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Lyon County Convention Center

The regular meeting of the KFA E-Board was called to order by President Chris Crawford, KFA Honor Guard posted Colors, and we were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Treasurer Duane Suttles and Invocation given by VP@L Mike Hulsey. Roll call was taken and all were present. We were welcomed by Lyon County Judge Executive Wade White, Josh Schank Fire Chief of Eddyville Fire Department and Bill Compton Fire Chief of Kuttawa Fire Department. Secretary Monica Rath swore VP Steve Kyle into Office since he missed the swearing in at the annual conference.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 2013 Conference.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Steve Kyle

Motion passed via voice vote.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion/Second

Steve Kyle/Jeff Pohlman

Motion passed via voice vote.

### **Officers Reports**

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

### **Directors Reports**

Jackson Purchase Director Tex Johnson

- Just finished up a successful school with 214 in attendance
- Next school will be March 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>
- Working on KFA membership

NKFA Director Bud Lederer report read by Secretary Monica Rath

- Attached to minutes

Buffalo Trace Director Kerry Moore report given by Treasurer Duane Suttles

- Hosting KY's Tough Mudders
- Regional fire school is in Maysville on October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

Green River Director Steven Leonard report given by Bob Newman

- Working on KFA membership
- Fall fire school is October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

Dixie Director Dale Dobson report given by President Chris Crawford

- Working on 2014 KFA conference

Eastern Kentucky Director Jeremy Rodgers report given by VP Billy Selvage

- Started working on 2017 Conference

Daniel Boone Director Danny Blevins report given by Treasurer Duane Suttles

- Spring Fire School will be held in May at Morehead

Jefferson County Director Bob Frizzel report given by President Chris Crawford

- School went well
- Helping with 2014 conference
- Anticipate putting in a VP at next conference

## **Committee Reports**

### **By-Laws SOG's:** Mike Hulsey

- Scholarship SOG's are in the process of being redone, this was complete and ready for today's meeting but Mike's computer got a virus and lost everything, will have set for next Executive Board meeting
- Conference Overview Committee – Monica Rath read new SOG's for the implementation of the Conference Overview Committee.

A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendation of the new Conference Overview Committee SOG's and delete/replace what is currently in the SOG's.

Motion/Second

Monica Rath/Mike Hulsey

Motion passed via voice vote

- Map (at end of By-Laws posted on line) – a discussion was held concerning updating the information on the map page. It was concluded that at each conference as/if the directors change the map is to be updated. President Crawford will ask Woody Will to get this information updated and in the future update after each conference if changes are indicated.

### **Hall of Fame:** John Beatsch

- Report submitted, read and attached to the minutes

### **State Fire School:** Chris Crawford

- Started working on 2014 fire school immediately after 2013 school
- Working on having new and exciting classes
- Brochure is scheduled to be out in February
- November 19<sup>th</sup> is next fire school meeting
- Homeland Security will no longer be a partner with the state fire school

### **Public Education:** Wanda Isaacs

- Report submitted, read and attached to the minutes

### **Scholarship:** Allen Johnson

- 9 scholarships were awarded out of 12 applicants
- 1 person asked for a review
- Committee met and reviewed application again and still rejected due to being a priority 2 and 10<sup>th</sup> on the list of applicants

- Lengthy discussion was held concerning process/ranking and what is currently written in SOG's and Application page especially in regards to applicants that had received the scholarship the previous year.

A motion was made to award the applicant that was rejected and asked for review a 2013 scholarship.

Motion/Second

Monica Rath/Mike Hulsey

During discussion it was found out that there was another applicant that had previously received a KFA scholarship and was rejected this time around due to being a priority 2 and 11<sup>th</sup> on the list.

A motion was made to amend the previous motion to include awarding the other rejected applicant a 2013 KFA scholarship if he/she were to ask for a review of their rejected application.

Amended motion/second

Monica Rath/Mike Hulsey

Amended motion passed via voice vote with VP's Pohlman and Hulsey abstaining

Motion passed via voice vote with VP's Pohlman and Hulsey abstaining

- Allen Johnson will notify applicant of the Executive Boards decision

**NVFC:** Ken Knipper

- Explained the formation and make-up of the National Volunteer Fire Council
- Any issues you may need help with NVFC is a good starting point because of all their contacts
- Website is NVFC.org
- Looking into streamlining membership opportunities
- Public safety officer beneficiary form should be filled out and filed every year
- Reviewed several programs the NVFC sponsors or assist with; CapWiz, Duracell battery program, Highway Safety, Disaster training, Dominos Pizza ect. All info on website
- Affordable Care Act may impact Volunteer Fire Depts., says departments shall have a health care plan for volunteers
- Best Practices program received Top Fire Training recognition in the world
- On Line training
- Motorola dispatch grants
- Next NVFC meeting is in Texas

**EMS:** Robb Williams

- Report submitted, read, and attached to the minutes

**Special Events:** Charlie Shaw

- Report submitted, read and attached to the minutes

**Memorial:** Chris Crawford

- Great attendance
- No Line of Duty Deaths this past year
- Pavers are available to help with the upkeep of the memorial grounds
- There is a proposed EMS memorial going up next to our firefighter memorial

**Honor Guard:** Chris Crawford

- Thanks for opening our executive board meeting this morning

- Attended annual fallen firefighter memorial in Frankfort
- 2 members went with fire commission to Emmitsburg

**Housing Board:** Mike Hulsey

- Still in conflict with sprinkler code for multifamily dwellings

**Olympics:** Chris Crawford

- Possibly changing a few events
- Encouraged the Western Kentucky area to get involved in the event for a fun filled day

**Chapter 75:** Jeff Pohlman

- Have from October 15<sup>th</sup> – end of year to register on line with the state
- This is for all Chapter 75 and 273 departments
- Any questions go to Department of Local Government website
- IF Chief didn't receive letter check with Treasurer of the board

**Steering:** Mike Hulsey

- Discussion was held on elimination of Barren River Association and Lake Cumberland Association
- Committee is working on setting up meetings with people in area to help get associations back up and running
- Would like to suggest splitting Lake Cumberland into two regions East and West, with the understanding that when it is time to seat a VP they are to decide together who VP will be. Executive board was in agreement with this plan

**Legislative:** Gerald Stewart

- Currently looking through resolutions and setting up strategy
- If you filed a resolution the committee would like to suggest you first talk with your legislator so they are aware of your intentions and thoughts before Howdy and Gerald gets to them
- Will met with the committee and other agencies in December to set up game plan
- AHA wants us to support CPR in Schools bill, committee would first like to see bill and read through it before we support it.
- Dave Rich, a retired Louisville firefighter, was elected to the CERS board

**Finance Committee:** Duane Suttles

- Reviewed the condition of the budget
- Most of our budget is monies generated by memberships and license plate money; we need to continue to promote the firefighter license plate

**New Business:**

- Area 4 Fire School is November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. Vendor show is November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11am – 6pm. President Crawford, Secretary Rath, and VP Hulsey will attend to promote the KFA in the area.
- Fire Commission is working with the Fire Chiefs Association on the KAR for the CPAT regulations. KAR will go into effect when it is passed, the penalties for the KAR will go into effect 2015.

**Old Business**

- VP Hulsey found the changes that had been made for the scholarship SOG's in the dropbox before his virus hit, changes were reviewed and discussed and suggestions were given by the Executive Board, VP Hulsey will take suggestions back to committee and present at the next Executive Board meeting.

**Good and Welfare:**

- VP Kyle thanked everyone for the well wishes and prayers while he was sick
- Dixie Association will be hosting a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Open House on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at their training center.

A motion was made to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Jeff Pohlman  
Motion passed via voice vote

A motion was made to come out of executive session.

Motion/Second

Jeff Pohlman/Steve Kyle  
Motion passed via voice vote

The next meeting will be Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Bryant Stiles Officers School. Executive Board members need to make their own room reservations.

A motion to adjourn was made.

Motion/Second

Jeff Pohlman/Steve Kyle  
Motion passed via voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Monica Rath, Secretary*

Kentucky Firefighters Association