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State Fire School - Lexington

The regular meeting of the KFA E-Board was called to order by President Sam Stacy with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation given by VP@L Mike Hulseley. Roll call was taken and all were present.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February 23, 2013 meeting.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulseley/Steve Kyle

Motion passed via voice vote.

Officers Reports

All officers' reports were filed with the secretary. Activity reports will be attached to the minutes when sent out.

Directors Reports

NKFA Director Bud Lederer

- Working on 2016 conference
- Attended Medal of Valor ceremony at Southgate Fire Department for the Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire
- Working on the membership within the four new counties added to the association
- Regional Fire School was a success

Pike County Director Lewis Ratcliff

- Getting ready for Regional Fire School, which is free, and held at Big Sandy Technical College
- Working on countywide pub-ed committee, have given out and installed 750 smoke detectors

Buffalo Trace Director Kerry Moore

- Working on membership currently at 75%
- Area is not happy with the pressure they are receiving from AIL to purchase additional insurance
- Concerned with the new guidelines in regards to who can teach EMT recert hours, volunteers are not always available to go to a fire school and some smaller departments may not have someone qualified to teach and depend on surrounding area departments for their training; also concerned with the contract cost of \$500 for 5 years for the TEI

Dixie Firefighters Director Dale Dobson

- Director of Agriculture Jay Hall is in attendance today

- SOKS – Save Our Kids; putting together a prop using the cab of a real fire truck placed on a trailer, prop is handicap accessible, prop will be housed in Area5 but will be available for any dept in state to use
- Asking KFA to partner with the Fire Commission and the Department of Agriculture at the Kentucky State Fair to promote safety and ribbon cutting for the new prop
- Opening day of the fair is August 15

A motion was made to use up \$2500.00 to purchase shirts for the first 500 kids promoting the KFA and SOKS program.

Motion/Second

Chris Crawford/Mike Hulsey
Motion passed via voice vote

Legislative: Michael “Howdy” Kurtsinger

- Gerald’s health is much improved and he is doing well
- Fire Commission was able to secure \$500,000 for Thermal Imaging Camera Grant, received over 300 applications, gave \$3200 to departments that qualified, Grant will repeat for the 2013 budget year
- Pension – we were never given a place at the “table” like promised, Legislatures voted and passed a bill they did not understand, bill was railroaded through at the last minute and we will continue to fight, new plan is set to start on January 1, 2014
- House Bill 1 – Reporting System for fire districts – All districts must fill out paperwork and send in fee by July, fee and audit regulations depend on size of district budget, less than \$100,000.00 no audit necessary, \$100,000.00-\$500,000.00 audit once every four years, \$500,000.00 audit every year, begins January 1, 2014

Fire Prevention/Public Education: Wanda Isaacs

- Attached to minutes
- There have been over 50 fire fatalities so far this year, Fire Marshall Swope has appointed a task force to look into why and come up with a fire safety program as a priority

Finance Committee: John Wiseman

- Don Heeb with Collins, Heeb and Miller was in attendance, he conducted the audit and review of the financial books. He stated all records are in relatively good condition, reviewed recommendations that all executive board members received a copy of, Recommends we start issuing 1099 for anyone that receives over \$600 as a contractor not expense reimbursements
- Zentel and Outsource, our phone solicitors, both have a 30 day out contract, at this point they have only brought in \$1864.92 in profits for the association this year.

A motion was made for the treasurer to send a letter to both companies in regards to breaking the contract we have with them.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Chris Crawford
Motion passed via voice vote

Ethics: Dave Jansing

- No report

Chapter 75: Jeff Pohlman

- Report attached to minutes

NVFC: Ken Knipper

- Report attached
- Thanked the board for their support at the NVFC Banquet in Washington DC when Bryant Stiles Family received, in his honor, the James E. Monahan Award.

Hall of Fame: John Beatsch

- This year we will be inducting in the 11th Class for the Hall of Fame
- Currently looking into pricing to consolidate banners for ease of use and room
- There are four inductees for this year's class

Special Events: Charlie Shaw

- KFA Olympic trailer has been out several times
- Helped with several non LOD funerals
- Supported Supporting Heroes with LOD Police Officer funerals
- KFA should consider getting EMS bibles

History:

- Still looking into getting the conference books sealed, still missing about 8 books from 1929 – present

Resolutions:

- All resolutions need to be filed with the secretary by June 21st if they are to be considered pre-filed

Housing/Fireworks: Mike Hulse for Rusty Todd

- Rusty Todd has retired from Elizabethtown Fire Department, discussion was held concerning if he would still be able to represent us on the housing board, decide that since he does maintain a personal membership he is able to remain on the board if he so chooses to
- Sprinkler mandate has been thrown out of the newly adopted code

Olympics:

- State Olympics are set for August 3rd
- Steve Sieveld with VFIS is donating the trophies once again

2013 Conference: Sam Stacy

- Secretary Rath will email Jeremy Rogers all executive board members names to put on rooms, then you can call and make any necessary changes you may need
- Ashland Plaza hotel is full, 2nd property has still a few vacancies
- Website is KFA2013.com

Old Business

Funeral Details, Attendance and Honor Guard Deployment

The following is the recommendations from the special funeral/honor guard committee

- Honor Guard will be deployed for every LOD death
- LOD death will receive Bible, Flowers, and Honor Guard
- Past e-Board members, directors, longtime supporters of the KFA – Sitting president will decide/deploy Honor Guard and Flowers
- If there is a department that would like the Honor Guard present for a non LOD death, parade, memorial service ect., the president must be notified and it will be agreed upon by the honor guard and the chief of department requesting the honor guard as to when and how many, all expenses will be paid by the requesting department not the KFA
- The secretary will prepare and mail out a condolence certificate for all retired FF's and Non LOD deaths that notification is received

A motion was made to follow the committee's recommendations.

Motion/Second

Chris Crawford/Mike Hulsey

Motion passed via voice vote

New Business

- According to the by-laws the secretary must receive a letter of recommendation/appointment from each regional association for the director position and if they have an e-board member. The letter should state the member is in good standing and that the association wishes to keep them in their respective position and or move up to their respective position.
- Kentucky Fire Chiefs Association and the Kentucky League of Cities have adopted a resolution to begin discussions with the fire commission concerning resolving and discussing issues with the CPAT program, a copy of the resolution is attached to the minutes.

A motion was made to support the KY Fire Chiefs Resolution.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Jeff Pohlman

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to go into executive session.

Motion/Second

Chris Crawford/Mike Hulsey

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to come out of executive session.

Motion/Second

Chris Crawford/Jeff Pohlman

Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to enter into a contract with Woody Will to maintain the webpage and produce Smoke Signals.

Motion/Second

Chris Crawford/Steve Kyle

Motion passed via voice vote

Next meeting will be at the 2013 Conference. Pre Conference meeting will be held on Friday August 2nd at 7pm. Regular meeting will open on August 5th at 8am at the Ashland Plaza.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion/Second

Chris Crawford/Jeff Pohlman

Motion passed via voice vote

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Rath, Secretary

Kentucky Firefighters Association