

KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

February 28, 2009



President Randy Courtney called the meeting to order at 9:05am, EST.

Vice President @ Large Mike Hulsey gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

The roll call was taken and the absentees were noted.

President Courtney called on Woody Will to discuss some ideas for the Smoke Signals and how the KFA can save some money. After much discussion, VP Hendricks made a motion that a hard copy of the Smoke Signals be mailed to the member departments only, and continue to put every edition on the KFA Web site. VP Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Concerning a request by the Lexington FD to advertise their Memorial Wall in the Smoke Signals, the permission was granted.

M/S VP Newman/Cowherd to accept the minutes of the November 2008 meeting in London, KY. The motion carried.

President Courtney and the VP's submitted their activity reports electronically prior to the meeting. Secretary Jansing also submitted his report prior to the meeting. M/S by Secretary Jansing and Treasurer Keller to accept their reports. The motion carried. These reports will be on file with the Secretary.

Several Directors also submitted their reports prior to the meeting. VP Newman reported for Director Dave McCrady as he was busy working with the Green River Officer's School.

M/S by VP Cowherd / Newman to accept the Director's reports as submitted. The motion carried. They are on file with Secretary Jansing.

Secretary Jansing was asked to explain the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy through the American Income Life Insurance Company.

Woody Will stated it is possible and he is willing to give any member of the KFA an email address @kyfa.org if they contact him with their information.

Committee Reports

Advisory- John Daley. John presented the KFA with two six hundred dollar (\$600.00) checks from the Northern KY Conference Fund. He requested that one check go to the Scholarship Committee and the other to the Honor Guard Committee.

Public Fire Education- Joe Stambush had submitted a report prior to the meeting. He stated there was nothing further to report. The report is on file with the Secretary.

EMS- VP Hendricks said there was nothing to report on the State Level at this time. On the Federal Level, Ken Knipper stated the new Education Standards are out. He also reported on Evidence Based Practice. Ken commented on the status of Medicare and Insurance Companies with regards to coverage for ALS or BLS ambulance runs.

Legislative Report- Gerald Stewart & Howdy Kurtsinger gave an update on the various bills they are following during the current session. The bills will be color coded to designate the standing of the KFA. Howdy is emailing the updates on a weekly basis.

Hall of Fame- John Daley reported that it is their intention that three inductees will be announced this year at the Conference. The individuals will be identified at the June meeting.

PAC – Billy Robbins said that Senator Mitch McConnell accepted \$ 200.00 from the PAC committee toward his re-election.

Constitution & By-Laws- VP Hulsey stated the committee would meet in June.

Fund Raising- Ken Knipper mentioned that Baskin & Robbins Ice Cream is sponsoring a .31cent Cone Night with the proceeds going to the Fire Service.

NVFC- Ken Knipper reminded everyone that through their membership in the KFA, they are eligible for \$250.00 from the NFVC if they received damage to their personal property during the recent ice storm in KY. If you need additional assistance with this contact Ken Knipper.

Scholarship – Allen Johnson had submitted a report prior to the meeting. Since then he received two additional inquires. These will be reviewed in June after the paperwork is received.

State Fire School- Ronnie Day submitted a report prior to the meeting. He gave a brief update on the status of the upcoming state school.

Green River Fire School- Bryant Stiles gave a report on the Green River School. Under NVFC he also reported that there is \$210,000,000 in the stimulus money for the construction of fire stations. This is in addition to the Assistance to Firefighter Grants.

Bryant stated that he would be working with Tom Arnold of Homeland Security on the Resource Type project.

State Fire Rescue Training- Bryant stated that several classes were cancelled due to the ice storms. These classes need to be re-scheduled.

Treasurers Report: Terry Keller stated we currently have 377 Dues paying departments, 18 personal memberships, and 4 sustaining memberships. After discussions with Charlie Shaw & Jamie Skaggs, all sustaining membership activities will go through Jamie. She will continue to send checks to Terry Keller to be deposited after she has documented everything in her office. Only one sustaining membership form will be used.

Terry Keller presented a proposed amended budget for consideration. It called for an approximate \$20,000.00 reduction due to overall revenues being down due to the current economic conditions. M/S Dave Jansing & Bob Hendricks to adopt the proposed amended budget with the idea of revisiting it again at the June 2009 meeting. Considerable discussion followed concerning cuts in the various line items. Terry Keller then made a motion to amend the original motion to make additional revisions. This was seconded by Dave Jansing. Further discussion took place. Terry Keller then withdrew his motion, Dave Jansing withdrew his second. Dave Jansing then

withdrew the original motion, and Bob Hendricks withdrew his second. This action then took the proposed amended budget off the table. **Due to the shortfall of revenue, President Courtney will notify all E- Board members, Committee Chairmen, and Committee members via email to contact him before spending any KFA funds.**

New Business: Bobby Cowherd will be attending the Congressional Fire Service Caucus representing the KFA.

President Courtney announced that the 2009 KFA Conference would be moved to Lexington. The hotel will be announced in the very near future. The Conference dates will remain the same. (August 1st-4th)

VP Cowherd discussed the issue of surveying the membership to see if there is interest from the fire service to attend the KFA meetings during the Green River & State Fire Schools. If there is enough interest we will then look at ways to hold a meeting with those individuals when they are available and not attending classes. A survey will be posted on the KFA Web site.

We will also be looking into the possibility of a fundraiser by using the Good Search. Com Web site. More to follow on this.

Dave Jansing made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Terry Keller seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mike Hulsey made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Bob Newman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Board, Dave Jansing made a motion to adjourn. Mike Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.

Sincerely,

David E. Jansing
Assistant Chief
Secretary, KFA

