

# KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**JULY 31, 2009- AUGUST 4, 2009**

The Executive Board met on Friday evening, July 31, 2009. Items discussed included the continuation of the Olympic Competition in the years to come, a Junior Firefighters Program in the state, the current and proposed budget, the need for SOG's addressing the Color Guard, and expense receipts.

The Executive Board was unanimous that immediately following the 2009 Conference all KFA expenses must be accompanied by a receipt. The daily expense for meals will remain the same. The KFA will pay up to \$ 8.00 for breakfast, up to \$10.00 for lunch, and up to \$18.00 for dinner. A written receipt must be attached to the expense report for reimbursement. The mileage rate remains at .50 cents per mile.

The State Olympics were held on Saturday. Once again this year, Mr. Steve Siereveld donated the trophies. Many thanks to Steve and VFIS Insurance.

This year's winners in the adult category were Southgate Team # 1, Union, & Parkers Mill. In the explorer category the top three teams finished with Union Team 2, Alexandria Team # 1, and Union Team # 1.

The Sportsmanship Award went to Parkers Mill in the adult category, and Ludlow Team# 1 in the explorer category. Congratulations to all the winners and our thanks to all the teams who participated.

The Fire Commission met on Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup> at Noon. The annual KFA Memorial Service was conducted at the Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Frankfort at 2:30pm on Sunday afternoon. We were pleased to report that there were no Line of Duty or Military personnel killed in the Line of Duty within the past year. The names of 83 non-line of duty deaths were read.

On Sunday evening the attendees were entertained by the Moron Brothers. During the evening, Bro. Mac officiated at the beautiful wedding ceremony between President Randy, "Mr. Baby" Courtney and Ms. Therese "Maybell" Cheney. The "shotgun" wedding was attended by various in-laws, and probably some outlaws. Rumor has it the marriage lasted just a couple of hours. Fun was had by all.

On Monday morning, President Courtney welcomed everyone to the Conference. Bro. Mac Walls gave the invocation. The Lexington Color Guard presented the colors. Past President Bill Robbins lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Chief Bob Hendricks welcomed everyone to the City of Lexington.

Ronnie Day introduced Mr. Bob Hammonds as the new interim Executive Director of KYBEMS.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bobby Cowherd gave a response to the welcome.

Senator Ray Jones of Eastern KY was the guest speaker.

A 10 minutes recess occurred.

Following the recess President Courtney announced the Formal Opening of the Business Session.

A couple announcements were made. The Constitution and By-Laws committee will meet at 7:00pm.

Secretary Jansing announced the Conference Committees.

Parliamentarian- Gerald Stewart & Mike O'Day. Credentials- Ronnie Day & Brenda Jones. Finance- Terry Keller, Bryant Stiles & Allen Johnson. Nominations- Bill Martin, Steve Sheets & Bob Frizzell. – Conference City- Bobby Cowherd, Rick Bobo & Dave Jansing.

Ronnie Day gave the preliminary credentials report. 65 Departments, 98 Delegates, 137 votes including the Executive Board.

Conference Rules- M/S Gerald Stewart / John Daley to adopt the rules. Motioned Carried.

A motion was made by Woody Will for the Memorial Wreath to be placed at the grave of Louis Crosier. Dave Jansing 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion carried.

Ronnie Day gave the Fire Commission Report. A copy was filed with the Secretary. 600 departments are now using the KYFIRS reporting system. As of 8/10/09, the Training program will switch over to the new system. A \$5,000,000.00 grant was received for KY to test the 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Equipment for the Country. Beginning in 2013, new hires will have to pass the CPAP program. For worker's comp claims involving moving vehicle accidents to be covered, seats belts must be worn. For bodily injury accidents to be covered, the proper turnout gear must be worn. Don't hesitate to report heart attack cases.

Ronnie complimented his staff.

Bryant Stiles presented the KCTCS annual report. 88,049 students received training during the past year. KCTCS will have a booth set up at the State Fair. Bryant complimented his staff.

Bryant also gave the Homeland Security Report. ICS 300 & 400 will be taught in the near future. Also, a large scale Disaster training program will be taught. Homeland Security has partnered with KCTCS and the Fire Service to provide excellent training on an on going basis.

Richard Pedicort gave the report from the State Farm Marshal's Office. The NEC has been adopted in its entirety. The SFM will be working with Rusty Todd and the Fireworks Committee to develop legislation.

Report of the Executive Board.

President Courtney reported on his activity throughout the last year. He thanked everyone who helped him in anyway with putting the Conference on. President Courtney also talked about the KFA Travel WEB Site, and encouraged everyone to use it as necessary.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Bobby Cowherd submitted a written report. He and his conference committee have been busy planning the 2010 Conference in Louisville.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Bob Newman has attended all the KFA meetings and regional meetings. Steve Leonard will be the Chairman of the Conference. The conference will be in Owensboro on July 30-August 2, 2011

3<sup>rd</sup> VP Bob Hendricks gave a report on his activity. He has been working with the Central KY Firefighters Assn to plan for the 2012 Conference.

VP @ Large Mike Hulsey gave a report on his activity. A written copy is on file with the Secretary.

Secretary Dave Jansing gave a report on his annual activity along with the Housing Board Report.

Treasurer Terry Keller gave a report of his activity for the past year.

Resolutions:

Resolutions 1 & 2 were prefiled and presented to the Legislative Committee. They involve supporting legislation to require motorcyclist and passengers to wear a helmet. The other prefiled resolution involves funding for PSAP centers as it relates to income from land lines and cell phones.

Three non-prefiled resolutions were presented. # 3 addresses requirements for conferences and the monitoring of the progress of the conference plans. The resolution was accepted and turned over to the By-Laws Committee.

Resolution # 4 addressed the Finance Committee and Conference Committee. It calls for these two committees to become standing committees and outlines the duties of each. The resolution was accepted and given to the By-laws committee.

Resolution # 5 was presented by the Executive Board. It supports legislation during the 2010 Legislative Session to either move State Fire Rescue Training funding under the Fire Commission or provide funding to increase the budget for Fire Rescue Training to the amount of \$5,000, 000.00 each year of the bi-annum, and that the KFA go on record to support legislation during the 2010 session that would allow training hours available to increase to 30 per department. The required 20 hours for recertification would remain. The additional 10 would be on request only not required.

The resolution was accepted and sent to the legislative committee.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Vice-President @ Large. Terry Keller nominated Mike Hulsey. No other nominations were received. Rick Messingschlager nominated Terry Keller for Treasurer. Joe Bowman nominated Rick Bobo for Treasurer. There were no other nominations were received. The floor was closed.

The Conference was in recess until Tuesday morning at 8:00am.

An enjoyable afternoon of golf was had by all at the Cherry Blossom Golf Course. The weather was perfect. Many thanks to Howdy for stepping up and agreeing to organize the outing.

President Courtney called the business session to order at 8:00am on Tuesday morning. Bro. Mac gave the invocation. Past President Bill Robbins lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ronnie Day gave the final credentials report. 69 departments, 101 delegates, 145 votes.

President Courtney called the Regional Directors for their reports. The Directors present were: Steve Leonard, Chris Crawford, Rick Bobo, Bud Lederer, Lewis Ratliff, Sam Stacy, Junior Fortenbery, & Bob Frizzell. Bob Hendricks reported for Van Taylor.

Standing Committees:

Public Fire Education: Fireman Joe Stambush presented his last Pub Ed report as chairman. A copy was presented to the Secretary. Joe received a standing ovation for all of his dedicated work as the Pub-Ed Chairman.

By Laws: Mike Hulsey gave the report, and made a motion to accept the changes to the By-Laws as addressed in Resolutions 2 and 3. Bill Robbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Advisory & Hall of Fame: John Daley gave the report. There was no Advisory report. John announced that Ronnie Day, CB McCullough & Dave Jansing were going into the Hall of Fame.

Fire School: Ronnie Day gave the report. The attendance was up over last year. The vendors have greatly supported the school. The dates for the 2010 school will be June 10-13<sup>th</sup>. Ronnie stated the Assistant Chief Dave Mattingly has helped greatly with the school.

Chief Hendricks completed the Fire School report. Over 500 responses were received by Military Personnel.

Nominations Report: Rick Bobo announced that he has withdrawn as a candidate for the office of Treasurer. Mark Luckett made a motion to elect Terry Keller to the Office of Treasurer by acclamation and directed the Secretary to cast one vote. Phil Fogle seconded the motion. The motion carried. One vote was cast by the Secretary.

Bill Martin gave the report of the Nominations Committee. Terry Keller made a motion to elect Mike Hulsey as the VP @ Large and directed the Secretary to cast one vote. Allen Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion. The motion Carried.

The new officers for 2009-2010 will be, President Bobby Cowherd, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bob Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Bob Hendricks, & 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Sam Stacy. Terry Keller is the Treasurer and Dave Jansing is the Secretary.

Legislative Report- Gerald Stewart gave the report. He explained several bills they worked on in the last session and what they will be addressing in the upcoming session. A written report was given to the E-Board.

Scholarship Committee- Allen Johnson gave the report. The SOG's have been re-written and they are on the WEB Site. One person has graduated, and we have two returning applicants. AJ is currently working on a program with Hardee's Restaurant for one student for one semester.

NVFC- Ken Knipper and Bryant Stiles gave the report. The Department of Public Health is working a program with the NVFC. Ken chairs the NVFC EMS Committee. He stayed the Recruiting & Retention book as been re-written. The NVFC is currently working on a Safety for Ambulances program. A copy of Ken's report was made available to anyone requesting it.

Ken stated that NVFC grant paperwork must be completed properly in order to be considered. He is willing to help if necessary. Bryant reported on the fire grant review process. He stated the fire station grant program should be announcing the recipients in September. KCTCS will be providing a 3-4 hour class on Grant Writing. The Fire Grants need to be reauthorized for the year.

EMS- Bob Hendricks announced that Bob Hammonds is the interim chairman of KYBEMS. Ken Knipper gave the report on the federal level. 32 states will go to the standards approach. 3 have said no. Ken said the National EMS Advisory Committee has

been busy. They are attempting to get money into EMS from the Federal Government. A Federal bill is filed to allow states to recognize national certified EMT's.

Chapter 75 Fire Districts- Jack Reckner stated that the bill dealing with city fire departments merging was tabled. There was no input from the fire service. Jack also reported on the bill dealing with funding for special districts. The 2008 NEC passed. NFPA54 is apparently coming back to the Housing Board for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

Ethics- No Report

Fireworks- Rusty Todd is in need of input from across the state within the next 30 days for the direction the committee should pursue.

Color Guard- Troy Newcomb gave the report. Troy commented on the number of events members participated in during the last year. He stated that the Color Guard would like to have 30 days notice for planned events.

Special Events- Charlie Shaw gave the report. A detailed written report is on file with the Secretary. Charlie thanked the people in his office for all their assistance during the last year.

Constitution & By-Laws- Mike Hulsey made a motion to add the History Committee and a standing committee. Mark Luckett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Finance Committee- Bryant Stiles gave the report. Bryant stated the books were in order. He made a motion to accept the 08-09 budget and financial report. Bill Robbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The 09-10 budget is \$101,007.00. The Committee recommends the passage of the new budget. M/S by Bryant Stiles/Joe Bowman. The motion carried.

Conference City- Bobby Cowherd reported that the 2010 Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn on Hurstborne Lane. Rick Bobo & Randy Lawson will be the co-chairs.

Legislative Resolutions- Gerald Stewart reported.

# 1- Support legislation requiring all motorcycle operators and passengers to wear helmets. M/S Gerald Stewart/ Mike Hulsey. Motion carried.

#2- Support legislation that will equitably spread the cost of operating PSAP among the citizens regardless of what technology is used, and provided funding for training of personnel and modern equipment necessary to protect and save lives across the Commonwealth of KY. M/S Gerald Stewart/Steve Sheets. Motion Carried.

# 5- The KFA go on record to propose legislation during the 2010 Legislative Session that would either move the SFRT budget under the Fire Commission or provide funding to increase the budget for SFRT to the amount of \$5,000,000. each year of the bi-annum and allow training hours available to departments be increased to a total of 30 per department. The 20 hours required for recertification would remain the same. The additional 10 hours would be on request only, not required. M/S Gerald Stewart/Steve Rath. The motion carried.

Old Business- None

New Business- None

Good & Welfare- Woody Will needs articles from the Regional Associations for the Smoke Signals.

Terry Keller reminded everyone that the dues statements will be printed in the Smoke Signals. The \$25.00 personnel dues are due now.

Recess until the Banquet on Tuesday evening.

After dinner, the Hall of Fame Committee conducted the Induction Ceremony. CB McCullough, David Jansing & Ronnie Day were inducted.

President Courtney presented Fireman Joe Stambush with a Lifetime Membership to the KFA. President Courtney presented gifts to the officers, and received a gift from the KFA.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Bob Hendricks announced to the attendees that due to him unexpectedly moving up to the office of President of the Metro Chiefs Association, he will not be able to continue as a Vice President of the KFA. As per the By-Laws, the Director of the Central KY Firefighters Assn is next in line to fill the unexpired term. Chief Van Taylor of Scott County Fire Department accepted the position.

President Courtney released all of his committees.

Ronnie Day administered the oath of office to the Officer of the KFA for 2009-2010.

Badges were exchanged, and President Cowherd presented the Past President badge to Randy Courtney.

Mr. Steve Sierveld presented the clock to the incoming President. This is the 29<sup>th</sup> year for Steve to do this.

Secretary Jansing announced the Committee assignments for 2009-2010.

With nothing further to come before the board, President Cowherd adjourned the 89<sup>th</sup> Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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