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November 7, 2020 Fall E-Board Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Kentucky Firefighters Association was held in Grayson, Ky. This was a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was available for viewing on Zoom and Facebook Live platforms.

The meeting was called to order by President Beatsch.
Invocation by President Beatsch
Pledge of Allegiance by John Beatsch

Roll Call of Officers found all present, and Jeff Pohlman is the Parliamentarian.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the November Meeting.

Motion/Second Thompson/Bobo
Passed via voice vote

State Fire Rescue- Marc Rudder

With all the departments taking virtual classes it is the responsibility of each department to input the training hours into the new training system.
Reminder for Departments, please send in your 24-hour request for training through State Fire Training.
We are getting ready to update the Fire Inspector NFPA 1031 and NFPA 2400 Drones Classes.
Instructor certifications are being updated and recertification have been extended due to covid if you have any questions please contact your area coordinator or the Fire Commission office.

Report of Officers

The Officers have posted their reports with the Secretary.

President Beatsch – Attended several funerals. Attended the Steering Committee meeting

VP Eric Philpot- Worked with Duane on KFA License Plate, attended Steering Committee meeting.

VP Bobo- Chaired Steering Committee meeting, awarded several legacy awards .

VP Henderson- Gave family of Terry Vic Check from American Income Life.

VP at Large Thompson- Attended NVFC online Conference.

Secretary Rath- Attended Virtual meetings of Northern Ky and Campbell Co FF.

Advisor Pohlman- attended local associations meetings.

Treasurer Suttles- There are 312 active member departments, 35 personal members, 27 sustaining members and 9 new personal members.

The Audit of financial records is complete.

Motion: To accept Treasurer's report
Motion/Second Bobo/Henderson
Passed via Voice vote

Executive Director Report- Randy Lawson

I have sad news to report Past President Bob Gatty's Wife Passed away.

I have been working with Howdy and the KPFF and KY Chief 's on legislation for coming Session in Frankfort.

Directors Reports

Dixie- Chris Crawford

Dixie is planning on our March Fire School more info to follow.

Green River Dwane Smeathers -Green River fall school was Virtual and very successful. The School reached 2,600 students. Thank You to Jimmy VanCleve and his staff for putting this on.

The Reverse Raffle will be held March 20th, 2021. The cost is \$70.00 per ticket which includes two steak dinners, the grand prize will be \$5,000 in cash. Only 200 tickets will be sold.

The Bryant Stiles Officers School will be held February 26-28, 2021. We are looking into several options on ways to have the school during covid. We will make a decision soon.

Bluegrass Emergency Stephen Fante- the next meeting will be November 24, at Bullitt County

Southeastern Firefighters Terry Wattenbager

Our Fire School has been cancelled. Reminder Area 13 is scheduling classes so please send in your 24-hour training request.

South Central Mike Hughes

The Association was Formed in January and we are working on bylaws. South Central was formally known as Barrain River FF Association. We are contacting our area departments encouraging them to join the association.

Committees

By-Laws- Terry Keller

The Committee is working on several by-laws for Conference dealing with Covid, a revamped conference, and Emeritus status for past E-Board Members.

Steering/ Rick Bobo

Steering committee has a had meeting on September 15, items discussed were:

Emeritus Status- All past E-Board members would qualify for Emeritus Status. Emeritus would carry one vote at Conference and could not carry a delegate vote as well.

It was discussed that the President should appoint a Conference Management Committee to oversee the Convention SOG's with new bylaw changes to the conventions.

State of Emergency- several by-law changes are needed so the E-Board can conduct business during a State of Emergency.

State Fire School- a meeting will be scheduled soon.

Embassy Suites and Clarion have been contacted and working on having State Fire School. The Committee has been waiting for guidance from Governor's office on when restrictions will be loosened.

NVFC-Pat Thompson

Things have been busy at the federal level in Washington DC. Getting PPE grants and Working on AFG funding. Please get your NVFC membership its \$18 dollars a year and there is a lot in information available on the NVFC.ORG website.

Honor Guard- Charlie Rafferty

Since our last meeting the Honor Guard hasn't been called on. Unfortunately, several of the events we participate in have been cancelled. We are still planning on having the Honor Guard Academy. As soon as we have a date and what restrictions are in place because of COVID we will send out more information. The new uniform jackets are in and look great. There are still a few items that need to be purchased. I hope to show the new Uniform at the Bryant Stiles Officer school.

Old Business

The new KFA license plate has been approved by the Transportation Cabinet. The plates will be available sometime after the 1st of the year. If you want one before the new plate is available at your County clerk office, you can order a personalized plate .

Conference update:

2021 Conference-President Beatsch

Dates August 7-10, 2021

Hotel- Holiday Inn Wilder and Hampton Inn Wilder

Everything is ready just waiting for things to open up.

Hoping to have trip to Red's game.

I will post on the KFA web site any information about the 2021 Conference as it becomes available.

2022 Conference- VP Philpot

Contracts are signed

The Conference will be in the Corbin area

August 3-6, 2022

We are working on fund raising which is difficult during this time.

2023 Conference- VP Bobo

August 2-4, 2023

Holiday Inn Hurstbourne

Fund Raising will resume soon .

2024 Conference VP Henderson

The committee is hard at work.

The reverse raffle is March 20th, 2021 Contact me or members of Green River for tickets.

Motion to adjourn:

Made/second Thompson/Henderson

Passed via voice vote

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Rath

Secretary Kentucky Firefighters

**Next Meeting : Owensboro Ky. at the Bryant Stiles Officers School February 26-28,
2021**