Sam Stacy**

Report filed and attached

**Honor Guard – Charlie Lott**

Report filed and attached

**Housing Board – Rusty Todd**

- Still working to get current codes adopted
- Still working on having multi families sprinkled for new construction
- Please fill out run reports as complete as possible, this info is being used in data collection

**Chapter 75 – Jeff Pohlman**

Report filed and attached

**Olympics**

Report filed and attached

**Finance – John Wiseman**

- Thanked committee for hard work; audited license plate account, audited general fund account
  - Discussed proposed budget
- A motion was made to accept the budget.

Motion/Second

John Wiseman/Jeremy Lynn  
Motion passed via voice vote

**Resolutions – Mark Luckett**

KFA 5-2014 – KFA recognizes Chris and Dena Crawford and the Dixie Firefighters Association for their outstanding contributions and hospitality during the 2014 KFA Conference.

A motion was made to accept KFA 5-2014 as submitted by the Resolution committee.

Motion/Second

Mark Luckett/Terry Keller  
Motion passed via voice vote

**Legislative – Michael “Howdy” Kurtsinger**

KFA 2-2014 committee recommends approval

A motion was made to accept the committee’s recommendation.

Motion/Second

Howdy Kurtsinger/Jerry Tiemeier  
Motion passed via voice vote

KFA 3-2014 committee recommends a substitute resolution. The resolve to now be “The Board may fix the respective expense reimbursement of its members on a per meeting basis not to exceed up to \$100.00 per meeting and not exceed one (1) meeting per month.

A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendation.

Motion/Second

Howdy Kurtsinger/Jerry Tiemeier

Motion passed via voice vote

KFA 4-2014 committee recommends a substitute resolution. The resolve to now be "That the KFA support new legislation exempting all fire service agencies from the requirement of KRS 65A.

A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendation.

Motion/Second

Howdy Kurtsinger/Adam Hall

Motion passed via voice

### **Conference City – Chris Crawford**

- 2015 Conference will be held in Paducah
- Dates for 2015 conference are August 1-4
- Website is up and running [www.kfa2015.com](http://www.kfa2015.com)
- Host hotel will be the Courtyard by Marriott, contract and additional info will be out for other hotels

### **New Business**

Terry Keller – Would like to see the Treasurers and Secretarys tracked

Woody Will – There is a new photo download area on the website

### **Good and Welfare**

Ken Knipper – Discussed how the government is taking money away from our firefighters through the fire commission and using it to balance the state budget

Dale Dobson – August 14<sup>th</sup> is the opening day for the state fair; KFA, SFRT, and KY Dept. of Agricultural are partners on a booth on this day and on August 18<sup>th</sup>

Duane Suttles – Please consider being a personal member of the KFA

Bill Martin – would like to see Thinking of you cards sent to past members widowers, info will be sent to Secretary Rath and she will send out cards

President Chris Crawford recessed the meeting until 6pm this evening.

### **Banquet 6pm**

MC Karl Lusk introduced the KFA Executive Board and their spouses. Colors were presented by Elizabethtown Fire Department Honor Guard. A very stunning special table ceremony was conducted. Karl Lusk led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Stephen Beckham Meade County Fire District.

A wonderful dinner was served.

### **Hall of Fame – John Beatsch and committee**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame ceremony was executed perfectly with proper tribute and thanks given to this year's class members.

The following are all well deserving of this great honor; Joe Bowman with the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire District and Mike Hulsey with the Elizabethtown Fire Department and the KFA VP@Large.

Congratulations on this great honor.

President Chris Crawford did his final act as president and released all his committees and thanked them for a productive and supportive year of service.

MC Karl Lusk introduced the 2014-2015 Executive Board. Ronnie Day swore all Officers into their respective position. Badge and gift exchange took place.

President Steve Kyle gave his Presidential Address.

Secretary Monica Rath read the 2014-2015 committee assignments.

A motion to adjourn the conference was made.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Jeff Pohlman

Motion passed via voice vote

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Rath, Secretary  
Kentucky Firefighters Association