

MINUTES OF THE KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 28, 2006

COVINGTON, KY

President Troy Newcomb called the meeting to order at 9:15AM. Roll call of officers was taken. Terry Keller made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2006 Annual Conference. John Daly 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Report of the President: President Newcomb has been working with the committee on the 2007 State Fire School. It will be at the Radisson in Lexington (same as 2006). They are trying to do a cookout by the fountain in the breezeway on Friday or Saturday night. The fire school will once again be Thursday-Sunday. The contracts have been signed. The room rates are set at \$ 84.00. (Both the Radisson & the Hyatt). We will not be getting food from them this year. Everyone will be on their own for lunch. The total cost to put on the school is approximately \$ 50,000.00. The KFA Executive Board meeting will be on Saturday morning, June 9, 2007 @ 9:00AM. Troy stated the 2007 Conference is ready to go. There is a WEB site for the Conference. www.kfa2007.com

President Newcomb has been assisting with the Pennyrile Fire School.

Report of the Vice Presidents- Bobby Cowherd is busy assisting with the Bluegrass Fire School this weekend. He left to go back to the school following the meeting. Bob Newman attended the EMS Conference that was held in Owensboro in September. Randy Courtney has attended two funerals in the Eastern part of the state since the conference. John Daley commented on the Home Safety Awards program that KY representatives will be attending in Washington DC in January. Fireman Joe Stambush & Asst. Director Richard Peddicord of the Sate Fire Marshal's Office will be representing KY. John stated that Joe Stambush would be attending the Risk Watch Program in Boston next week. The 2008 Conference will be held at the Drawbridge in Fort Mitchell from August 2-6.

The entire Executive Board attended the Fallen Fighters Memorial in Frankfort on October 3, 2006.

Report of the Secretary: Dave Jansing read a letter from the Spottsville VFD regarding a problem they have been having with a particular fire apparatus manufacturer. Discussion followed concerning our role in this issue. Following the meeting, Secretary Jansing spoke with the author of the letter and offered some suggestions. A thank you note from the family of Rexell Jackson, who had passed away, was read.

Report of the Treasurer: Terry reported that 248 departments have paid their dues with the first mailing since the 2006 Conference. 5 personal memberships have also been purchased. There are 46 sustaining members. Terry gave a detailed copy of the financial

report to each member of the E-Board. John Daley made a motion to authorize payment to KAPA for the past due bills that have only recently been received after Terry contacts KAPA to negotiate a settlement. Bobby Cowherd 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

After some discussion, it was decided by the E-Board to keep the same give a ways for the personal memberships sold. (Hat & Decal)

Bob Newman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. It was 2nd by Randy Courtney. Motion carried.

Terry Keller & Dave Jansing were authorized to work with Woody Will to renegotiate his contract for Smoke Signals and the WEB page.

Allen Johnson gave a report on the projects he has been working on since the conference. The first is the Credentialing program through NIMS. He stated things are still somewhat in limbo as we try to figure out what the federal people want us to do and who will be paying for it. The second item is the Incident Management Task Force dealing with highway safety for 1st responders.

Terry Keller gave an update on the Scholarship Committee. John Daley made a motion to grant **Jacob William Aull** a scholarship retroactive to August 2006. Dave Jansing seconded the motion. This is following the Scholarship Committee report. Jacob is attending EKV. Motion carried.

Dave Jackson stated that the 2007 Legislative Session would begin on January 2, and run through March 27, 2007.

Three Bills have been pre-filed. Representative Brad Montell- Amend KRS 138.344 to provide a refund of the state motor fuel tax paid by volunteer fire departments effective 10/1/2007.

Representative Brad Montell- Create a new section of KRS 141 to provide an income tax deduction for volunteer firefighters for the tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006.

(A) \$ **600.00** for taxable years beginning after 12/31/2006 and before January 1, 2008

(B) \$ **1000.00** December 31, 2007 and before January 1, 2009

(C) \$ **2000.00** after December 31, 2008.

Must be a certified volunteer firefighter for the entire taxable year

Representative Charles Siler- create a new section of KRS 75 to require fiscal courts no later than December 31, 2010 to hold hearings concerning the boundaries of fire protection districts and volunteer fire districts created by the fiscal courts.

The annual Chili supper will be sometime in February. Terry Keller made a motion that the KFA pay \$ 300.00 toward the dinner. Randy Courtney seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Dave Jackson & Gerald Stewart will once again be staying at the Capital Plaza during the session.

Fallen Firefighter Memorial- Following the 2005 Conference in Corbin, KY, it was decided to place an additional monument at the site of the Fallen Fighters Memorial in Frankfort to honor the firefighters who have been killed while serving in our military. With the recent passing of our good friend Sylvan "Smitty" Smith who worked very hard keeping the names current on the monument and selling pavers to help pay for it, it was decided by the KFA E-Board to dedicate the military monument to the memory of Smitty. The Memorial Committee was asked by the E-Board to work with the Rock of Ages Company, who built the existing monument, to come up with a design for the new one. A design was presented which will include a carved image of Smitty. Below the image, the name Sylvan "Smitty" Smith will appear. Below that it will read, "KFA President" 1990.

Below that the inscription will read: "Kentucky Firefighters Killed During Military Duty Since 1990" The monument will have room for 50 names on the front side. The back of the monument will also be finished and will have room for additional names. The cost of the project will be \$ 5,000.00. A motion was made by Terry Keller to contract with the Rock of Ages to build the monument. Bob Newman seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Discussion was then held with Chief Martin, President of the KY Fire Chiefs Assoc., and Chief Tim Koenig of the Erlanger Fire /EMS Department concerning the project. If any organizations wish to be a part of the Military Monument dedicated in Smitty's memory please let Treasurer Terry Keller know.

New Business: John Daley stated he would like to see a resolution prepared to amend the by-laws at the 2007 Conference to permit each member of the E-Board to have a vote on the floor at the conference with or without being a delegate from a dues paying department. This will still allow 2 votes from each dues paying department. It is intended that members of the E-Board are working for all the departments across the state not just the one they belong to.

Old Business: At the 2006 Conference, Mark Luckett asked that the E-Board consider the idea of \$ 1000.00 seed money to be given to the area associations who will be hosting the conference if they need it. This was discussed. It was the feelings of the E-Board that any area association who was willing to take on the job of hosting a conference, would know up front it is was something they would be able to handle both financially and logistically before agreeing to do so. At the present time we didn't feel it would be necessary to front the money.

Mark Luckett also asked the E-Board to consider if it was necessary to raise the membership dues. At the present time we don't believe that it is necessary to do so.

President Newcomb stated that he recently attended a training class in "successful" grant writing. They are available through a company called Chief Grants. They have a WEB site: WWW.Chiefgrants.com (It obviously worked, as he was notified they would be receiving a grant).

Troy will see if he can get them to hold a class somewhere in KY.

The next regular meeting will be held in Owensboro in February of 2007 at the annual Officer's School.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30PM

Respectfully submitted:

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Secretary, KFA

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