

Annual Meeting Minutes - 2/20/2025

Attendees:

Aaron Boggs
Dr. Bill Fountain
Laura Lyon
Phillip Robertson
Cory Petry
Drew Combs
Joey Hampton
Jack Baggett
Dave Leonard
Bonnie Burnick

Governance, Oversight and Finance Committee Report: Phillip Robertson

- Checking Account Balance: \$39,810.90 (noted as incorrect during review)
- Savings Account Balance: \$22,107
- Membership: Up 38 YOY
- Finances Update:
Efforts are being made to make finances available to members

Membership Marketing and Fundraising Committee Report: Drew Combs

- New Additions to website:
 - -Job openings
 - -Upcoming events
 - Educational opportunities
 - -KAA Webstore (Tag your Swag)

KYTCC Committee Report: Cory Petry

- 2024 Danville event details
 - 23 climbers and 10 sponsors confirmed for the event
 - 33 volunteers attended
 - Event turned a profit this year
 - Profits were used to purchase a rescue dummy for climbers
- No 2025 Location announced yet (Potentially Otter Creek)

Education, Continuing Education and Credentialing Committee Report: Bill Fountain

- TRAQ Course updates
- Presented by Bill Fountain
- Discussed version 3 of the TRAQ Handbook being available soon
- Version 2 will be valid for 5 years and version 3 for 7 years
- Requested inputs on stacking courses with conference and if we wish to continue doing this
- Discussed free CEU Opportunities on Zoom

Tree Fund Update: Dave Leonard

Discussed Tree research, education and endowment

- \$3.4 million has been allocated for tree related research
- Webinar series available for continuing education credits (CEUs)
- Discussed John Z Duling Grant Program
- Utility Arborist research fund of \$50,000 established
- Discussed Tour Des Trees in Michigan: 450 mile bike race to benefit The Tree Fund

New Business

- Drew Combs introduced as new VP
- Three vacant board position nominees presented to the membership for election to the KAA Board
 - Jonathan Green
 - Cary Craycroft
 - Julie Collins
 - Motion to elect made by Fountain and second by Petry
- Discussed KY Greenworks Development Grant
 - \$50,000 in funds to promote arboriculture in areas of the state in need
 - Request for arborist input in filling out the survey

Action Items

- Update and correct the checking account balance
 - Next board meeting at Galvins on Main St. in Georgetown KY on April 8th
- Motion to adjourn meeting by Robertson and a second by Baggett