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Green Rivers Officers School/Lexington Center

The regular meeting of the KFA E-Board was called to order by President Van Taylor with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation given by VP@L Mike Hulsey. Roll call was taken. All Executive Board members were present and noted.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the October 22, 2011 Executive Board meeting.

Motion/Second

Sam Stacy/Steve Kyle

Motion passed via voice vote.

Two guest speakers were present to address the board. The first was Amanda Cross with American Income Life. She is replacing Elizabeth Lykins who is no longer with the company. Ms. Cross briefly explained how the program worked and the benefits included. Every firefighter associated with a dues paying department of the KFA is eligible for the \$2000.00 accidental life insurance. Additional benefits of a discount card and ID kit will be given when an agent comes to visit and a beneficiary card is filled out. A discussion was held concerning certain parts of the state where the agents are at times "pushy" and "aggressive". VP@L Hulsey asked Ms. Cross to address this issue with agents all over the state. Ms. Cross asked to be immediately contacted if this were to happen in the future. The second guest was Joanie O'Bryan with The Center for Courageous Kids. Ms. O'Bryan gave an overview of the camp and reviewed the agreement the KFA discussed last year with supporting and partnering for a weekend burn camp. The date for the camp is October 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>. Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati is on board and will send campers. A motion was made to support the proposal of the partnership between the KFA and The Center for Courageous as outlined in the contract sent by Ms. O'Bryan with the wording in #7 changed from "send" to "encourage".

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Sam Stacy

Motion passed via voice vote.

Ms. O'Bryan was given a copy of the KFA directory so she can start her fundraising efforts. Discussion was also held concerning holding our fall meeting at the camp.

### **Officers Reports**

President Van Taylor, Vice Presidents Sam Stacy, Chris Crawford, Steve Kyle, VP@ Large Mike Hulsey, Secretary Monica Rath and Treasurer Duane Suttles all gave their activity report. All reports are attached to the minutes.

Treasurer Duane Suttles included the following information on membership status

Current Paid Departments – 376

New Departments for 2012 – 49

2011 member departments delinquent, but anticipated – 65

Current Paid Personal – 21    Current Sustaining Membership – unknown

## **Directors Reports**

### **Bluegrass – Rick Bobo**

- Compiled a spreadsheet of the membership by region to show actual members and potential members and the difference in dues paid and potential dues.
- Voiced concern of dropped membership numbers and the need to get out there and promote the KFA

Discussion on membership was tabled till new business

### **Dixie – Dale Dobson**

- March 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> will hold 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Dixie Fire School
- Currently have 698 students registered
- Commissioner Coomer (KY State Agriculture) scheduled to speak
- Last year held a membership drive during the school and Dale and Chris Crawford visited every class

### **Buffalo Trace – Eric Bach**

- Currently working on fire school

### **Eastern KY – Jeremy Rodgers**

- 100% of Eastern KY region is a member of the KFA

### **Green River – Bob Newman reported for Steven Leonard**

- Currently have fire school going on

### **Jefferson Co. – Bob Frizzle**

- Asked if anyone else had received a letter from the local sheriff concerning collection fees in fire district areas
- Discussion was held and there is current legislation in regards to this HB232

### **Northern KY – John Daley for Bud Lederer**

- Noted that this is the first meeting Bud has missed (due to illness) since being appointed director
- Reported received letters from Buffalo Trace and Daniel Boone stating they have no intentions of putting anyone in as VP at the 2012 Conference, letters filed with KFA secretary, Northern KY will be putting in a VP.
- Reviewed NKFA Awards Banquet
- Recently revised By-Laws to include the counties of Grant, Gallatin, Carroll, and Owen
- Recognized Past President Tim Kleier and current President John Seitz

### **Pike Co. – Lewis Ratliff**

- Attended all association meetings
- Promoted KFA membership

### **Southeastern KY – John Dyehouse**

- Expressed thanks for correspondence between directors and Executive Board
- Jamie Mills is the new president of association
- Continuously promoting KFA and working on fire school

President Van Taylor presented “past” pocket badges to Past Secretary Dave Jansing and Past Treasurer Terry Keller.

## **Committee Reports**

**Legislative:** Gerald Stewart & Mike Kurtsinger

Distributed Legislative Report #8 and reviewed the following bills

HB 38, 122, 189, 193, 214, 232, 324, 326, 423 & SB 55, 91, 117, 156

The Congressional Fire Caucus will be in Washington DC on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Ethics:** No report

**Finance:** John Wiseman

- Reviewed financial report
- Books appear to be in order and good standings
- Currently getting bids to have an audit conducted

**Fireworks:** Rusty Todd

- Met w/ Fire Marshall Swope in regards to stats from the fireworks season but information is still being gathered
- Had contact w/5 communities in regards to the ordinance
- Discussed if any past promises or issues were resolved – still need to get an inventory list from distributors

**Housing Board:** Rusty Todd

- State is considering adopting the 2012 International Building Codes

A motion was made to send a letter of support for the adoption of the 2012 International Building Codes including the enforcement of multifamily residential sprinkler systems to be installed in all new construction, and the option to opt out of sprinkler system enforcement for single family, duplex and townhouse new construction.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Steve Kyle

Motion passed via voice vote

**Hall of Fame:** John Daley

- Committee met on February 24<sup>th</sup>, President Taylor was in attendance
- 2 members were not in attendance – Joe Stambush due to recent surgery and Bill Hall unable to make contact
- Recommended adding two new members to committee; Tim Brumfield – Danville and Bobby Coward – Shelby Co. President Taylor agreed to the appointment
- Discussed replacing current banners as they are showing wear and tear – this would be a \$3000 cost – looking into options
- Nomination forms will be out soon
- Next meeting is set for June during state fire school

**Constitution and By-Laws:** Terry Keller

- If anyone has any suggestions for changes or additions send to Terry and the committee will review

**NVFC:** Ken Knipper

Reviewed the following NVFC programs;

- Fireman's Fund Heritage
- Fit for Heroes (collaboration with Fire Commission, Health Dept., and NVFC)
- Cap Wiz (send letters to legislatures – set up cost) currently 43 departments in KY using
- Free webinar on March 8<sup>th</sup> teaching/explaining auditing committee practices
- Medicare reimbursement is back up
- Explained the different levels of membership for the NVFC anyone interested in a personal membership the cost is \$12 Contact Donna Clark

**Scholarship:** Allen Johnson

- Report attached
- Currently have 3 available with preference given to current FF with interest in fire science, then all others considered

**Fire Prevention/Public Education:** Wanda Isaacs

- Report attached

**2012 Conference:** Van Taylor

- Conference will be held at the Clarion Inn in Lexington

**Old Business**

Director Reimbursement – Mike Hulsey

A motion was made to reimburse regional directors up to \$100 if they attend up to 2 meetings other than the conference.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Sam Stacy

Lengthy discussion was held, and an amendment was suggested for the motion.

A motion was made to amend the original motion to cover travel and meal expenses for directors at the same rate as executive board members instead of the \$100.

Amendment/Second

Mike Hulsey/Sam Stacy

Amendment passed via voice vote

Original motion passed via voice vote

Treasurer Laptop – Duane Suttles

A motion was made to allow Treasurer Suttles to purchase a laptop to use for treasurer duties.

Motion/Second

Chris Crawford/Steve Kyle

Motion passed via voice vote

Bibles – Mike Hulsey

Discussion was held concerning the whereabouts of the bibles that were purchased. Steve Kyle will get the bibles to Chris Crawford and attempt to get them distributed to all who need them.

## **New Business**

Membership – Chris Crawford

Discussion was held concerning updating the KFA pamphlet, listing what we offer our members, marketing ourselves and getting information to fire chiefs and then beyond to the firefighters, update regional association map, and discussed purchasing and distributing trinkets with the KFA logo. Mike Hulsey asked President Taylor to appoint a special committee to look into accomplishing these goals utilizing the current membership committee and Mike O’Day Sr. and Terry Keller. President Taylor agreed.

Congressional Fire Caucus – Van Taylor

The Fire Commission asked if the KFA was going to send anyone to Washington DC. In the past the KFA has sent one or two representatives. VP Chris Crawford and Secretary Monica Rath have both expressed interest.

A motion was made to send both VP Crawford and Secretary Rath to Washington DC for the Congressional Fire Caucus.

Motion/Second

Steve Kyle/Duane Suttles  
Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made for the Executive Board to go into Executive Session.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Sam Stacy  
Motion passed via voice vote.

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session.

Motion/Second

Sam Stacy/Mike Hulsey  
Motion passed via voice vote.

A motion was made to accept Woody Will’s contract and proposal to go color with the newsletter starting with the March 2012 issue.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Chris Crawford  
Motion passed via voice vote.

Discussion was held concerning the need to call a special meeting to discuss state fire school Secretary Rath will work on a date that fits most schedules, meeting will be held at Elizabethtown Fire Department.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Sam Stacy  
Motion passed via voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Monica Rath, Secretary*

Kentucky Firefighters Association