

Kentucky Firefighters Association Minutes

Executive Board Meeting

February 26, 2011



President Bob Newman called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Bob thanked the Green River Association for allowing us to meet during the Annual Officers' School.

Vice President Mike Hulsey gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Jansing called the roll.

Mr. Dennis O'Neal, Director of the National Fire Academy addressed the audience.

Vice President Sam Stacy made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

Treasurer Keller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Report of the Officers

Each Executive Board member had previously filed a report of their activity with the Secretary. Each officer summarized their activity. President Newman did state that he looked into the status of the firefighter license plates with regard to the \$ 10.00 donation back to the KFA for each plate purchased. As of the Executive Board meeting on 2/26/11 they have collected \$ 49, 865.00. This is paid out annually at the end of the fiscal year.

In addition to summarizing his activity since the previous meeting, Secretary Jansing announced that he will retire as Secretary of the KFA at the 2011 Annual Conference. Dave Jansing has served as Secretary since 1990 for a total of 21 years.

Report of the Directors

Rick Bobo announced that the Bluegrass Firefighters Association would like to donate \$ 1,000.00 to the KFA. This was money left over from the 2010 Annual Conference. Their request is that \$ 400.00 goes toward the Firefighter Memorial, \$ 300.00 to the Hall of Fame and the remaining \$300.00 to the Honor Guard for the purchase of bibles, flags, etc.

Bud Lederer reported that he has attended several firefighter funerals.

Lewis Ratliff asked questions concerning the Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy through American Income Life. It was explained to everyone that in the event of an accidental death or dismemberment, the paperwork must be presented to Elizabeth 2 Likens by Treasurer Keller /Secretary Jansing. The paperwork consist of the Death Certificate, a letter from the Fire Chief stating that the individual is a member in good standing of the Department, and thirdly the department must be a current dues paying member of the KFA. By submitting everything to Treasurer Keller/Secretary Jansing will help to eliminate a lengthy delay in processing the claim.

Committee Reports

Fireworks Chairman Rusty Todd was called upon to give his report. Rusty stated the fireworks bill is HB 333. The components of the Fireworks Bill from the firefighters prospective consist of the Home Rule which will give the local jurisdictions the option to opt out of allowing any/all fireworks from being sold. Permits would also be obtained from the local jurisdiction in addition to the State Fire Marshal Office to store fireworks. The Bill will also allow the Local Jurisdiction to seize fireworks. The status of the Bill should be known in the near future.

Housing Board: Rusty stated the Housing Board recently approved passage of the 2011 National Electric Code for Residential and Commercial structures.

Bill Robbins thanked everyone for the cards and prayers during his recent medical problems.

Advisory: Bobby Cowherd advised No Report

Public Education: Joe Stambush gave the original report until Wanda Isaacs arrived. Pub Ed displays will be set up in the Registration area at State Fire School to showcase the Committee's work. Wanda arrived and provided a written activity report. It is on file with the Secretary.

Fire School: Bob Newman and Ronnie Day gave the report. This year there will not be a show book and there are no keynote speakers. Lunch will be inside with the vendors. Ronnie stated that \$ 9,000.00 has been collected so far from the vendors.

Membership: No Report

Special Events: No Report

EMS: No Report

NVFC: Ken Knipper had filed a written report as he was not able to attend in person

Legislative: Gerald Stewart gave a break down of the various bills they are following. He stated it is unlikely that many bills will pass during the session. SB-2 that would reform CERS for new hires after July 2012 is likely to stall in the House. It would create a Defined Contribution plan instead of the Defined Benefit Plan. The new plan would be 3 PERS (Public Employee Retirement System). Gerald stated there were three bills filed dealing with state aid and the incentive pay. There has been no movement on the Bills. Gerald also stated that HB 458 is dead.

Scholarship: Allen Johnson stated there are currently two students enrolled in the program. He stated there are a couple high school students who will be applying. *AJ made a motion* that a Scholarship be granted to Blake Steinhaur. All of his paperwork has been presented and approved. Dave Jansing seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Constitution & By-Laws: Mike Hulsey stated there was no report.

Ethics: Ronnie Mayfield stated there was no report.

Hall of Fame: John Daley stated his committee met and they are on track to select three new inductees for the 2011 Conference. The names will be presented at the State Fire School meeting.

Resolutions: No Report

Chapter 75 Fire Districts: No Report

Honor Guard: Troy Newcomb reported on the following. They will be doing a class at the Dixie Fire School. They have participated in three funerals since the Conference, one of which was recently for the Forestry firefighter classified as a LODD. Troy stated that Bro. Phillip Sanders of his department will be part of the Honor Guard. He was able to wear the uniform previously worn by Bro. Mac Walls who has since retired. Troy stated they are hopeful to host Chaplains training on a national level in Western KY. Troy also asked that as the new fiscal year budget is prepared that money be appropriated for the purchase of additional flags.

Olympics: Bob Newman will be meeting with the committee.

Finance: John Wiseman reported a projected \$12,000.00 short fall due to telemarketing not bringing in what was anticipated. John stated he meets with Terry Keller on a regular basis to review the books and work on the new budget. *John made a motion* to allot up to \$ 2,000.00 for an Audit Review and he recommended it be done by Daryl Menning, CPA. Mike Hulsey seconded the motion for purposes of discussion. The discussion included the requirements set forth by the state concerning an audit for the money collected from the sale of the firefighter license plates. Rather than conduct an audit now and then have to conduct an additional one, Mike Hulsey withdrew his second and John Wiseman withdrew the motion. This will be discussed further at the June 2011 meeting.

Conference Committee: Bob Newman stated they are meeting monthly. Updates are on the WEB Site. 4

Memorial: Ronnie Day stated they have sold \$ 5,000- \$ 6,000 in pavers during the last 3-4 months. Ronnie stated that the Tennessee Fire Academy who donated \$ 250.00 toward the memorial last year has done so again this year.

History: Mike O'Day Sr. reported that his committee is a work in progress. He is working with Ronnie Day and John Daley. The committee has a \$ 1,000.00 to work with.

Treasurers Report: Terry Keller stated there are currently 323 paid departments. Terry then went over the detailed financial reports.

Mike Hulsey made a motion that each member of the Executive Board purchases a personal membership. Sam Stacey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business

Ronnie Day stated they are currently working with legal to determine if the death of the fire chief from the West Port VFD will be classified as a LODD. The chief was engaged in a training exercise sometime prior to his passing. He was not actively engaged in the training at the time of the death.

Bob Frizzell questioned the Position of the Directors with regard to their activity to promote the KFA. Discussion followed.

Bud Lederer asked if it would be beneficial for the Directors to have a vote at the Conference.

Bob Newman stated he had been approached about the possibility of a firefighter license plate for motorcycles. He stated the DOT told him they would need 300 commitments, with a price tag of \$ 25.00 each before the DOT would fabricate them. Ronnie Day stated he would contact the Fire & Iron Group and the Brother's Keepers Group to see how many would be interested in the firefighter license plates.

Terry Keller made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Woody Will's contract. Dave Jansing seconded the motion. The motion carried. *Van Taylor made a motion* to come out of Executive Session. Sam Stacy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dave Jansing made a motion to approve Woody's contract. Terry Keller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dave Jansing made a motion to adjourn at 2:25pm. Terry Keller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, 5

David E. Jansing
Assistant Chief
KFA Secretary