

# **KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**OCTOBER 20, 2007**

President Daley called the meeting to order at 10:30AM in the Chambers of the Maysville City Commission. Secretary Jansing called the roll. M/S Randy Courtney- Bob Newman to accept the minutes of the 2007 Conference as presented. Motion Carried.

### **Report of the President**

President Daley went over the new rosters to make sure everything was updated. We are currently waiting to receive updated Director information. President Daley had prepared a "handout" for the Vice Presidents to give to a department when visiting with them discussing possible membership in the KFA.

Secretary Jansing gave an update on the requirements to be eligible for the \$ 2,000.00 accidental death and dismemberment policy through the American Income Life Insurance Policy. It was decided that in order to be eligible for coverage the department in question must have been a member during the preceding year of the claim being presented and the department must pay their dues prior to the start of the conference during the year the claim is presented.

Concerning the ongoing issues of the National Right to Work Organization it was decided by the KFA E-Board that we would not take a stand in this debate.

It was discussed that the only member of the KFA authorized to sign any documents on behalf of the KFA is the President or his designee.

It was discussed and decided by the E-Board would wait until the June 2008 Fire School meeting to decide on the purchase of two additional Honor Guard Uniforms and a bugle. By then the Long Session of the General Assembly will be over and we will in a better position to evaluate our financial situation since the requested purchases were not in the operating budget adopted at the 2007 conference.

Treasurer Keller was asked and gave an update on the status of the two Civic Development telemarketing complaints that have been received since the 2007 conference.

President Daley stated that if an organization or department was planning to place a bench or any other landmark around the Fallenfighter Memorial at the KFA /KPF/Fire Commission Memorial in Frankfort they must contact the Memorial Committee. Chief Wally Possich of the Frankfort Fire Department currently chairs it.

President Daley asked Mike “Howdy” Kirtsinger to give an update on the Legislative Resolutions presented at the 2007 Conference that he and Gerald Stewart will be working on during the upcoming session. They consist of Resolution # 5 dealing with the Audit, # 6 dealing with Fireworks # 7 dealing with the Fuel Tax, #8 dealing with the additional \$ 1,000,000.0 in the KCTCS budget, # 9- dealing with the Special (Auxiliary) firefighters to make sure they are eligible for coverage if they are injured in the line of duty.

President Daley announced there are finally some positive actions taken place with the Public Safety Officer’s Benefit program through the Federal Government.

President gave an update concerning the Homeland Security/ State Fire School meetings he has attended.

M/S- Bobby Cowherd/Bob Newman that the 2008 Fire School contract be amended and that the 2009/2010 contracts be signed. Motion carried.

The Combat Challenge will not be held in 2008. Plans are being made to do something during the opening session for State Fire School. Dr. Paul Davis, PhD would like to see KY become a test state, working with the Fire Commission, KFA, and KPF for a Physical Fitness Program. Vice President Bobby Cowherd will represent the KFA at the meetings. The next meeting will be November 15, 2007 at the Fire Commission office.

The entire Executive Board attended the Fallenfighter Memorial in Frankfort on October 3, 2007.

### **Report of the Vice Presidents**

Randy Courtney prepared a typed report of his activities since the 2007 Conference. Concerning the Congressional Fire Service Caucus, the Executive Board voted to send two members.

Bobby Cowherd had nothing additional to report at this time.

Bob Newman has attended three funerals since the Conference. He has also attended the Green River Association meeting and met with the Morganfield Fire Department.

Bob stated the Owensboro meeting would be held on Saturday February 23, 2007. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Executive Inn commencing at 9:00AM CST.

### **Report of the Secretary**

Dave Jansing has attended two funerals since the conference. The minutes of the conference were prepared and all the rosters were updated accordingly. Secretary Jansing has also been working with Linda Melton of American Income Life to get the firefighters signed up for the accidental death and dismemberment insurance.

A letter of thanks will be sent to the City of Frankfort, for the outstanding job their parks department has done in maintaining the grounds at the Firefighter Memorial.

### **Treasurers Report**

Treasurers Report- Terry Keller read a couple communications he has received. Terry Keller and Dave Jansing were authorized by the Executive Board to negotiate the Contract with Civic Development and to contact our Legal Counsel for her review. Terry Keller was also authorized by the Executive Board to switch banks if it is determined by him that it is in the best interest of the KFA. This was in the form of a M/S by Bob Newman and Bobby Cowherd. Terry gave the quarterly financial report. M/S by Bob Newman –Dave Jansing to accept the treasurer’s report.

### **New Business**

Discussion was held concerning the reimbursement of expenses for official travel. Currently the KFA uses the state rate for meals and mileage. It was decided to get a legal opinion from our attorney concerning the requirement for receipts to be turned in to the Treasurer along with the Travel Expense Report.

Reimbursement of vehicle mileage for those members who are privileged to use a city or department owned vehicle was also discussed. If a city or department owned vehicle is used for KFA business, and if it is required by the City or Department to recover the mileage rate for the use of such non-privately owned vehicles, should the KFA Treasurer then make the vehicle mileage check payable to the City or Department not to the individual? This method would then prevent any inference of “double dipping”

This issue will also be discussed with our Attorney prior to the February 2008 meeting.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30PM.

Sincerely,

David E. Jansing  
Secretary