

DVFA Officer's Meeting

May 30, 2013

Hockessin Fire Company

Welcome by President Boyer

Greetings from Association Presidents

LADVFA: President Penny Rodimak, Thanked the President for the invitation and said the LADVFA is here to help anytime.

DSFCA: Vice President Steven Maichle, spoke about the upcoming June 27th State Chiefs Meeting in Harrington.

DSFPA: President Dave Snell (not present)

DSEMSA: President Ed Agwin (not present)

President Boyer's Report, thanked those who were in attendance and reported on the upcoming DVFA Executive Meeting and Justin Townsend, name unveiling.

1st Vice President: Richard Toulson reported on the CVVFA meeting in Corning NY, especially the report from FASNY on their recruitment weekend. He thanked all of the CFSI committee for a great job and talked about the FDIC and how it has grown and how good the speakers were.

2nd Vice President: Anthony Guzzo reported on the CVVFA Meeting in Corning NY and commented on the things he learned from the other states, most notably the FASNY SAFER Grant with the college tuition.

Secretary: Elmer Steele reported about the contract extension for the Sheraton Conference Center and his negotiations with them.

Treasurer: Allen Metheny, excused.

Conference Co-Chairman: Jon Stevenson reported the conference planning is proceeding along well.

DVFA Foundation: Steve Austin reported on the last DVFA Foundation meeting and their thoughts of raising funds for the foundation.

Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission Chairman: Dave Roberts reported on Residential Sprinklers and how it needs to be a systematic approach. He also reported on his Broadband meeting in Arlington, VA for the DVFA. He next reported on DEMRS and how it may be until September for the commission to obtain reports on tracking the entries in to the system.

Mutual Relief: Joe Zeroles reported on the recommendations from the committee.

Executive Manager: Warren Jones, reported on the following:

1. Justin Townsend name unveiling, there will be representatives from the Governor's Office and Secretary Schiliro. So far about 10 legislators are attending. Senator Coons will also be there. Also asked for some help for the affair.
2. Legislative Issues: Reported on HB21 and 22 and the issues of moving them through the process. All has been resolved and they are scheduled for committee hearing. Also reported on SB31 and SB53. SB31 passed the Senate and is in the House and SB53 came out of committee but the State has issues with it that has to be resolved before it will come up for a vote. In addition, reported on the new bill HB149 which will have to be voted on at the June 9th Executive Meeting and on the Bingo legislation coming out of the Joint Sunset Committee.
3. Fire Prevention Dover International Speedway, reported that the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office, MSFA, DSFS, and the Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office will be doing a fire prevention tent at the September NASCAR Race. They are looking for DVFA support and participation.

Motion by Vice President Richard Toulson, Second by Director Carrier that the DVFA's Life Safety Committee and the Delaware State Fire Chiefs Association be notified of the event and asked to participate. Motion passed unanimously

4. SAFER, Reported on the details of the new SAFER Grant and the hiring of a fulltime Recruitment and Retention coordinator as part of the grant.
5. Partners in Progress, reported on the new partner's in progress and the mailings of the existing partners letters.
6. MSFA, reported on the upcoming Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention.
7. CVVFA, reported on the upcoming Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association Convention.
8. VFIS Presentation, reported on the Fire Company Financial presentation that myself, President Boyer and Director Tobin attended. I think it should be included in the DVFA Round Table at this year's conference.
9. Facebook: Reported on the DVFA Facebook page and how it has 4,334 likes and the last newsletter on the page was read by 788 people.
10. July Committee Selection Meeting: Reported that there was a scheduling conflict with the scheduled date of July 23. The meeting was changed to July 31st at Seaford Fire Company.

Directors:

Bill Tobin, reported on attending a CFSI workshop presented on First Net, the broadband planning group.

Joe Zeroles, thanked the officers for including the Directors in all the communications and meetings and thanked Warren for his work in acquiring the SAFER Grant for the Association

Lynn Truitt (absent due to work schedule)

Ted Walius, reported attending the LADVFA Memorial Service and suggested the next Newsletter include some information on smoke detectors.

John Pridemore, (absent due to work schedule)

Todd Reilly, discussed the 10 year smoke detectors made available through John Lattomus connections and talked about the upcoming Justin Townsend name unveiling.

Dan Carrier, Made a motion to support HB149 and recommend such to the Executive Committee.

Motion by Director Carrier, Second by DSFCA VP Maichle: for the Officers to go on record supporting HB149 and to recommend this bill to the Executive Committee on June 9th. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Carrier also reported on a new Partner in Progress, Keller Williams and how they would like to make a presentation to the DVFA. He also spoke about George Marcoll of the ABCC and the bartenders classes.

President Boyer reminded everyone the next DVFA Regular Officers Meeting will be August 28, 2013 in Dover at 1800 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 2107 hours.

Recorded by: Warren Jones, Executive Manager

Approved by: Elmer Steele, Secretary