

EKFA
Minutes of Regular Meeting
3-19-08
Wurtland VFD

Attendance

Officers: President Mark Hammond, Sec/Treas Duane Suttles

Directors: Paul Jobe, Brent Webster

Members: Flatwoods-Keith Kitchen. Fallsburg- Paul Jobe. Grayson- Duane Suttles. Cannonsburg- Mark Hammond. Olive Hill- Wes Gilliam, Jeremy Rodgers, John Humphries, Chance Cecil. Catlettsburg- Rusty Armstrong. Wurtland- Jack Steele, Bob Nolan, Sam Boggess, Jim Craft, Avries Craft, Aaron Prince, Ora Conley, Justin Howell, Robert Conley, Cody Grubb, Cory Grubb, Amber Conley. Webbville- Jim Slone, Brandon Slone, Clifford Stevens. East Fork- Shawn Steed, Joe Childers, Bobby Vanhooose. Westwood- Brett Ritchie, Richard Jones, Lawson Webster, Derrick Suttles, Paul Sallie, Brent Webster. Russell- Bob Gallaher, Doug Starvett, Billy Selvage, Joe Shaffer. Oldtown- Duayne King.

Guests: Load VFD- Steve Wireman, Garth Wireman.

1902: Meeting called to order by President Hammond.

Devotional prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting recessed for meal/fellowship

1948: Meeting resumed

Roll Call: 2 officers, 12 departments, 38 representatives and 2 guests

Recognize guests:

No business.

Secretary Report:

Secretary Suttles read the minutes of the previous meeting held at Ashland FD, January 16th. The Motion and second to approve minutes as read. Carried w/o opposition.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Duane Suttles presented the financial statement and current financial status of the association. **Balances-** City National Bank \$15,933.74 and Community Trust Bank \$2,115.09. Motion and second to approve treasurer report as read. Carried w/o opposition.

Old Business

Discussion was held concerning Ashland Fire School. Research found guest speakers are estimated at \$8000 in cost to make a presentation. Discussion seemed to be that was too much to spend. Hammond discussed that he is in a budget crunch and that the fire commission and KCTCS has cut his current budget by 3%. He cannot do anymore classes unless it is a reimbursable class by the fire commission such as survival, rescue and wildland. He can get some reimbursement from live burns as it is considered a 1403 class. The Louisa Fire School is coming up and the Louisa FD has had most of its local financial support cut and they will need assistance from the EKFA since he has no money in his budget to cover any expenses. Much discussion was held concerning what to do to get the basic 20hrs in local departments that have not had their training for the current year.

Hammond stated that he needed assistance from the EKFA to do that as well and suggested that a couple thousand dollars could get him through the end of the year in providing the 20 hr training blocks. Hammond was asked how much Louisa needed to do fire school. He stated that it would take about \$4000 to cover what the fire commission doesn't cover in reimbursable classes because they have about 400 students at Louisa.

Motion by Selvage to give Louisa FD \$4000 for fire school and to give Mark \$3000 to finish out the current year to train his area departments since we have all this money sitting in the bank. 2nd by Webster. Hammond stated that Louisa may not need the entire \$4000 and that he could bill the association for what was spent. Selvage then rescinded his motion. Webster agreed to withdraw 2nd. Motion by Steele to give up to \$4000 for fire school, 2nd by Selvage. Suttles objected with discussion as to why he got a cut and no other area office got a budget cut. If the fire commission is not giving him enough money, then this organization needs to ask why more sufficient funding is not possible. Hammond stated that he has several departments that never ask for training and that he has several departments that request as many hours as they can get and that he schedules training wherever it is requested with some departments getting over 100 hours a year until he runs out. Chief Gilliam stated he felt if we start supporting fire schools, we could be setting a bad precedence. He stated Olive Hill was considering reviving the Fall Carter County school and they may need assistance. Suttles stated that he turns no one down in his area and all departments get their 20 hours if it is requested. Some departments get more through reimbursable classes such as wildland and survival/rescue. That is not charged to their 20 hrs. Some departments have even gotten additional hours near the end of the year if money is left over from departments such as Morehead not using their 20 hrs. Selvage then rescinded his 2nd. Much more discussion continued. Bob Nolin then made a second to Steele's motion. Again Suttles objected that the reason we have that much money in the bank is because it is managed for the association's interests and he spends much effort and time collecting dues and recruiting commercial members. Suttles stated he felt we should find out why there is no money for fire school in Marks budget. He has \$5000 for schools and he has to split his between 2 fire schools. The Maysville school gets sponsors to offset the costs of school. Mark stated that Louisa has tried getting local support, but has had no luck. He also stated that he had \$5000 in his budget as well but since the association voted last year to do away with the annual EKFA school and do several weekend training sessions around the region, he spent that money to meet the demands of his departments for training. He reiterated that he turns no one down for training. If they want it, he gives it. Jeremy Rodgers asked why Olive Hill could not get their training this year, Mark replied that they waited too late and besides a propane class was being planned for them in about a month. Rodgers then asked why so much money was needed if several of the classes were going to be reimbursed by the fire commission. Mark stated that about 6 classes were planned and a couple would need to be covered by the EKFA. Someone from the audience asked if we could charge a fee for non-EKFA attendees at Louisa to offset costs. Mark stated he did not think that was a good idea because it had always been free and he did not want to jeopardize attendance, but he would go along if that was what the body wanted to do. Steele said he would amend his motion to allow the \$25 charge, Nolin agreed to 2nd. Someone asked what id Louisa did not agree with the charges and Hammond stated it doesn't matter, if the EKFA is going to pay, it will be their school.

Webster called for a roll call vote as follows:

<i>Cannonsburg- abstained</i>	<i>Catlettsburg- 2 yes</i>	<i>East Fork- left before vote</i>
<i>Fallsburg- 2 yes</i>	<i>Flatwoods- 2 yes</i>	<i>Grayson- 2 no</i>
<i>Oldtown- left before vote</i>	<i>Olive Hill- 2 no</i>	<i>Raceland- 2 yes</i>
<i>Russell- 2 no</i>	<i>Webbville- 2 yes</i>	<i>Westwood- 2 yes (dues unpaid)</i>
<i>Wurtland- 2 yes</i>		

Motion passed with a vote of 12 for and 6 against

New Business

Discussion on IFSAC skills testing for Area 10. The March dates were postponed due to lack of interest. Suttles stated that a weekend in August is available, maybe the 2nd weekend, that we could look at.

Good and welfare

Hammond reported that the legislative was somewhat productive. He discussed HB 427 and HB 503. Reminded everyone that there will be a propane emergencies class in Olive Hill using the states Bobtail truck prop coming up soon. He will send something out to everyone.

A drawing was held giving away a miniature helmet as a door prize for attendance.

Membership thanked the hosts for a meal of fresh roasted pig BBQ.

2126: Meeting adjourned by chair.



Duane Suttles, Secretary

Approved by body, 5-21-08