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November 02, 2019 London, KY @ Jr. Firefighter Camp.

The regular meeting of the Kentucky Firefighters Association was called to order by President John Beatsch. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Officers found all present.

Invocation by VP Philpot

Dale Dobson Talked about suicide prevention program in farming communities with KFA being the Lead in this project , and a Challenge coin with " You Are Not Alone" and Suicide Hotline number on it.

VP Philpot will look into a challenge coin and best phone number and bring back to Green River meeting.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 2019 Conference.

Motion/Second Eric Philpot/ Bobo

Motion passed via voice vote

Officers reports

President Beatsch- Have been very busy with the start of the new year. Meeting with Governor Office and Kentucky Fire Chiefs and Kentucky Professional Firefighters, over Fire Commission and makeup of it. The Governor has agreed to reorganize the Commission. The name will be Changed to The Kentucky Fire Commission, a three-person board has been named until names have been submitted and new Board formed. The

board has been reduced in members from 19 to 13. The voting rights have been removed from KCTCS President ,each President of the KFA, KPFF and KFC are non-voting members of Board. We have to give names to Governor by the 15 of December.

The Fire School June 4-7 is moving to Embassy Suites on Newtown pike
Classes held at Bluegrass Community & Technical Collage on Lees town RD.

VP Philpot- Working on Conference Planning .

VP Rick Bobo- Going to Fire School meetings. Have attended the meetings with the Governor’s office with President Beatsch over Fire Commission.

VP Marc Henderson – attended Fire School meetings, And State Fair, Emmitsburg and South-Central Firefighters Assoc. Next meeting November 21 in Bowling Green.

VP Pat Thompson- Attending Meeting with Fire School, State Fair and Emmitsburg. Working with South Central FF Assoc. formally known as Barren River FF Assoc.

Secretary Steve Rath- working on Minutes from Conference, attended several funerals, attended N. Ky Assoc. Meetings and Campbell County meetings.

Treasure Duane Settles- Attended funerals, working on dues, attended Emmetsburg and National Firefighter Memorial.

Treasures Report -Duane Suttles

We have received 230-member Departments, 200 outstanding dues so far 31 delinquents from 2019 and 35 Personnel Memberships.

Working with Buford on advertising for Smoke Signals.

The Audit has been completed by Melissa Bayer all 990 forms, and License Plate fund paper work sent in.

Motion to accept Treasures report.

Motion/second

Beatsch/Thompson

Passed via voice vote

Executive Director- Randy Lawson(report in drop box)

Attending Meetings Attending the Ky Chiefs Conference, Fire School meetings.

Fire Marshal- May be moving to downtown possible in December.

Fire Commission- Larry Potter Looking forward to working with Board and if we work together we can achieve great things. I have been here 3 months and have a lot of work to do and thank you for your support.

State Fire Rescue- For 1st quarter of this fiscal year 1445 classes have been taught, 18,682 students we were in 33% of the Departments.

New props Forcible entry prop, Ceiling prop, sprinkler prop, Elevator prop. This weekend we have 57 students at the Jr. Firefighter camp.

Thank you for water bottles and Pizza

Directors Reports

Dixie -Fire School will be March 13 thru 15

Green River- Marc Henderson November 21 joint meeting 6: 30 Central

Bluegrass- Steve Faunte Tom Foster retiring as Secretary, working 2022 Conference. Membership 80% working on increasing. .

Northern KY.- Saturday after Thanksgiving reverse raffle

Working on 800 radio system should be testing the system in late spring of 2020.

Southern Kentucky Firefighters-

Fund raising \$500 cash raffle given away December \$20

Fire School well attended will be first weekend in October.

Committee Reports

Steering- There will be a Steering Committee meeting soon.

Hall of Fame- Chair is Wally this year.

State Fire School- Fire School moved to Embassy suites.

At the Vendors night the food that is provided must be purchased through the hotel. Estimated cost \$10,000 The bill for BCTC est. to be \$15,000 meeting rooms at Embassy \$5,000 we are still well below what we have paid in the past at Lexpo.

Motion- To provide food Friday at Vendor show at \$15.00 per student plus service fee.

Motion/ second

Thompson/ Philpot

Passed via voice vote

Please note to try to stay away from Crusade week in 2021

Scholarship- have renewals in before Green River

Special Events look into mobile version for website

NVFC- If you haven't been to the NVFC website please visit it has a lot of valuable information. Share the Load Campaign is going on. Next meeting in spring at Fire Caucus. Nvfc membership \$15.00

Memorial- Discussion on having a planning meeting with Bruce Roberts and KPFF about future expansion of Memorial

Honor Guard- Planning a class at NRPC and maybe Fire School more info to follow.

Legislative- There will be a Legislative meeting December 7 at the Fire Commission Office.

Conference oversight- Sam Stacy

The Presidents that are in office now are on track with their Conferences. We will be talking with the Steering Committee about the future changes with the Conferences.

New Business

President Beatsch is forming a Health and Wellness Committee.

The Fire Commission Make up is changing and the KAFC will submit three names for Chief Positions, KPFF will submit three names for Paid Firefighters and KFA three names for Volunteer and Fire District Firefighters. The Govoner will then select the Board members. More to follow after the next meeting with the Governor's Office.

Names submitted as of today

David Houser

David Mathews

Terry Whatenberger

Chris Haunz

William Wood

Jamie Maces

Mike Soot

Derrick Hall

Robert Roads

Tex Johnson

Secretary Rath is going to submit a By-law at the 2020 Conference to make past E-Board Members in good standing Emeritus Status. This would make a past Officer a Delegate at large and the right to vote. Right now, when a KFA officer completes their term they are a Past Officer with no real rights unless they come as a Delegate from a member department. The Emeritus would still keep them involved if they so wish.

Marc Henderson has two people to submit from Green River for the Gerald Stewart Life time Achievement award to award at the Owensboro Officer School.

Good and Welfare

Joe Bowman has retired from PRP

Motion to go into Executive Session

Made/ Second Thompson/Philpot

Passed via voice vote

Returned from executive session.

Motion to adjourn

Made/second

Thompson/Bobo

Passed via voice vote

Next meeting at Bryant Stiles Officer school in Owensboro Saturday
February 22, 2019 at 9 am Central time.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion/ second

Suttles/Bobo

Passed via voice vote

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Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Rath, Secretary

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