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**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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August 1, 2020

u E-Board Meeting held at the Kentucky Fire  
Commission office in Lexington Ky.

The quarterly meeting of the Kentucky Firefighters Association was held in Lexington, 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 Eric Philpot  
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 June 6th Meeting.**

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

**Report of Officers**

The Officers have posted their reports with the Secretary.

**Treasurer Suttles-** There are 427 active member departments, 38 delinquent departments, 60 personal members, 24 sustaining members, we have 11 new departments that have not been members, and 8 new personal members.  
Dues notices to be sent out end of August.

**Budget-** less activity and travel helped on expenses and No Fire School equals \$50,000 less in income

\$81,000 less expenses

We are \$31,000 in the Black as of now

**Treasurer's Report- Duane Suttles**

**Motion to approve Treasurer's report**

**Motion/Second Philpot/ Bobo**

**Passed via voice vote.**

**Executive Director Report- Randy Lawson**

Worked with Duane on getting information on Leslie Prather  
killed in St. Louis) for insurance claim.

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**Fire Marshal-**

The Fire Marshals office has been slow with the COVID

7000 inspections include hazmat/General inspections

640 hazmat permits

53 investigations

10 fatalities

Fireworks permits 734 in 2019 and 635 in 2020

Right now, we are busy working with the school on COVID and dealing with fire safety.

**KCTCS- Marc Rudder**

State Fire Rescue has provided training for 703 fire departments in the State for FY20. This is a 90.13 % for the departments in the State. We taught 6592 classes and reached 99,287 students.

In April SFRT started using virtual classes. We set guidelines that required 2 instructors (one to lecture and one to monitor the class). We had growing pains but we feel we were on the road to success delivering training to the fire service. With the positive feedback we received we are working on a procedure for continuing this delivery.

We have taken delivery of 3 Fire Box trainers and should be in use soon.  
Please send your 24-hour request for training in.

**Directors Reports**

**Dixie-**

Planning for Fire School for next year. We are going to have a gun raffle chance will be out soon.

**Green River** Dwane Smeathers - Green River fall school will be October 23-25 @ Owensboro Community and Technical Collage.

The Reverse Raffle will be held October 10<sup>th</sup> .the location has been changed to the Davis County Fair Grounds. 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 February 21-23 2021.

**Bluegrass Emergency** Stephen Fante the next meeting will be at Shelby FD September 15<sup>th</sup> at Shelby County station1

**Southeastern Firefighters** Terry Wattenbager

Our Fire School has been put on hold. Our next meeting should be in July waiting to see how things go.

**South Central** Mike Hughes

Formed in January and working on bylaws. South Central was formally known as Barrain River FF Association Will have Fire School in November.

**Committees**

**By-Laws-** Terry Keller

The Committee is working on several by-laws for Conference dealing with Covid, revamp of conference, Emeritus status.

**Steering/** Rick Bobo

There will be a meeting of the steering committee before August meeting.

**State Fire School-** Meetings will be scheduled soon.

Scholarships-

Question on how many were awarded.

**NVFC-**Pat Thompson

The October Conference has been cancelled.  
AFG grants were awarded yesterday 7/31/20.  
Dave Finger and NVFC looking for funding for Corvid

**Memorial/Bruce Roberts**

Looking to have a virtual meeting soon.

I am asking for input on canceling the Memorial for Sept. 30, 2020 do to the COVID and not knowing if we will be able to have that big of a crowd at that time.

Discussion on Memorial

**Motion:** To cancel the Firefighter Memorial September 30, 2020 and memorialize this year's names with 2021 Memorial.

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

**Ethics-** Dave Jansing

Nothing to report. We are doing what is right. We are a private Corporation so we do not fall under a lot of the rules and guidelines that Cities and Counties have to.

For the Memorial names I suggest we read them at the Owensboro Officers School.

**Honor Guard-** Charlie Rafferty

Since our last meeting the Honor Guard hasn't been called on.

Unfortunately, several of the events we parsitapate in have been cancelled.

The Honor Guard Academy we are looking for a date next year as soon as we locate one we will present you the information.

The new uniform jackets should be in this week. I hope to be able to show you at the next meeting.

**Legislative/Howdy Kurtsinger**

Nothing has changed since the June report. I am still in contact with several of the Legislators on several bills from last year. I will continue to work on these in the next session. If anyone has any questions contact me and I will try to answer them.

**New Business**

The 2021 Conference will be held August 7-10 2021 in Northern Ky. President Beatsch will be sending out more info on when the hotels will be accepting registrations. The Names of our departed Brothers and Sisters will be read at the Bryant Stiles Officers school in Owensboro February 21-23 2021.

**Old Business**

Eric Philpot presented the options for the new license plate.



**Motion:** to approve the black plate with KFA logo for new Firefighter license plate.

**Motion/second**

**Philpot/ Beatsch**  
**Passed via voice vote**

**Motion to adjourn:**  
**Made/second Thompson/Bobo**  
**Passed via voice vote**

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Rath  
Secretary Kentucky Firefighters

**Next Meeting; November 7, 2020 @10am EST.**