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E-Board Meeting held at Southgate Volunteer Fire Department.

The quarterly meeting of the Kentucky Firefighters Association was held in Southgate, Ky. because the Kentucky State Fire School was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was called to order by President Beatsch.

Invocation by President Beatsch

Pledge of Allegiance by Mike O'Day

Roll Call of Officers found all present and Mike O'Day is the Parliamentarian.

Motion: To approve minutes of Bryant Stiles Officer School Meeting.

Motion/Second

Thompson/Philpot

Passed via voice vote

Guest

NVFC 1st Vice Chair Kevin Quinn

Thank you to the KFA for being so involved in the NVFC.

Heroes Act – Emergency appropriations for COVID -19 Worked with Congressional leaders to get Fire and EMS included in the Heroes Act.

The NVFC is working on online training relating to Covid-19

AFG Grant – before all the COVID were on track to start announcing winners but has it been postponed. As soon as things start opening up hopefully they will start.

KBEMS- Mike Poynter

Since the COVID-19 we have made some exceptions to some rules.

One of those rules was allowing reinstatement of expired certifications. As of now we have reinstated 1343 Certs.

KBEMS will resume inspections soon.

PPE supplies have stabilized we are preparing to gather enough supplies if a spike in cases does happen.

Please see website for important info regarding the COVID crises.

KCTCS- Marc Rudder

Virtual Classes, we have been offering virtual classes and they have been received with great enthusiasm. In April 124 students, in May 366 students, 684 departments took advantage of the classes.

There have been rules set up to get credit for the training. The training is not considered online because the instructor and students are all present and can be seen on the platform we are using.

KCTCS is in the process of submitting virtual training to the August meeting of the Fire Commission for approved format to teach from going forward.

The new training system is being rolled out. It hasn't gone the way it should because of the COVID but we are starting training on the system. The old system will be shut down June 15 for records dump into the new system. We hope September will be the start date for new system KYFIRES.

Report of Officers

President Beatsch- Please pray for Joe Eggemier's son Joey he has been in Children's hospital in Louisville since early March for heart surgery and is not doing well. We have been having problems with hacked emails please make sure you do not open any email that does not sound legit. Change all your passwords to your email accounts this may stop the hacking.

VP Philpot- Has been visiting Associations across the state. Our Fire School has been placed on hold for now until we get a better feel of what is going to open and restriction because of COVID-19.

VP Bobo- Jefferson Fire School is on hold for now because of COVID-19.

VP Henderson- The Supporting Heroes Gala was February 29th ,Junior Firefighter camp was March 6-8 it was very well attended and it a great camp for Juniors, Green River Association meetings will be virtual until further notice. Worked with Eric Philpot on Legacy award Working with Charlie Rafferty on the Honor Guard Class in September and on remodel of special events trailer.

VP Thompson- NVFC meeting held virtual

Secretary Rath- working on contingency plan for possibility of no 2020 Conference. I have received several phone calls from Greg Schultz and NVFC asking if Departments are members of the KFA. The Departments applied for grants and funding through the NVFC and to be awarded the department must be a member the State Association which is a member of the NVFC. Another reason to be a member department of the KFA.

Treasurer Suttles- There are 427 active member departments, 39 delinquent departments, 60 personal members, 23 sustaining members, we have 11 new departments that have not been members, and 8 new personal members.

Treasurer's Report- Duane Suttles

Motion to approve Treasurer's report

Motion/Second Philpot/ Henderson

Passed via voice vote.

Executive Director Report- Randy Lawson

Go to Fire School meetings. Legislative work in Frankfort.

Worked with Duane on getting information on Leslie Prather (Louisville FF killed in St. Louis) for insurance claim.

Directors Reports

Green River Dwane Smeathers - Green River fall school will be October 23-25 @ Owensboro Community and Technical Collage.
The Reverse Raffle has been postponed and will be held sometime in October.

Northern Kentucky Bud Leaderer things at stand still with the virus.

Bluegrass Emergency Stephen Fante the next meeting will be at Shelby FD September 18th

Southeastern Firefighters Terry Wattenbager

Our Fire School has been put on hold. Our next meeting should be in July waiting to see how things go.

South Central Mike Hughes

Formed in January and working on bylaws. South Central was formally known as Barrain River FF Association Will have Fire School in November.

Area 11 Greg Gray

Working on bylaws and getting board of Officers together.

Committees

Constitution and By-Laws/ SOG/ Terry Keller

Mike O'Day has been working with Terry on how to handle the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic dealing with meetings and the conference. We have nothing in the by-laws about emergencies and how to deal with this. There will be by-law changes coming at the next conference.

Discussion on canceling the 2020 Conference and reschedule it for 2021 and move all conferences back a year. Discussion was also held on the elections of officers.

Motion: To cancel the 2020 Conference and move it to 2021 and KFA Executive Board members will remain in their Chair until 2021 Conference.

Motion/second Philpot/Thompson

Roll Call Vote

Vp Philpot- yes, VP Bobo- yes, VP Henderson-yes, VP Thompson-yes, Secretary Rath-yes, Treasurer Suttles- yes

Motion passed

There is a past practice for canceling a conference. In 1945 the Conference was cancelled because of the war and Officers remained for another year.

The Committee will be working on bylaws/ SOPs on virtual meetings and others dealing with emergencies like we have now.

Working on Emiratis Status for past E-Board members. Emiratis status will give past E-Board members the right to be a Delegate at Large during the Conference. This change will give past members of Board to stay active if they so choose.

Waiting to work with the Steering Committee on the changes needed of Conference of the future.

The 2020 Conference has been postponed till August 2021. We will let everyone know of new date. If you have registered we can refund your money or keep your registration for next year.

Steering/ Rick Bobo

The Steering Committee has been busy working on how to change the Conference to give the Presidents some relief fund raising and putting on the Conference. We suggest a Conference Committee be formed and are responsible for putting on Conference.

At the next Conference the changes are going to be proposed. The target date for the changes to take effect are the 2024 Conference.

The KFA would be responsible for the Hotel and Registration, Hall of Fame and Meetings. The President would be responsible for other events. There will be a meeting of the steering committee before August meeting.

EMS/ Jimmy VanCleve

Mike Poynter Executive Director of KBEMS signed an executive order to allow the reinstatement of EMR, EMT, AEMT or Paramedic that have expired. Since that process has started around 1000 providers are once again a certified responder for KY. They must recert by December 31, 2021 and every two years thereafter. Also, if anyone wants to become an EMS instructor you can teach 5 lectures in a KBEMS approved class at any level and get your EMS Instructor.

Memorial/ Bruce Roberts

Memorial is scheduled for September 30 at 11am est. in Frankfort at the Memorial.

Honor Guard/ Charlie Rafferty

The special events trailer is now complete and I would like to thank Al Wathen, VP Marc Henderson and the National Preparedness Center for their hard work and the space to make this happen. I also purchased hard cases for the Axes and pike poles to better protect them.

Legislative/ Howdy Kurtsinger

I would like to thank the KFA, KPFF, KFC for all their hard work in Frankfort. In this session so far, there has been 1403 pieces of legislation introduced so far and everyone has been looked at to see how it would affect the Ky fire service. HB 249 would Freeze employer rate. HB 484 is the separation bill for CERS from others.

Finance/ John Wiseman

Budget- John went over the Budget for 2020/2021

Current 2019-2020 Budget standings:

Income

License Plate, Dues income is over budget. We are under budget estimates \$2,500 in the Sustaining Members. We lost \$17,000 income in the Fire School and Fire School Admin Fund.

Expenses

We will save an estimated \$21,000 in Executive Director Travel, Honor Guard, NVFC Travel, Office Expenses, Official Travel, and Scholarships.

We need to control spending through the end of this fiscal year.

2020-2012 Budget recap

Income

Increased License Plate income \$3,000 from prior budget, to actual income.

Lowered Sustaining members \$3,000 from prior budget to actual income.

Increased carry-forward \$4,725 from prior budget to balance budget.

Expenses

Increases Honor Guard expenses \$2,500 to include the Honor Guard Academy expenses.

Increases Printing expenses to bring in line with prior year's spending (Delegate forms, Dues Statements)

Increase Promotion expenses \$2,000 for Supporting Hero's and the Ky. State Fair booth.

The Scholarship line is to include the Kaleidoscope Group Expense.

Motion: Move to adopt the proposed budget for 2020/2021

Made/Second Wiseman/Bobo

Passed Via voice vote

Conference Oversight- Sam Stacy/ John Wiseman

Please continue to use the forms and update them. If anyone needs help with contracts or moving your conference back a year please contact John or myself.

New Business

Discussion on changing design of License plate.

American Income Life agreement will renew soon.

Motion: to renew agreement with American Income Life.

Motion/second Suttles/Philpot

Passed via voice vote

Discussion on how to handle Departments that have been dissolved and paid dues.

Motion to adjourn

Motion/ Second Bobo/ Thompson

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Rath

Secretary Kentucky Firefighters

Next Meeting; August 1st @ Fire Commission Office 11AM EST.

