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June 5, 2021, E-Board Meeting Paris, Ky.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Kentucky Firefighters Association was held in Paris Ky. at the Kentucky Fire Commission Office. *(This meeting is usually held at the Kentucky State Fire School but was cancelled because of the COVID-19 outbreak.)*

This meeting was also available for viewing on ZOOM and Facebook live platforms.

The meeting was called to order by President Beatsch at 10:00AM EST.
The Invocation was by Vice President Eric Philpot.
The Pledge was led by President Beatsch.

Roll call of Officers found all present including Past President Mike O'Day as Parliamentarian and Past President Jeff Pohlman as Advisor.

Guest Speakers:

Amanda Cross from American income life.

We are still here for you with the Accidental death policy for the members of the KFA. The in-person meetings with members have resumed, we will still offer virtual meetings.

Dale Dobson Asked we were interested in partnering with the Kentucky Agriculture at this year's State Fair like in past years. The Cost is \$2,500 Dollars which includes a booth in the agriculture area and one day everyone would wear shirts with our KFA logo. Discussion on matter we will get back with Dale on our decision.

State Fire Rescue- Marc Rudder

State Fire Rescue Training has experienced an interesting year. The pandemic, cancellation of fire school, training, meetings, etc.

We are working to return to delivering requested training to the firefighters of the Commonwealth. We are scheduling for FY22 (July – June) and will offer each fire department 21 hours of instructor led training. We have several options for additional training for the departments and look forward to providing what is requested.

We have a course catalogue that will be published on July 1. This has over two hundred courses that SFRT can deliver. We will send an electronic list to our email distribution list and will have a link added to the Fire Commission website. Please review and see what your department needs.

The consolidation/reorganization of SFRT areas will take place on July 1. The coordinators will be reaching out to their departments to ensure that everyone knows the office to cont

Approval of minutes from February 2021 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes of February meeting

**Motion/second Thompson/Suttles
Passed via voice vote**

Report of Officers

President Beatsch

It's starting to get busy with things opening. Working on the 2020/2021 Conference we are 3 Months out. I have been also working with the By-Laws Committee on by-law additions.

Vice President Philpot

May 11: Budget Meeting Shelbyville, Kentucky

May 25: Presented check to Brian Moore family Paintsville, Kentucky

June 4: Memorial Committee Meeting Paris, Kentucky

June 5: KFA E-Board Meeting Paris, Kentucky

Working on Conference

Vice President Bobo- Working on Conference

Worked with Randy Lawson on updating the KFA Funeral guide.

Vice President Henderson-

Went to Green River Firefighters meeting May 27, Working on 2024 Convention

Vice President Thompson

March 2021

- 3/3 NVFC Membership Committee via Zoom
- 3/25 GRFA Meeting in Calhoun

April 2021

- 4/7 NVFC Annual Membership Meeting via Zoom
- 4/12 NVFC Legislative Committee meeting via Zoom
- 4/19 NVFC Membership Meeting via Zoom (Spring Conference)
- 4/20 NVFC Legislative Committee via Zoom (Spring Conference)
- 4/21 NVFC Happy Hour via Zoom (Spring Conference)
- 4/22 NVFC Social Hour via Zoom (Spring Conference)
- 4/23 NVFC General Business Session (Spring Conference)

May 2021

- 5/7 NVFC Virtual Webinar
- 5/11 NVFC Legislative Committee via Zoom
- 5/13 NVFC Conference Committee via Zoom
- 5/28 GRFA Meeting in Rosine

June 2021

- 6/4 Kentucky Firefighter Memorial Meeting via Phone
- 6/5 KFA Executive Board Meeting in Paris

Secretary Rath

- Typed minutes from February meeting \
- Sent out notice on prefile resolutions due June
- Sent out Delegate form
- Working on agenda for 2021 KFA conference

Treasurer Suttles

- Worked on treasurers reports and Treasurers duties

Advisor Pohlman

- Attended by-Laws meeting

Treasurers Report

Membership Report

May 31, 2021

408 DEPARTMENT MEMBERS CURRENT

50 DELINQUENT DEPARTMENTS

72 PERSONAL MEMBERS

23 SUSTAINING MEMBERS

6 NEW DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

11 NEW PERSONAL MEMBERS

As you will see our income is down because of the departments that have not paid their dues yet.

KFA 2020-2021 Budget Report of Standing

	2019-2020 Appropriation	2020-2021 Appropriation	ACTIVITY as of 05/31/21	BALANCE
Income				
License Plate Income	\$45,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$60,401.47	\$12,401.47
Dues - Membership Income	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$34,166.09	(\$1,833.91)
Dues - Personal	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,698.16	\$198.16
Dues - Sustaining Members	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,449.73	\$449.73
Newsletter/Webpage Income	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$900.00	(\$100.00)
Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$395.00	\$395.00
Interest	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$1,167.97	\$367.97
Prints/Promo Income	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$21.08	(\$78.92)
Scholarship Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State Fire School	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	(\$60,000.00)
Carry Forward	\$22,800.00	\$27,925.00	\$27,925.00	\$0.00
Directory/Pub Income	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State Fire School Admin Fund	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	(\$7,000.00)
Memorial	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$ 183,600.00	\$ 185,325.00	\$130,124.50	(\$55,200.50)

Expenses				
Executive Director Position	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$11,905.00	\$12,095.00
Funeral Expense	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,416.70	\$2,583.30
Hall of Fame	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Honor Guard Expense	\$6,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$2,865.68	\$5,634.32
Insurance Expense	\$4,200.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,401.82	(\$1.82)
Legislative Expense	\$9,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$8,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
Memorial Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Newsletter Expense	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00	\$16,250.00	\$3,250.00
Web Page Expense	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00
NVFC Expense	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$500.00	\$3,500.00
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$577.86	(\$577.86)
Office Equipment/Operation	\$5,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,635.04	\$1,364.96
Official Travel Expense	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$5,186.02	\$15,813.98
Postage Expense	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$684.40	\$315.60
Audit/CPA	\$500.00	\$625.00	\$625.00	\$0.00
Printing Expense	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$710.42	\$1,289.58
Promotional Expense	\$5,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$236.38	\$6,763.62
Safety Education Expense	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Secretary/Treasurer Expense	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
State Fire School	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
Special Events Expense	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
Scholarships	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$2,000.00
Telephone Expense	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$333.96	\$66.04
Uniform Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$1,633.76	(\$1,233.76)
Total Expenses	\$183,600.00	\$185,325.00	\$70,962.04	\$114,362.96

5/1/2021

**Motion: to approve the Treasures report.
Made/ Second Philpot/ Henderson**

Motion passed via voice vote

Executive Directors Report: Randy Lawson

The following is a summary of activity for the month of March 2021-May 2021

As has been the case of late not a lot of KFA business going on. The following is a summary of activity since last E Board mtg.:

March 2021

- Monitored Legislative activity throughout the month and contacted Legislators as appropriate and as requested.
- Continued to work with Robyn Forsythe of T Mobile re: Sustaining Membership
- Fielded multiple calls/inquiries re: telephone solicitation of donations. In each case it was the KPFF.
- Participated in the Zoom meeting of the GRFA Meeting – Mar 25, 2021

April 2021

- Little activity this month

May 2021

- Attended a Budget Committee Meeting at Shelby County Fire – 5/11/2021
- Met with Rick Bobo to work on Funeral Trailer procedure updates – 5/19/2021
- Attended visitation for Fern Creek Firefighter Kyle Adams – 5/25/2021
- Attended Kyle Adams funeral with Rick Bobo, presented KFA Bible – 5/26/2021

Directors Reports

Green River – Dwane Smeathers

We had our 1st in- person meeting last week and our next meeting will be July 29@ Owensboro FD

The reverse raffle will be November 6th, 2021

Dixie- Chris Crawford

The Dixie fire School went well. Our Firefighter memorial will be in October when thing is finalized, I will have the date and times.

Northern Ky.- Jeff Pohlman

Our Association finally had our first in person meeting last week. The Wilder Fire Department had their New Station dedication today.

Eastern Ky Firefighters- Duane Suttles

We started having in person meetings again it will be June 16th at Little Sandy Fire Department. The Eastern Ky. Fire School was successful. Lower student numbers but considering what has been going on the last 16 months we were very pleased with the turn out.

Bluegrass- Stephen Fante

- _Bluegrass Emergency Service Report
- _Thank you, Mr. President,
- _Then BESA association has started back having in person meetings, we have had 2 meetings since the last KFA E-Board meeting, March 16th and May 18th both with good representation.
- _Discussions on improving KFA membership throughout the association.
- _Presented the family of Chief James (Jim) Baker the Legacy award after several attempts dealing with covid-19 restrictions, we were able to get together at the former Lyndon (now St. Matthews 3) station memorial. Everything went well. I submitted the photos and information to Buford for Smoke Signals.
- _The next BESA meeting will be September 21st at Shelby County Station 1

Southeastern Firefighters- VP Philpot

Our next meeting will be in July. We are planning our fire school for October.

Central Kentucky- Pat Krogman

Nothing to report. We haven't had a meeting since COVID hit.

South Central Kentucky- Nelson Slaughter

We had our first meeting May 20 it was good to see everyone.

Our fire school will be in November more to follow on that.

We added two counties to our association Todd and Christian. Please welcome them. Our next meeting will be a Primbrook FD August 19th.

Regional Associations Please send your contact information to Secretary Rath. Secretary @Kyfa.org

Committees

By-Laws- Past President Chris Crawford

The Committee had a meeting and there are several by-laws that will be presented at the Conference dealing with Emeritus status for Past E-Board Members, how business is conducted during times of emergency, and Convention changes.

Discussion on by-laws.

Hall of Fame- Mike Wallingford

There will be two names added to the KFA Hall of Fame at this years Conference they are Jeff Pohlman and John Wiseman. Congratulations to Jeff and John for all the work you do for the Kentucky Firefighters.

Scholarship

Past President Pohlman gave an update on one of our past scholarship recipients Magen Rauch who just graduated medical school and will be a surgeon.

We get updated on who we give scholarships too, but we rarely hear about what they do with the scholarship. Good luck Magen on your journey we are thrilled we could help you.

EMS- Jimmy Van Cleave

Things are beginning to open some and the relaxed requirements. Please be mindful of the detrimental effects to people.

KBEMS will begin working back in the office (one week home one week)

KBEMS is still operating under the Emergency Order opening the renewal portal in July. If you have not renewed, please renew it as soon as possible.

Drew has announced his resignation to the Board of Directors and will be the last Administrator for KBEMS.

For those seeking continuing education, please contact us to have a 30-hour Prodigy course (free) listed as a cont. ed module for \$1.00 per credit hour.

Special Events- Buford Hurley

Smoke Signals is The KFA News publication that goes out to Member departments and Personnel members. If you have any news, you want people around the state to know about, please send it to me and I will put it in the up coming edition. Examples are new equipment, promotions, hiring's, retirements or news about your departments.

NVFC- VP Pat Thompson

Our Spring Conference was held virtual on Zoom. We hope the Fall Conference will be in person. Please join the NVFC it is only \$18.00 a year. The NVFC works for all Firefighters. Dave Finger the Chief Legislative officer is waiting for release of the AFG awards which should be very soon.

Memorial- Bruce Roberts

There was a meeting June 4 with KFA, KPFF and Fire Commission about expansion of the wall and surrounding area. We are exploring several options and will have another meeting soon.

The Memorial will be September 29th at 11am est. at Juniper Hills Park in Frankfort Ky. There will be 10 to 12 names going on the wall this year.

This will also be the 20th Anniversary of the Memorial. We will have challenge coin made and sold the money raised will go towards maintaining the memorial.

Resolutions- Keith Hurm

Associations wishing to pre-file resolutions must have them to the Secretary by June 24, 2021. Any received after will be floor resolutions.

Honor Guard- Charlie Rafferty

Since our last meeting the Honor Guard has had no calls for service. We are still working with the National Honor Guard Academy a date for hosting the class has been confirmed with Mr. Doug Swartz commanding officer of The National Honor Guard Academy, The Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center (WHFRTC), and National Responder Preparedness Center (NRPC). The class will be held August 1st through 6th. There are a few

finishing details such as advertisement, some simple flyer design changes are being completed, after that there will be an official announcement made and the class information will be pushed out.

The new uniform jackets, shirts, and pants have been dry cleaned to remove wrinkles from shipping and prepare them for service. To protect the investment of the new uniforms they will be stored in garment bags, also rain covers for the hats and all-weather coats have been discussed again to help keep the new uniforms looking good.

Finance- John Wiseman

Discussion on the proposed budget for 2021-2022. Changes will be move \$4,000 from Executive Director line item and move to Legislative Expense. Also, a proposed increase \$1,000.00 to the Treasure Expenses.

New Business

The Finance Committee has a given the E-Board a proposed 2021-2022 budget of \$190,845.00 this is \$5,520.00 up from the 2002-2021 budget of \$185,325.00.

Motion: To approve the proposed budget of \$190,845.00 for 2021-2022 to be voted on by the Delegates at the 2021 KFA Conference.

Made/Second Thompson/Philpot

Passed via voice vote

VP Thompson informed the E-Board that Ricky Kings term is up this year on the Fire Commission and would like for the E-Board to send a letter to the Governor asking to re-appoint Ricky King to the Fire Commission for another term.

Motion: To Send a letter to the Governor to appoint Ricky King to another term on the Kentucky Fire Commission.

Made/Second Thompson/Suttles

Motion passed via voice vote

Mike O'Day discussed the by-law changes that will be brought up at the Conference. Mike suggested the Names of the past E-Board members be added to the Emeritus Resolution.

John Wiseman asked for some changes to the SOG's. They are as follows:

Omit the Conference Overview Committee line 237 to line 287

Add

Under the duties of the Secretary Section1, (A)

After line 111 to 113: All records of meetings (minutes) after 10 days of such meeting shall be sent to the Executive Board for review and corrections. After 20 days of such meeting minutes shall be sent to all E-Board members, Committee Chairpersons, and Area Directors. And after 30 Days of such meeting the minutes shall be posted to the KFA Webpage.

Duties of the Secretary Section 1(B)

Prior to Line 1114 Add: Prior to any scheduled meeting the Secretary will create an agenda and send to the Executive Board 10 days prior to the meeting for possible changes and corrections. The Secretary shall cause to be posted in the Meeting room the names of all Officers in attendance at each regular meeting since the last Conference and the purpose for each meeting.

Motion: to approve changes to SOG for Secretary

Made/ Second Wiseman/Bobo

Passed via voice vote

Add

Conference Management Committee

Purpose:

The KFA Executive Board through its Conference Management Committee will manage the Conference Site Selection, Hotel Contract, Conference Registration, Memorial Service, Presidents Banquet, Annual Conference Book, Vendor Show, and regulate the Registration fee.

The members of this committee shall be the KFA Executive Director (Co-Chairman), KFA Finance Committee Chairman (Co-Chairman), the KFA Honor Guard Committee Chairman (would coordinate the Memorial Service), and a member from each Area, assigned by the KFA President (North, Central, East, West) who would secure Conference location and meeting space along with Area KFA Vice President, and Coordinate Host Association responsibilities with KFA Conference agenda.

Host Association Responsibilities

Coordinate the following activities with the Conference Management Committee's Agenda.

(A) Worship Service

- (B) Welcome Party
- (C) Ladies Luncheon
- (D) Evening Activity's
- (E) Golf Outing
- (F) Hospitality rooms

Motion: To create the Conference Management Committee with in the SOGs

Made/ second Wiseman/Philpot

Passed via voice vote

VP Bobo went over the changes to the Funeral trailer Requests and Call Out Procedures.

A request must be made for the KFA Funeral Trailer by a Chief Officer of a Department in good standing with the Kentucky Firefighters Association or a Funeral Coordinator assigned by the Chief Officer of the Department. The request will come through Communications with a member of the KFA Executive Board, A KFA regional Director, or a Member of the Kentucky Fire Commission.

After a request has been received and the Department has been Confirmed as a member in good standing with the KFA. The above forementioned officers will discuss the situation and insure it falls within the KFA Funeral Participation Guide and make a formal request to have the trailer delivered. The Person that receives the trailer will give a full inventory form and will sign that they received the trailer and are responsible for it. Upon return a KFA Officer or designee will inventory the trailer and any deficiencies or damage will be noted and the requesting department will be notified.

VP Rick Bobo reported on purchasing new Bibles. Rick got prices from Tonini Church supply.

The cost to imprint the bibles is as follows

1 each imprinting charge \$15.00 per book

24 each 13-0452 New American White Catholic Bible 9 x 7 \$18.95

24 each 3164W King James Version White Bible 9 x 7 \$24.95

12 each 13-0811 New American White Catholic Family Bible 11 x 8 1/2 \$58.95

12 each Protestant Version White Family Bible 11 x 8 1/2 \$58.95

Please advise if you want a proof as there is a \$25.00 charge per proof
Motion: To purchase Bibles from Tonini Church Supply and purchase 48 Small King James, 48 Small Catholic, 24 -11x8 Catholic, 24 -11x8 Protestant.

Motion/Second Bobo/ Thompson
Motion passed via voice vote

Elections at 2021 Conference.

At the Conference the Elections this year 2021 is an odd year so the Treasurer and Vice President at Large are both to be elected to a two-year term.

Since the 2020 Conference was cancelled because of Covid the Secretary was up for election but with covid the E-Board extended the term until the next conference. So, the Secretary will be up for election and that will be a one-year term.

At the 2022 Conference the Secretary will be up for election to bring it back to even year term.

The E-Board asked Marc Rudder to Clarify the pending changes with the Fire Service Instructors.

President Beatsch and the KFA E-Board approve Fire Commission to move forward with the process of the proposed changes to Kentucky Fire Instructor KAR regulations.

Good and Welfare

The 2021 Conference is going to be August 7 thru 10 in Wilder Ky.
Register at KFA2020.org or go to the KFA website under conference tab.

The hotels are Holiday Inn * Hampton Lane Wilder Ky. 41076 and Hampton Inn 10 Hampton Lane Wilder Ky. 41076

There will be a REDS game August 7th at 7:10 PM EST. It will be a \$25.00 each to go to the game. WE have a reserved area and each ticket holder get food, drinks.

Motion to Adjourn

**Made/ Second Thompson/ Philpot
Passed via voice vote**

Next Meeting August 7,2021 Kentucky Firefighters Conference Wilder, Ky.
Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Rath
Secretary Kentucky Firefighters Association

