

KYEHA Annual Meeting Minutes

For

February 11, 2020 Annual Educational Conference

Holiday Inn Express- Airport, Erlanger, KY

This meeting was called to order by President Gene Thomas at 9:15 a.m.

Roll call was taken via sign in sheets. Business meeting quorum was met (25 members present). The Secretary verified no proxies were present. Mr. Nathan submitted his report to another Board member as he was addressing silent auction organization and would attend this meeting when he was finished.

President: Gene Thomas reported-

1. Commissioner Rich Storm will be the keynote speaker for the conference.
2. Commissioner Stack will attend our conference on Wednesday and introduce himself during our luncheon.
3. Mr. Thomas was hired part time by WEDCO District Health Department as Preparedness Coordinator.
4. Five general and 4 categories specific (N8) pesticide courses were approved for our conference.
5. Over 120 attendees registered for this conference not including walk-ins.
6. Mr. Thomas thanked everyone for their hard work preparing this conference, especially Mr. Charlie Ward, the program coordinator.
7. Mr. Michael Ohler is the new Environmental Team Lead for WEDCO District Health Department.
8. Ms. Kayla Kiser and Ms. Kate Walters are new environmentalists for WEDCO District Health Department.
 - a. Both have passed their Registered Sanitarian exams.

President Elect: Charlie Ward reported-

1. Current tour guidelines clarifications
 - a. Mr. Carl Rust explained updates and process of the tours.
 - i. Each group will have a sign -in sheet which will be forwarded to the plant prior to arrival for security.
 - ii. The time on the sign -in sheets is the time the group needs to leave the conference.
 1. 20-minute drive time given for arrival to insure adequate equipment
 - b. Ms. Brakefield requested Board members volunteer to lead/ guide each group.
2. Program speakers present

Vice-President: Clint Pinion reported-

1. Mr. Pinion was elected to the position of Director of the MPH program at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU).
2. There will be seven (7) undergraduates graduating in December.

Treasurer: Laura Strevels reported-

1. A review of the current conference finances (report attached).
 - a. EKU and KY DPH sending a check for attendees.
 - b. Sponsorship from Kroger still coming in.
 - c. Not all exhibitors have paid their fees.
2. Determined one scholarship can be offered due to the amount of money in the scholarship fund.

Secretary: Sue Jewell reported-

1. Minutes presented as corrected to the Board
 - a. Mr. Rust sent in one correction which was made.
 - b. No other corrections were submitted.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as written by Mr. Jay Fillman.

A second to the motion was made by Justin Pittman

Motion approved by oral majority vote

2. I have prepared all records for transfer to the new Secretary – contained in a notebook and on disc.
 - a. I will write the minutes for this meeting and submit them for corrections.
3. This board also needs to designate someone as Administrative and Procedures Committee chair.

Membership – Chair- Leanna Cavin- reported

1. Membership totals for the 2019 membership year included:
 - a. 171 Active members
 - b. 123 Life members
 - c. 18 Student members
2. New Life members for 2019
 - a. David Cammack
 - b. Kenny Cole
 - c. Rhett Griffin
 - d. Michael Humphrey
 - e. Todd LaFollette
 - f. Laura Strevels
 - g. Gene Thomas
 - h. Jeff Thompson
3. Registration totals for the 2020 Annual Educational Conference as of 2/6/2020 are:
 - a. 121 attendees paid
 - b. 22 students and 26 attendees have not yet paid

A motion to accept Officers reports was made by Mrs. Jessica Davenport

A second to the motion was made by Ms. Erika Brakefield

Motion passed by oral majority vote

Directors Reports-

Region 1 –

Jay Fillman reported-

1. Green River District Health Department (GRDHD)
 - a. Has gone paperless for inspections with CDP mobile app.
 - b. This district is going through re-accreditation process
 - c. GRDHD scheduled installer training for March 10, 2020.
 - d. Mr. Tim Young environmentalist in Henderson County retired in November.
2. Hopkins County
 - a. Conducted installer training February 4, 2020 with fifty-five (55) installers attending.
 - b. Conducted Food Service training Saturday February 8, 2020 with 27 people attending.
3. Christian County
 - a. Providing installer training February 12, 2020
 - b. Oak Grove Racing and Gaming began operations this past fall.
 - c. Western Kentucky hemp farmers are having many issues with their processor backing out of deals for various issues.
4. McCracken County
 - a. An Asian carp processor had a fire on January 16, 2020
 - i. There was a cooperative effort with McCracken County Health Department, Joel Barrett, Paducah Fire Department Assistant Chief and Fire Marshall, Greg Cherry, and the Food Safety Branch in getting this business re-opened.

Joel Barrett reported –

1. Paducah, McCracken is considering pulling out of the district
 - a. No firm decision yet
2. Fulton County has been asked to close one of their two health departments

Region 2-

Jessica Davenport reported

1. Barren River District Health Department (BRDHD) hired two new environmentalists.
 - a. Krista Stockton in Barren County
 - b. Phillip Christmas in Warren County

2. BRDHD has gone paperless with inspections
3. Warren County hired Kathy Herndon as a part time environmentalist.

Vacant

Region 3-

Kathy Fowler reported –

Oldham County

1. A fire occurred at Long John Silver's.
2. The environmentalists worked on outbreaks at a school and long-term care facility.
3. The onsite sewage program is booming.
4. The health department continues to operate with two environmentalists.

North Central District

1. Mr. David Cammack retired and this District is working on a replacement.

Scott Nethery reported-

1. The Food Safety Program completed its second FDA Standards Self-Assessment and will begin working on Standard 2.
 - a. Training Standard.
2. The Food Safety Program is currently interviewing candidates for an open Environmental Health Specialist position.

vacant

Region 4-

Vonia Grabeel reported-

1. Region 4 has had considerable flooding throughout the area.
 - a. Please keep those counties in your thoughts.

Region 5-

Erica Brakefield reported-

1. General Sanitation CORE Training dates will be as follows:
 - a. Spring CORE Part 1- March 2-4, 2020: TRAIN course 1088754

- b. Spring CORE Part 2 – February 26-27, 2020: TRAIN course 1088862
 - c. Fall CORE Part 1- September 14-16, 2020: TRAIN course 1088862
 - d. Fall CORE Part 2 – September 21-22, 2020: TRAIN Course 1088862
2. The next onsite series will start with Soils 1- March 23, 2020
 3. Craig Sheehan will be retiring February 28, 2020
 4. Two onsite sewage program positions are in the process of being posted

Nathan Powell's report given by Mrs. Laura Strevels-

1. Lexington Fayette County Health Department has restocked/ updated masks for coronavirus.

Annhall Norris- no report

Region 6-

Justin Pittman – report forwarded to Ms. Wells

Brittany Wells reported-

Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department (NKIDHD)

1. Taylor Naiman join NKIDHD in January.
2. Currently NKIDHD has two Registered Sanitarian (RS) positions open
3. NKIDHD will be doing Epi-Ready Training March 4th and 5th, 2020.
4. Installer class is scheduled for March 26, 2020.
5. Jonathan Per, student at Williamstown Independent Schools, won 1st place in the Radon Poster contest hosted by the Kentucky Radon program. The contest was for middle school students age 9-14 years of age. He won a \$500 gift card and was presented an award by State official Sarah Wilhoite at a ceremony held on January 28, 2020 at Williamstown Independent Schools.

Three Rivers District Health Department (TRDHD)

1. Gallatin County has secured a \$9million Federal grant for the construction of a new regional airport to be placed in Sparta, KY.
 - a. The land for this airport accessed from US 71 and 171 has been secured.
 - b. Access from exit 55 off US 71 has begun to be cleared and prepared for road construction
 - c. Construction is planned to begin in 2020.
 - d. Ground breaking for this facility occurred in October 2019.
2. The sports gambling bill that is currently in our legislature details physical locations where gambling could/ would take place – including horse racing tracks in Kentucky and the Kentucky Speedway.
 - a. Not aware of impact on the area at this time.

Region 7-

Jackie Cole reported-

1. Eastern Kentucky is experiencing a lot of flooding and mudslides
2. Pike County has gone paperless inspections
3. Kentucky River District closed a Food City grocery store due to rodent infestation

Industry at Large

Jeff Lanter reported-

1. The Kroger Company is moving to a new cleaner for deli slicers.
 - a. Sanisave: a one step process of cleaning and sanitizing.
 - b. Program to be using this program by late spring or early summer.
2. The Kroger Company is in the process of getting our five food Safety videos certified by ANSI.
 - a. Accepted as FDA Code required Food Safety training.
 - b. Specific to our operations.
3. Our "Pick-up" service is now being reviewed by our third-party auditor as part of their Food Safety Review/ audit.
4. Mobile Market is up and running.
 - a. Provide groceries and fresh produce to "food deserts".
 - b. Up to three stops per day – five days a week.
 - c. Currently serving Louisville and southern Indiana

Carl Rust reported-

1. A follow -up to the report sent out to the board on the November, 20, 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection event held at the UC Stadium – Freedom Way.
 - a. 2696 Residents of Boone, Kenton, and Campbell counties participated
 - i. Number of residents contributing: Paper -647, Electronics, 1306, Corrosives/ Pesticides 1162, oils/ antifreeze 767, Propane tanks 185, Toner/ ink cartridges 240, light bulbs 514. Batteries 866, and paint 1984.

The volunteers handled 539 residents per hour
2. A total of 7459 items were brought in.
 - a. By percent of total: Paper 24.04 % (30800 lbs.), Electronics 48.46%, Corrosives 43.11%, Oil/ Antifreeze 28.46%, Propane tanks 6.86%, Toner/ ink 8.9%, light bulbs 19.07% 2970 lbs.), Batteries 32.13%, and paint 73.61%

i. Mercury 15 lbs., fire extinguishers 516 units, flammables 7156 lbs., freon cylinders 1650 lbs., pesticides 8029 lbs., antifreeze 3843 lbs.,

3. This event is promoted in the newspaper, "what's Happening" county magazines, and a published form.

4. Multiple groups and businesses volunteered their group / employee to handle the collection.

a. 247 volunteers worked this event

5. Based on the nature of the products they were Converted to other products, Recycled, sent to recovery (oil/antifreeze), Denatured by treatment, incinerated, or sent to landfills.

6. This event started in 2010 and has grown rapidly in contributions and awareness.

a. This event keeps many contaminants, toxins, poisons, from entering landfills, water systems, and the air.

A motion was made to accept the Directors reports as written by Mrs. Laura Strevels.

A second to the motion was made by Mr. Joel Barrett.

The motion passed by oral majority vote.

Parliamentarian-

Heath Stone -no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standing Committees-

Awards-Chair – Clint Pinion reported

1. Discussed awards

a. Two Sandlin awards this year due to close competition.

i. Clara Warren

ii. Sarah Wilhoite

- b. KYEHA Service Award.
 - i. Ashley Froman.
- c. Industry Award.
 - i. Seth Horsely and StateCert

Exhibits – Chair – Don Jacobs reported-

- 1. Exhibitors are being set up.
 - a. Five exhibitors are planning on attending.
 - i. NSF, CDP, NexGen, StateCert, Divo
 - b. Non-profits planning on attending include Radon program and Environmental Strike Force.
 - i. No money received as of today.

Legislative – Chair- Joel Barrett reported-

- 1. HB 129 – The only bill moved to recommit 3 CORE health Department employees and one additional for every 5000 additional citizens.
- 2. SB 171-
- 3. SB 159 addresses equipment requirements for splash pads

Ms. Sue Jewell presented additional bills that may need watching: HB 16 relating to service dogs, SB 105 relating to regulation of cannabis – delegating regulation to KY ATF, SB 123 relating to re-organization of Cabinet for Health and Family Services – establish Telehealth services, SB 57 relating to requirements for water fountains in existing schools, HB 207 relating to Kentucky Retirement Systems, HB 129 relating to funding/ inspection fees for local health departments, public health, medical health, and state agencies, and HB 352 relating to funding/ budget for Commonwealth of Kentucky operations, maintenance, support, and function.

Nominations/ Elections Chair- Clint Pinion reported-

- 1. Election results
 - a. Ms. Brittany Wells was elected to Vice -President of the Board
 - b. Ms. Sara Wilhoite will be the new Secretary
 - c. Region 1 Director: Jay Fillman
 - d. Region 3 Director: Chad Lynch
 - e. Region 4 Director: Vonia Grabeel
 - f. Region 5 Director: Annhall Norris
 - g. Region 6 Director: Tony Powell
 - h. Industry at Large Director: April Merkel

Program- Chair-Charlie Ward reported during his officer report

Scholarship – Chair -Brittany Wells reported-

- 1. The scholarship recipient will be attending the Awards luncheon.
 - a. Thanks to LeAnne for the certificate

Silent Auction (A)- Chair – Nathan Powell reported-

1. Several nice silent auction items.
 - a. Included this year are: Red's tickets, Kentucky Kingdom, Holiday Inn Express donated a one-night stay, and Kroger donated UK basketball tickets.
2. Still collecting some items.
3. Sent a lot of letters out to solicit contributions with relatively good results.
 - a. Many companies have restrictions based on mileage from the conference and/ or budgets.
4. Coordinated with Ms. Leanna Cavin, Membership Chair, to issue numbers to attendees for bidding.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Interstate Environmental Health Seminar (A)- Vonja Grabeel, Erica Brakefield reported-

1. IEHS will be hosted by Maryland at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, MD, July 29-31, 2020.
 - a. About 20 miles west of Baltimore
 - b. About 8 hours from Lexington
 - c. KY speakers will be Dr. David Deerjack, and LCDR James Speck hart with the USPHS.
 - i. Ms. Grabeel clarified these speakers are not sponsored by KYEHA.
 1. She has discussed this with the Maryland conference organizers.

Website Coordinator (A)– Justin Pittman had nothing new to report and would be updating the sponsor/ exhibitor listing on the site.

A motion was made to accept the Committee reports as presented by Ms. Erica Brakefield.

A second to the motion was made by Mr. Joel Barrett.

Motion was passed by majority oral vote.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Clint Pinion contacted Mr. Gene Thomas to request KYEHA write a letter of support for Dr. Harvey.
 - a. Discussion included: what is the award (centered on buildup of environmental education and practitioners), Mr. Pinion agreed to prepare the letter, Mr. Charles Ward, incoming President will sign the letter.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jessica Davenport to have Mr. Pinion prepare a letter of support for Dr. Harvey for this award.

A second to the motion was made by Mr. Joel Barrett.

The motion passed by oral majority vote.

No other new business was presented.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion made to adjourn this Board meeting by Mr. Nathan Powell.

A second to the motion was made by Mr. Joel Barrett.

Motion was passed by majority oral vote.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah J. Wilhite date 8/27/20
Accepted by Chris D. Paul President date 8/24/20
Name Title