

Dixie Firefighters Association
Official Business Meeting Minutes
Arrowhead Archery and Bar-b-que, Hodgenville
March 24th, 2016

Members Present: 23

Guests Present: 2

Officers Attending

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| ✗ Dale Dobson- President | ✗ Steve Sheets– Treasurer |
| ✗ Mike Cottrell – Vice President | ✗ Froman Peters– Sgt. at Arms |
| ✗ Bill Mullins– Vice President | ✗ Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absence |
| ✗ Ashley McWaters – Secretary | |

Secretary's & Treasurer's Report

- Motion to approve Secretary's Report, by Chris Crawford, 2nd Mark Malone, motion passed
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report, by Freddy Dewitt, 2nd Steve Lowery, motion passed

Branch Directors Report

- Fire No Report
- Industry No Report
- Farm Report Submitted-Bluegrass Stockyards rebuilding
- Rescue No Report
- EMS Report Submitted-Mackey Bill passed, awaiting Governor to sign

Standing Reports

- Area 5 Coordinator: Finishing training requests for 2016
- Kentucky Fire Chiefs: No Report
- KFA: Motion made by Chris Crawford to send \$100.00 to the Rath Family, motion carried. Cancer bill has passed and awaiting to be signed by the Governor. There has been a new State Fire Marshall hired. We have a new Fire Commission Auditor, Eric Bach. Everyone needs to contact their representative to support the budget for the State. Make sure you request to support the budget that includes KCTCS, this budget will raise the allotted State-Aid from \$8250.00 to \$11,000.00. Emphasize not to cut the budget for State-Aid.

Unfinished Business

- *Fire School Report- Total paid courses: 1050, Friday Night Symposium: 34, Total Friday~Sunday 1084*
- *Report from the election committee :(Lawson, Malone, Satterfield) All officers stay in current position except the Secretary, Ashley has asked to not be nominated. 1 vote cast to reappoint current officers. Floor open to nominations, Scott Thompson nominated for Secretary, motion carried.*

New Business

- Request from Treasurer Steve Sheets: The current special projects account needs to be addressed due to inactivity. Motion made by Freddie Dewitt to transfer the available funds (\$20,000.00) into a CD (certificate of deposit), amendment to the original motion by Mark Malone to set this as a 3 year CD, motion carried unanimously. Treasurer Sheets will make this happen.
- Discussion on the Branch Directors to add to the standing branches: Forestry, Natural Resources, Fire Marshall, Red Cross.
- President Dobson discussed the need to grow Dixie and how we can accomplish this as an association. Some of the ideas are as follows: Offer assistance in times of need to Dixie Members, ie: fatality at an assoc. member department, \$500.00 to the family, if attended 25% of the meetings, that goes to a \$1000.00 payment, if a member has a house fire, \$500.00 benefit etc. There is a definite concern on this to make sure there is no issue with the Association status as a 501-3-C, this will be followed up on to ensure there are no violations. Chris Crawford will talk to the Fire Commission on their life insurance benefit that they have.
- There was discussion on combining dues with the KFA, some departments who are members of Dixie don't want to join the KFA, a lot of departments are members of both. This will be brought back up at the May meeting.

- Another item that was discussed was Dixie Firefighters Assoc. purchasing and maintaining a child's safety house. Membership departments could use this for their fire prevention/public education events. There is grant money available out there for the funding of these type projects; we believe the IAFC has this. Dale will contact Mike Hulsey to help follow up on this.
- Along these same lines there needs to be a new brochure for Dixie Firefighters Assoc. Printed out and sent with all of the Area 5 instructors to help spread the word on Dixie and encourage membership and attendance.
- Reviewing feedback from the Dixie Fire School some are to offer 2 basic 20 classes due to how quickly this class fills up, and change some of the curriculum to offer more and different classes. In thoughts of how this can be done logistically we would have to drop some classes. Dale offered the idea of doing the EMS lecture at the regular Spring Dixie school but then offer a more hands-on EMS school later in the year, just an idea like the previous ideas everyone attending this meeting has been challenged to think about these suggestions and come up with ideas on their own and bring back to the May meeting.
- Ashley brought up that we should show some appreciation and support those that help us at Dixie Fire School each year, the college, Doug's towing, the internet service, and we need to send them donuts and a fruit arrangement. Ashley with help from dale have been approved for \$300.00 to make this happen.
- Chris Crawford brought up the upcoming KFA Conference and the need for us the Dixie Firefighters Assoc. to have a stronger voice at the convention. We basically need more delegates from our area, thoughts were, do we pay for the departmental members to go? We will discuss this further at the May meeting and a copy of the schedule for the upcoming conference will be made available, it will be located in Northern Ky.
- Lastly Dale brought up the success of the gun raffle that we did before Dixie Fire School and he wishes to do another one for the 2017 Fire School. We all agreed to proceed with this and to add to it this time there will be 3 guns purchased and 2 people will win the guns under the "buddy gun" format however this time, to improve ticket sales, the seller of the ticket will also get a gun. Steve Sheets will take care of getting the tickets configured and printed (1000 total) Dale will meet with different gun dealers to see who can offer the best price on the guns. Carol Thompson suggested Bourbon City Firearms in Bardstown as well.

Announcement

- **Next meeting: May 26th, 2016 at New Haven/Rolling Fork Fire Department**
- **Dixie Fire School Planning meeting: March 2nd 2016 Elizabethtown Fire Department 7pm**

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Froman Peters, second by Chris Crawford, motion carried unanimous at the recorded time of 2055 hours.