

# The Kentucky Firefighters Association, Inc. OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY MONICA RATH

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Bryant Stiles Officers 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 Hulsey. Roll call was taken and all were present.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the October 27, 2012 meeting.

Motion/Second Mike Hulsey/Steve Kyle

Motion passed via voice vote.

David McGrady, President of the Green River Association, welcomed the KFA E-Board to the area and thanked them for holding the executive board meeting at the Bryant Stiles Fire Officer School.

Greg Lowe, with the General George Patton Museum, reported on the revamping of the Patton Museum. They are bringing in a truck that was destroyed at the Pentagon during 9/11, Foam 161 from Ft. Myer FD. The museum will reopen on June 14<sup>th</sup> and the exhibit with Foam 161 will open close to September 11<sup>th</sup>. The museum board is currently going around the state to solicit funds. \$300,000.00 is needed for the display. Donations to help defray the cost of the exhibit are being accepted. Checks can be made to Patton Museum Foundation and sent to Mr. Greg Lowe 1550 South Black Branch Road Cecilia, KY 42724

A motion was made to donate \$500.00 out of the memorial expense fund to the Patton Museum Foundation to help defray the cost.

Motion/Second

Chris Crawford/Steve Kyle Motion passed via voice vote.

## **Officers Reports**

All officers' reports with the exception of VP Kyle's were in the Dropbox. Activity reports will be attached to the minutes when sent out.

## **Directors Reports**

NKFA Director Bud Lederer

- Working on 2016 conference
- Attended NKFA awards banquet
- Working on the membership within the four new counties added to the association
- Regional Fire School is in May

Pike County Director Lewis Ratcliff

Attended three funerals for the KFA

- Started a countywide Pub Ed committee, already gave away 250 smoke detectors and ordered 500 more
- Several new officers are on board

# Bluegrass Emergency Director Rick Bobo

- Recently picked up new members for the association now working on KFA membership Jefferson County Director Bob Frizzell
  - All is going well

## Dixie Firefighters Director Dale Dobson

- Working on Fire school which will be held on March 8-10, also the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the school
- Working on 2014 conference, selling raffle tickets on a Ruger SR1911 Centerfire pistol as a fund raiser.
- All else is going well

# Southeastern Firefighters Director John Dyehouse

- Working on making regional association stronger
- Tragedy with last year's tornados brought the region closer together and working on communications

#### Jackson Purchase Director Tex Johnson

Fire School is April 12-14

# Legislative: Michael "Howdy" Kurtsinger

- Reviewed Legislative Report #4
- Gerald is having a few health issues and will be working from home
- HB1 has to do with Special Districts
- SB2 is the Pension bill
- Washington DC Fire Caucus will be May 8-10, President Stacy and VP@Large Hulsey will be attending
- 2 Meade County Junior Firefighters are being recognized on the Floor of the House for Saving a life, both boys also happen to be VP@Large Mike Hulseys grandsons

## **Membership:** Duane Suttles

- 410 Departments currently; goal is 450
- 25 personal memberships

# Fire Prevention/Public Education: Wanda Isaacs

Attached to minutes

## Finance Committee: John Wiseman

- Proposed budget is part of executive boards packet, please review and get with Treasurer Suttles or John Wiseman with any questions
- Discussion was held concerning more complaints about the phone soliciting, tabled till after lunch so finance committee could review

# Constitution and By-Laws: Mike Hulsey

• Will be planning a meeting soon

**Ethics:** Dave Jansing

No report

Chapter 75: Jeff Pohlman

Reviewed HB1

# **NVFC:** Ken Knipper

- Report attached
- Donations are being accepted to help replenish the NVFC disaster fund
- Bryant Stiles Family will be receiving, in his honor, the James E. Monahan Award from the NVFC in Washington.

#### Hall of Fame:

- John Daley stepped down as chairman. John Beatsch will be the new chairman.
- There is an open seat on the committee, if interested see President Stacy.

## **Scholarships:** Allen Johnson

- Currently have a full group of scholarships being given, one is on probation due to grades and one unable to contact so being dropped
- Some emails are not working due to technical difficulties, working on ironing this out
- There have been many inquiries concerning the incoming year.

### Honor Guard: Charlie Lott

- Attended two funerals
- Working on uniforms

## **History:**

Artifacts still being gathered for the history trailer

## **Steering:** Mike Hulsey

A motion was made to have 5000 brochures printed at Staples for \$880 if not able to get done cheaper at Publishers Printing.

Motion/Second

Mike Hulsey/Chris Crawford Motion passed via voice vote

## 2013 Conference: Sam Stacy

- Many different activities have been planned
- Golfers will get to partake in Par 3 prizes while golfing, there is a \$25000.00 hole in one and golf clubs hole in one.

- There will be a motivational speaker/comedian for the ladies luncheon
- Activities will be split between the host hotel and country club
- Plaza hotel is full, 2<sup>nd</sup> property has still a few vacancies
- Website is KFA2013.com

## Fire School: Ronnie Day/Therese Cheney

- Reservations currently being accepted, online registration is available this year
- Book with class listing will be in the mail very soon
- Adding senior officer ½ day seminars this year
- Jr. FF class is 2 days and will have hands on training

### **Vendors**

- Working on getting good contact information
- Offering vendors an option to sponsor a classroom
- Any tools being used in classes and for demonstrations will need to be a sustaining member and have vendor space
- Working on floor plan trying to keep vendors in same area
- Vendor Show will be Friday night and Saturday from 10-2

## Memorial: Ronnie Day

- Sold six pavers
- Working on making a few improvements
- Discussion held on FF motorcycle plate

### Finance: John Wiseman

The result of the earlier discussion concerning telemarketers; the committee will review the telemarketing contracts and also follow up with the KPFA and see how their revenues are going and will bring a recommendation to the next meeting.

#### **Old Business**

Funeral Details and Attendance

- President Stacy gave an overview of recent events that have transpired to raise questions concerning the ability to support recent events of the honor guard.
- Lengthy discussion was held

A motion was made to follow the SOG's of the honor guard, meaning the honor guard only attends LODD and regional associations can take care of their own.

Motion/Second Mike Hulsey/Chris Crawford

Motion and Second were both rescinded after discussion.

- President Stacy appointed a special committee to look into the following;
   They are charged with clearing up all questions in regards to when and who attend what and what is given.
- The committee consists of Dave Jansing, Mike Hulsey, Chris Crawford, Bob Newman, and Charlie Lott or his designee. Dave Jansing will be the chairman of the committee.

• From now until the next meeting the Honor Guard will only attend funerals for LODD, Past Presidents, E-Board Members or Hall of Fame Members.

The next meeting will be the Saturday of State Fire School in June at 9am. Executive Board members need to make their own room reservations.

A motion to adjourn was made.

Motion/Second

Jeff Pohlman/Mike Hulsey Motion passed via voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Rath, Secretary
Kentucky Firefighters Association