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The 2013 Kentucky Firefighters Association Conference was held in Ashland Kentucky from August 3 - 6 hosted by President Sam Stacy, his lovely wife Lesa and the Mountain Firefighters Association. The host hotel was the Ashland Plaza.

Saturday August 3, 2013

The 2013 Kentucky Firefighters Conference began with the annual Firefighter Olympics. The Olympics were held at Central Park in downtown Ashland. Many 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. Saturday evening the Eastern Kentucky Firefighters Association and Greenup County sponsored a Meet & Greet.

Sunday August 4, 2013

Morning Worship Service was held in the Ashland Plaza Ballroom.
The Fire Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting.
The annual Memorial Service was held at the First Baptist Church in downtown Ashland. All names of our deceased brothers and sisters were read and remembered for their service.
Sunday evening was a wonderful welcome party/Pig Roast, with lots of good food, sponsored by Jon Jarrell -- Profire.

Monday August 5, 2013

President Sam Stacy called order and welcomed everyone to the 93rd Annual Conference. Chaplain Jeff Rickles gave the Invocation. Ashland Fire Department Honor Guard presented the Colors. Joe Stambush led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. All Officers present except VP Steve Kyle, President Stacy explained to the floor that VP Kyle had been in the hospital recently with viral meningitis and was at home still recuperating, please say a pray for VP Kyle's speed recovery. Mountain Firefighters Association President Derrick Hall gave a welcome speech and covered a few housekeeping issues. Vice President Chris Crawford gave his response to the welcome and thanked President Stacy and his crew for all their hard work.

Chuck Charles, the Mayor for the City of Ashland, welcomed everyone to Ashland, highlighted a few area attractions, and welcomed everyone to come back and visit.

State Representative Jill York welcomed everyone and thanked us for our service. In return Mike Kurtsinger, our Legislative chairman, publically thanked Ms. York for continuing to support us, the firefighters, in Frankfort. Sandy Goin with the Kentucky National Guard spoke to us about a memorial they are trying to raise funds for and said any help with the project is greatly appreciated.

President Stacy announced the years we are missing conference books; 1932 1933 1936 1939 1943 1955 1959 1977. If you have any of the books please get with Mike O'Day Sr. and/or a member of the History committee.

Vice President Crawford announced if anyone is interested in getting on or off a committee please let him know today.

President Stacy officially opened the conference meeting.
Gerald Stewart presented the members with the Rules of the Conference.

A motion was made to accept the Rules of Conference.

Motion/Second	Gerald Stewart/Jeff Rickels
	Motion passed via voice vote.

A motion was made to place the Memorial wreath on the grave of Bryant Stiles.

Motion/Second	Mike Hulsey/Joe Stambush
	Motion passed via voice vote.

Secretary Monica Rath read the conference committees. They are as follow;
Credentials: Ronnie Day, **Finance:** Finance Committee, **Conference:** Duane Suttles and the conference committee, **Nominations:** Ronnie Day, Therese Cheney, Steve Rath, **Parliamentarians:** Gerald Stewart and Mike O'Day Sr.

Preliminary credentials report submitted by Ronnie Day 45 departments represented with 70 delegates.

Officers Reports:

A report from the following officers have been filed with the secretary and will be attached to the minutes; President Sam Stacy, VP Chris Crawford, VP Steve Kyle, VP Jeff Pohlman, 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

- Fire Commission and KBEMS have moved into their new location; 118 James Court in Lexington
- Wendell Ford Training Center is now considered the National Responder Preparedness Center.
- Working towards being the premiere trainer for the National Guard all over the country.
- Working on KAR's for CPAT

- Pat Thompson is the new KCTCS director
- IFSAC has been very busy
- Received a 35' fire simulator from Estill County, working on getting a 53' w/vehicle and helicopter prop, and 2 stories to practice basement fires
- Combat Challenge August 9-11 at Hilton Lexington Green
- Mid-Atlantic Conference in Louisville November 7-10
- Ken Knipper thanked Ronnie Day for the support he gives the NVFC

State Fire Rescue Training – Pat Thompson

- Report Filed & Attached

Legislative – Gerald Steward, Mike Kurtsinger

- Report Filed & Attached

Recap of 2012 Resolutions and Outcome – Sam Stacy, Mike Kurtsinger

- KFA 1-2012 Paramedic administered TB & Flu shot – KBEMS was unable to get issues in effect before session began – suggested to resubmit
- KFA 2-2012 Increase in fire safety training hours – Fire Commission has revamped hours and will go in effect January 2014

Legislative Cont – Mike Kurtsinger

Russ Salsman from the department of Local Government addressed the group concerning the process of House Bill 1 – a transparency bill

- Reviewed Implementation Timeline - Attached
- By December 31, 2013 must complete and submit Registration form telling who you are
- Must adopt a code of ethics at least as strong as what you are attached to
- Fee based on budget; \$0 - \$100,000.00 = \$25, \$100,001.00 - \$500,000.00 = \$250, \$500,001 and above = \$500
- There will be a help website up and running soon. When it goes Live Mike Kurtsinger will notify everyone.

Pre-filed Resolutions – read by Secretary Monica Rath

KFA 1-2013 – Endorsement of Political Candidates – submitted by NKFA – President Stacy sent to By-Law committee

KFA 2-2013 – Compensation for Fire District Board Members – submitted by NKFA – President Stacy sent to Legislative committee

KFA 3-2013 – Special District Legislation – submitted by NKFA – President Stacy sent to Legislative committee

KFA 4-2013 – Kentucky Firefighters License Plate – submitted by BTFA – President Stacy sent to Resolutions committee – withdrawn by Kerry Moore with the BTFA

Resolutions:

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

KFA 6-2013 – Support legislation increasing all incentive programs, state aid, and low interest loans – submitted by Resolution committee –

A motion was made to send to Legislative committee.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulse/Mark Malone

Motion passed by 2/3 vote

KFA 10-2013 – formally KFA 1-2012 – allow paramedics to administer TB test and flu vaccine to other career/volunteer Firefighters EMT's – resubmitted by EMS committee – A motion was made to send to legislative committee.

Motion/Second

Joe Stambush/Jeff Lang

Motion passed by 2/3 vote

Nominations – Ronnie Day

Nominations for the position of VP@Large were opened on the floor.

Mike Hulse was nominated by Chris Crawford and Seconded by Mark Malone.

Mike Hulse accepted nomination.

Hearing no other nominations a motion was made to cease nominations for VP@Large and have the secretary cast one vote for Mike Hulse for VP@Large.

Motion/Second

Mark Luckett/Jeff Rickels

Motion passed via voice vote.

Secretary Monica Rath cast one vote for Mike Hulse for the position of VP@Large.

Nominations for the position of Treasurer were opened on the floor.

Duane Suttles was nominated by Joe Stambush and seconded by Woody Will.

Duane Suttles accepted nomination.

Hearing no other nominations a motion was made to cease nominations for Treasurer and have the secretary cast one vote for Duane Suttles for Treasurer.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulse/Jeff Pohlman

Motion passed via voice vote

Secretary Monica Rath cast one vote for Duane Suttles for the position of Treasurer.

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

Golf Outing was scheduled for 12pm at the Bellefonte Country Club.

Men's luncheon was scheduled for 12pm at Ashland Fire Department

Ladies luncheon was scheduled for 12pm at Bellefonte Country Club.

Monday evening there was a Luau pool party and cookout at Bellefonte Country Club.

Tuesday August 6, 2013

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

Ronnie Day gave the credential report of 49 departments represented with 76 delegates present. All Officers present except VP Steve Kyle.

Nominations – Ronnie Day

Nomination for the position of 3rd VP was presented to the floor from the Eastern Kentucky Firefighters Association. Billy Selvage was their nominee. Hearing no other

nominations a motion was made to close nominations and accept Billy Selvage as the 3rd Vice President.

Motion/Second

Mark Muench/John Beatsch

Motion passed via voice vote

Resolutions: - Gerald Stewart

Explained there was a misunderstanding yesterday concerning the resolutions. There are three more resolutions that need to be voted on for approval to be sent to committee.

KFA 7-2013 – KPF’s resolution #4 – Collective Bargaining – submitted by Resolution committee –

A motion was made to send to Legislative committee.

Motion/Second

Steve Rath/Jeff Lang

Motion passed by 2/3 vote

KFA 8-2013 – KPF’s resolution #5 – Defined Benefits – submitted by resolution committee –

A motion was made to send to Legislative committee.

Motion/Second

Jeff Pohlman/Woody Will

Motion passed by 2/3 vote

KFA 9-2013 – KPF’s resolution #6 – Cancer Presumption – submitted by resolution committee –

A motion was made to send to Legislative committee.

Motion/Second

Woody Will/Steve Rath

Motion passed by 2/3 vote

Conference Committee: Duane Suttles

All seems to be going well; any questions or concerns see a committee member

State Fire Marshalls Office – William Swope

- Fire deaths for the first quarter are 35. This number is too high.
- Hosted a round table discussion concerning fire prevention with many different agencies and organizations
- Fire prevention is critical and there is a need to develop a comprehensive plan
- Kentucky Fire Fatality Task Force has been established to create a comprehensive program. Working with an organization out of the northwest called Vision 20/20
- Fire Safe Community is the name of the program and it calls for departments to do risk assessments in the community and challenges departments to do home safety surveys, smoke detector installation program, and to use your public component in other areas of your community not just in the schools.
- Could possibly have impact on ISO ratings
- Anyone interested in joining group is invited
- Hope to roll out program in October
- Sprinklers – in beginning of adoption of building code, sprinklers were a part of this code, it stalled in legislation due to many questions unanswered, still working on getting it implemented in the building code.

KFA Directors Reports:

Green River – Steve Leonard

- Getting ready for fall and spring fire school
- 2015 Fire Officers School will move back home to Owensboro.

Dixie Firefighters – Chris Crawford

- Working with the Fire Commission in creating SOKS Save Our KidS

Northern Kentucky Firefighters – Bud Lederer

- Thanked President Stacy for his time he served on the Board
- 2016 Conference will be in Northern Kentucky and is currently in the fund raising stages and preliminary planning.
- Regional Fire School was a success
- Added additional departments to the association

Eastern Kentucky Firefighters – Jeremy Rodgers

- Worked with VP Sam Stacy on the 2013 Conference and enjoyed every minute of it.
- Looking forward to planning 2017 conference

Bluegrass Emergency Services – Rick Bobo

- Congratulations to President Stacy for a successful conference
- Worked with VP@Large Hulsey on promotional brochure
- Added 2 new departments to association

Buffalo Trace – Kerry Moore

- Thanks for great conference
- Continually promoting KFA membership in area 16 of 25 departments are KFA members
- Working to get EMT con-ed training available to department members through the association
- October 25,26,27 is regional fire school
- Will be hosting a Tough Mudders Competition Oct. 19&20 in Maysville

Pike County – Lewis Ratliff

- Promoting KFA membership in area
- Fire School is scheduled for September 6,7,&8

Jefferson County and Bluegrass – Bob Frizzel

- Lost a number of chiefs due to retirement.
- Golf Outing coming up

Mountain Firefighters – Derrick Hall

- Fire School coming up at end of month
- Busy with conference planning

Committee Reports

Constitution & By-Laws – Mike Hulsey

Several changes were proposed and reviewed with the members present. Asked members to wait till the end to make a motion and accept all changes at one time.

Resolution KFA 1-2013 resolve was read again.

Line 10 revised 8/2013 Line 101 change Line 138 delete Barren River

Line 144 delete Lake Cumberland Line 158 add VP@Large Line 192 add by July 15th each calendar year Line 262/263 delete 2012, 2013 add 2022,2023

Line 326 delete meet on evening of 1st day of conference with executive board (change)

Line 349 Conference Oversight Committee Line 399 add This association will not endorse any political candidate

A motion was made to accept all changes and additions.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Allen Johnson

A discussion was held concerning deletion of inactive associations.

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 – Terry Keller

The following proposed changes were reviewed and discussed and membership was asked to make one motion at the end of presentation to accept all changes at one time;

- KFA Scholarship title to add Wayne Watts Memorial to it
- Page 11 of SOG's to change to a Kentucky based regionally accredited institution – lengthy discussion was held concerning this proposed change

A motion was made to vote on this one item separate from all other proposed changes.

Motion/Second

John Beatsch/Jeff Rickels

Motion passed via voice vote

Another lengthy discussion was held concerning out of state programs.

A motion was made to reject the proposed suggested change.

Motion/Second

John Beatsch/Paul Hehman

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made for the committee to revisit proposed change and come back to floor in afternoon session.

Motion/Second

Woody Will/ Pam Hulsey

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to accept the change adding the wording Wayne Watts Memorial.

Motion/Second

Bill Martin/Joe Bowman

Motion passed via voice vote

Special Events –

Kendall Steele announced winners from the Monday afternoon golf outing.

Hall of Fame – John Beatsch

- Report attached

EMS – Marc Muench

- 2nd year of new recert process so far no complaints
- KBEMS continues to update regulations, working on expanding what we can spend Senate Bill 66 monies on
- We are pleading against a proposed new regulation requiring squads to complete and leave report at hospital before leaving even if called out on another run
- Working on advanced EMT regs
- Rural Metro filed for bankruptcy
- Bill Young will be leaving KBEMS to go to EKV to teach – thanks Bill for your support

Ken Knipper

- fee standards are still ongoing
- NFPA 1917 broke into task groups
- Culture of Safety document is out
- Anthrax pilot, NVFC is leading charge
- EMS caucus is now in place, similar to the fire caucus

State Fire School – Ronnie Day

- This year was the 84th year
- Large New committee worked well together
- 244 agencies represented this year
- Classes/program will be out by Green River Officers School
- Offering on-line registration
- 2014 school dates are June 5-8

Public Education – Wanda Isaacs

Report attached.

Scholarships – Allen Johnson

- Thanked committee members for hard work
- 8 new applicants, 4 renewals
- Report attached

NVFC – Ken Knipper

- Kentucky was one of the first states to join and help develop NVFC
- Thanks to all who attended the presentation of the James E Monahan award to Bryant Stiles family
- Expanded to international committee; Greece and Spain are now members
- Cap Wiz is still up and running
- Working on helping soldiers who return from service get jobs
- Developed all state membership
- NVFC executive director is on the California Casualty Board
- Many new programs are on website
- Presented a HIPPA webinar, material still on web site

Memorial – Ronnie Day

- Report filed and attached
- Fallen Firefighter Memorial will be on September 25th

Ethics – Dave Jansing

No report

Chapter 75 – Jeff Pohlman

Report filed and attached

Housing Board – Rusty Todd

Report filed and attached

Olympics

Report filed and attached

SOG's – Terry Keller

New proposed change presented to the floor

Page 11 What courses of study are eligible?

Change wording to include – 2 or 4 year accredited program with preference given to Kentucky Institutes.

A motion was made to accept the committees recommended change.

Motion/Second

Bill Martin/Joe Stambush

Motion passed via voice vote

Finance – John Wiseman

- October 27th performed audit on the License Plate Fund, submitted fund recommendations, entered into a contract with Collins, Heeb and Miller to perform an outside audit of the books
- February 2013 submitted proposed budget to executive board for approval to propose at the 2013 conference
- June 2013 recommended breaking telemarketing contracts
- August 3, 2013 audit of general fund
- Proposed and reviewed 2013 -2014 budget

A motion was made to accept the proposed 2013-2014 budget.

Motion/Second

Steve Rath/Jeff Rickels

Motion passed via voice vote.

Discussion was held concerning placing \$10,000.00 from 2012-2013 budget into the 2013-2014 budget for scholarships.

A motion was made to amend the 2013-2014 budget to place an additional \$10,000.00 in the scholarship fund.

Motion/Second

Terry Keller/Mike Hulsey

Motion passed via voice vote

Resolutions – Mark Luckett

KFA 5-2013 – KFA recognizes Sam and Lesa Stacy and the Mountain Firefighters Association for their outstanding contributions and hospitality during the 2013 KFA Conference.

A motion was made to accept KFA 5-2013 as submitted by the Resolution committee.

Motion/Second

Jeff Lang/Woody Will

Motion passed via voice vote

Legislative – Gerald Stewart

KFA 2-2013 committee recommends approval

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

Motion/Second

Bill Martin/Bill Birkle

Motion passed via voice vote

KFA 3-2013 committee recommends approval

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

Motion/Second

Rick Messingschlager/Mike Hulsey

Motion passed via voice vote

KFA 6-2013 committee recommends approval

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

Motion/Second

Woody Will/Jeff Rickels

Motion passed via voice vote.

KFA 10-2013 committee recommends approval

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

Motion/Second

Joe Stambush/Woody Will

Motion passed via voice vote

Committee submitted a Substitution Resolution combining resolutions 7-2013,8-2013, & 9-2013 – stating that the KFA supports the Legislative agenda of the KPF during the 2014 Legislative session.

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

Motion/Second

Woody Will/Terry Keller

Motion passed via voice vote

Steering – Mike Hulsey

- Thanked Rick Bobo for his work on the promotional brochure
- Will send out letters to associations asking to come visit and see what we can do to help build back up
- The two associations deleted from the by-laws will be visited by the committee and hopefully past president from that area

Conference City – Chris Crawford

- 2014 Conference will be held in Elizabethtown
- Dates for 2014 conference are August 2-5
- Website is up and running www.kfa2014.com

Old Business

Dave Jansing – reviewed funeral protocol/detail and honor guard as outlined in the June meeting minutes.

New Business

Discussion was held concerning 911 tax on cell phones

A motion was made for the KFA to go on record as supporting a tax on cell phones for 911 services.

Motion/Second

Woody Will/Dwane Smeathers

Motion passed via voice vote

Good and Welfare

- Ken Knipper announced Pat Thompson has replaced Bryant Stiles on the NVFC committee
- Bud Lederer congratulated Southgate Fire Department for receiving the Medal of Valor from the State Fire Marshalls Office for their Heroic efforts at the Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire

President Sam Stacy recessed the meeting until 6pm this evening.

Banquet 7pm

MC Jack Trautwein introduced the KFA Executive Board and their spouses. Colors were presented by Ashland Fire Department Honor Guard. VP @ Large Mike Hulsey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. KFA Chaplain Jeff Rickels did the Invocation. A wonderful dinner was served.

Hall of Fame – John Beatsch and committee

The 11th 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; Herman Bogenschutz of Covington Fire Department, Gerald Clark of Ashland Fire Department, Michael "Howdy" Kurtsinger of Louisville Fire Department and the Fire Commission and Jamia Skaggs with KCTCS Area 14.

Congratulations on this great honor.

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

MC Jack Trautwein introduced the 2013-2014 Executive Board. Ronnie Day swore all Officers into their respective position. Badge and gift exchange took place.

President Chris Crawford gave his Presidential Address.

Secretary Monica Rath read the 2013-2014 committee assignments.

A motion to adjourn the conference was made.

Motion/Second

Duane Suttles/Jeff Pohlman

Motion passed via voice vote.

The rest of the evening was memorable with great music from the band "City Heat" and well wishes until the next conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Rath, Secretary
Kentucky Firefighters Association