

**Kentucky Firefighters Association
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
June 14, 2008
Lexington, KY**

President Daley called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Roll call was taken followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation present by Vice President at Large Mike Hulsey.

President Daley mentioned that perhaps we should look at the timing of the meetings throughout the year in an attempt to give more firefighters the opportunity to attend if they desire.

Allen Johnson gave a report on the Scholarship Program. There is a concern that the money currently earmarked from the sale of the prints may be depleted in the near future given the current rate at which applications are being received. The idea of setting a cap on how many we can fund at any given time will be discussed at the Conference. It is very important that we do what we can to continue to advertise the prints by way of the Smoke Signals, WEB site, and even word of mouth.

President Daley thanked Chief Bob Hendricks for all his hospitality during the State Fire School weekend.

The Minutes of the February 2008 meeting were approved by way of a M/S Bob Newman & Mike Hulsey. The motion carried.

M/S by Terry Keller & Dave Jansing to bestow a Lifetime Membership to Mr. John David Wiseman in recognition of all his hard work in the coordination of the KFA Conference held in Northern KY. The motion carried.

Report of the Vice Presidents:

Randy Courtney reported that they have been busy working on the 2009 Conference. Bobby Cowherd attended the Line of Duty Death Funeral in March. Bobby has also been very helpful dealing with the issues concerning the J&J Promotions Fund Raising. Bob Newman reported that the Executive Inn Rivermont has closed. He will keep us informed on the status of the Officer's School, Etc. Mike Hulsey has been attending the County Chief's Meetings in his area. He also attended the Line of Duty Death Funeral in Greenup Co.

President Daley gave a report on the agenda for the 2008 Conference starting with the Olympic Competition on Saturday August 2nd.

Hall of Fame Report: Bill Hall reported that the following individuals have been selected for the KFA Hall of Fame for 2008. Two-time KFA President VA Beam from Louisville, 1997 KFA Past President Mike O'Day, NVFC Director & Funding Research Committee Chairman Ken Knipper, & Resolutions Committee Chairman Mark Luckett.

Bill stated the Committee is still looking into a lapel pin for the inductees. Bill requested that the KFA purchase two large projection screens to be used during the ceremonies in addition to other functions throughout the year. The total cost will be \$2, 100.00 + S&H.

President Daley gave a report on the Congressional Fire Service Conference that he and Randy Courtney attended. The status of the Federal Death Benefit was discussed.

Secretary Report: The Conference Forms have gone out and should have been received by each fire chief in the Commonwealth. Following up on discussion that took place at the February Meeting concerning reimbursement for expenses and gas mileage, Secretary Jansing recommended that we pay .50 cents per mile and a total of \$36.00 per day for meals while on official KFA travel business. M/S Terry Keller & Mike Hulsey. The motion carried. Receipts are not required. This becomes effective August 1, 2008.

PUB ED Committee: Fireman Joe thanked the Executive Board for their continued support of the PUB ED programs used in the state.

Bill Hall thanked Vice President Bobby Cowherd for coming down to meet with their Regional Association to address the attendance issue.

Charlie Shaw reported that the new KFA Funeral Trailer is on Display at Fire School. The old trailer was converted to an Honor Guard trailer. Charlie reported that it is their goal to make \$30,000 this year at State Fire School. This money helps offset the cost of the school. The KFA has the contracts for the next two years.

Bryant Stiles reported 393 Students attended on Thursday, 574 on Friday, and 423 on Saturday, with Sunday not yet applicable.

In his NVFC report, Bryant addressed the Firefighter Assistance Grant Program. He recommends that KY support training as one of the criteria. In the case of KY, in order to be eligible for State Aid, 50% of the department must be certified. This is a very acceptable criterion when it comes to applying for Grants.

Ronnie Day reported that his office stands ready to assist where needed at the Conference. He stated they are always looking for new faces to help out at State Fire School. Ronnie stated that 27 people from KY attended the Congressional Fire Service Caucus this year. Ronnie gave a report on the CPAT program and that it is continuing to grow as more and more departments are using it. Ronnie also reported on the upcoming Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg.

Ronnie stated he is willing to pay for transportation and lodging for the KFA Honor Guard to attend the Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Emmitsburg if the KFA will pick up the meals. This was very acceptable by the board.

The Credentialing program through the Fire Commission starts on July 16, 2008. It is \$5.00 per person and renewed annually. The KYFIRS (Fire Incident Reporting) switches

the Fire Commission Office on July 16, 2008. The new training program is completed. It is compatible with Firehouse Software.

Ronnie provided the Board with information on an excellent Public Education Device. It is an inflatable fire truck and house. The goal is to purchase one for the state with several different agencies dividing the costs. M/S Mike Hulsey & Bobby Cowherd that the KFA spend up to \$4,000.00. The motion carried.

Tom Arnold of Homeland Security gave an update on the work in their office.

Troy Newcomb gave a report on the Honor Guard. There have been four events since February. An application has been prepared and available to any firefighter interested in joining the Honor Guard. Troy stated that Provident Insurance has agreed to purchase one Honor Guard Uniform. To re-skin the Funeral trailer it will run \$2,000- \$2,500 dollars. It will be kept near the center of the state, (Elizabethtown). M/S by Bobby Cowherd & Bob Newman to allot up to \$ 2,500.00 to re-skin the trailer. The motion carried.

Ronnie Day stated the he is willing to purchase two Honor Guard Uniforms.

M/S by Dave Jansing & Randy Courtney to renew the contract with Woody Will for the Smoke Signals & WEB site. The motion carried.

M/S by Terry Keller & Mike Hulsey to purchase the two video screens for a total of \$ 2,100.00. The motion carried.

Gerald Stewart, Mike Kurtsinger & Jack Reckner gave a report on the recent General Assembly Session. It is important to send our lobbyist to Frankfort with a list of the more important items we want them to address on our behalf. It is also very important to support their efforts by communicating with our Representatives and Senators back home so they are aware of our feelings when the topic arises on the floor in Frankfort.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be at 7:00pm on Friday evening, August 1, 2008 at the Drawbridge in Fort Mitchell.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Jansing, IAAI-CFI
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Kentucky Firefighters Association
Secretary