

# **Kentucky Firefighters Association**

## **Minutes Executive Board Meeting**

**June 13, 2009**

**Lexington, KY**



President Courtney called the meeting to order at 8:40am. Vice President Hulsey gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll Call was taken. There were no other guests present.

Secretary Jansing gave his report. The paperwork for the upcoming conference has been mailed. Secretary Jansing recapped the fire service accomplishments achieved at the Housing Board Meetings over the past year. It consisted of NFPA 54, 2008 Edition of the NEC, 2006 Edition of the International Building Code as the 2007 KBC, and the 2006 Edition of the International Residential Code as the 2007 KY Residential Code.

Report of the Vice Presidents: VP at Large Mike Hulsey had prepared a written report of his activities since the February meeting. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Bob Hendricks gave a report on his activity. He has been working on his conference with the CKFA. He has been involved with the Ohio Taskforce and has attended the combat challenge meetings. He is also involved with the College Safety Meetings, and the Intrastate Mutual Aid Committee. Vice President Hendricks prepared a written report for Secretary Jansing. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bob Newman has been working on his conference and supplied a report to the Secretary. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bobby Coward prepared a report of his activities. He also commented on his trip to Washington DC for the Congressional Fire Service Caucus.

President Courtney has attended numerous fire school meetings. He gave a report on the upcoming conference. The golf outing will be held at the Cherry Blossom Golf Course.

Joe Stambush reported on his activity. He attended an NFPA meeting last weekend. Joe reported on the Risk Watch & Learn not to Burn programs in KY. Joe stated the Wyoming is the only state currently not on board with the Safe Cigarette Program.

Bob Frizzell stated that he recently had an issue with the AIL Insurance agent. He asked about receiving a copy of the meeting agenda. He was advised that we follow a standard agenda for the four meetings throughout the year. At the Green River Officer's School and at the Conference we ask that each Committee Chairman and Director who has a report to present to do so at that those times. The fall meeting and the State Fire School meeting are intended for the E-Board to discuss the business of the KFA, including contracts with our Lobbyist, WEB Master & Smoke Signals Editor, and Jamia Skaggs. Chairman & Directors who elect to attend these two meetings are invited to give a report if they wish. Any changes in the meeting schedule will be advertised. Jefferson County has challenged other departments to get a new member in the KFA.

Sam Stacy stated that he is working to get the Eastern KY Area Firefighters more active in the KFA. The Hazard Fire School will be held the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of August. It is the Mountain Area Firefighters Association's turn to present an incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President at the 2009 Conference.

Advisory Committee: John Daley complimented the work of the Fire School Committee. John assisted President Courtney at the Conference Hotel. The Jefferson County Fire School is moving to the Galt House. The idea of having a KFA Speaker at each of the Regional Fire Schools was discussed. Legislative Items: SB 72 dealing with Special Districts including Chapter 75 Fire Districts. The Fire Service should be opposed to this bill. Fireworks Legislation – SFM Swope is working on this with the KFA Fireworks Committee.

Hall of Fame Report: John thanked his committee. He announced that it is their recommendation that Ronnie Day, Dave Jansing, and 1952 KFA President CB McCullough be inducted. The Executive Board approved their selection. Dave Jansing abstained from voting.

Dave Jansing gave a report for Ken Knipper addressing the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, the Safer Grant and the Federal Law protecting volunteer firefighters from loosing their jobs if they are actively involved with an emergency.

Mike Kirtsinger gave an update on SB 72. M/S by Bobby Cowherd / Dave Jansing to support an amendment to exempt Chapter 75 Fire Districts from SB 72. Motion Carried. In other legislative activity, M/S Mike Hulsey/Terry

Keller to support legislation to move SFRT over to the Fire Commission Office. Motion Carried.

Bryant Stiles explained an issue with the Assistance to FF Grants and the Safer Grants. The NVFC representing volunteers is hopeful for the Equipment Grants, while the Paid Firefighters are hopeful for the Safer Grants to hire more personnel. Since the KFA represents both paid and volunteers we should support the efforts for both grants. M/S Mike Hulsey/Bob Newman to support both. Motion Carried.

Many thanks to Mr. Gene Kaiser of Homeland Security for the purchase of the inflatable Children's Safety House. It was mentioned that we should update the KFA & the Memorial Brochures.

M/S Mike Hulsey/Bob Hendricks that the KFA/Fire Commission split the cost of a paver for the Fire & Iron M/C Club. Motion Carried.

M/S Terry Keller/Bob Newman that the KFA put a link on the WEB Site for the CVS Flag Company providing they become Sustaining Members. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Terry Keller, seconded by Bobby Cowherd that we go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The motion carried.

Following discussion, in Executive Session, M/S Dave Jansing & Mike Hulsey to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried.

M/S Dave Jansing/Terry Keller to accept the contract as proposed by Woody Will for the WEB Site & Smoke Signals. Then motion Carried.

M/S Dave Jansing/Terry Keller to accept the Contract of Jamia Skaggs with two amendments in order to keep the reimbursement for expenses as a Committee member in line with the KFA By-Laws. The motion carried.

As discussed, there are no provisions in the By-Laws of the KFA to allow for reimbursement to anyone for travel expenses who is not an Elected Officer, or a Committee Chairman or Committee Member appointed by the President.

Treasurer's Report- Terry gave the report. M/S Mike Hulsey/Bob Newman to adopt the amended budget. The motion carried. M/S Mike Hulsey/Bob Newman to accept the treasurers' report. The motion carried.

M/S Dave Jansing/Bob Newman to adjourn. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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