



DVFA EXECUTIVE MEETING

Delaware State Fire School

June 14, 2015

Call to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Anthony Guzzo

Invocation offered by DVFA Chaplain Bob Hudson

Pledge of Allegiance led by DVFA Past President Lawrence Mergenthaler

Roll Call of Officers – by Secretary Elmer Steele

- [X] Anthony Guzzo, 19, President
 - [X] Joe Zeroles, 47, 1st Vice President
 - [X] Ted Walius, 75, 2nd Vice President
 - [X] Elmer Steele 81, Corporate Secretary
 - [X] J. Allen Metheny, Sr., 51, Treasurer
 - [X] George Pyott, 43, Assistant Treasurer
 - [] Wally Poppe, 15, New Castle County Director
 - [X] Ken Ryder, 48, Kent County Director
 - [X] Steven Deery, 80, Sussex County Director
 - [X] Richard Perillo, 11, Director, New Castle County
 - [] Glenn Gillespie, 42, Director, Kent County
 - [X] Clay Yocum, 78, Director, Sussex County
 - [X] Charles Boyer, 46, Past President - Director
- DVFA Staff**
- [X] Warren Jones, 16/86 Executive Manager

Special Guest

Senator Bruce Ennis gave a report for the law and legislative committee, since he had to leave for another engagement.

- SB 89 which is the Health and Social Services food manager bill is still in committee. Hope to have it out on Tuesday for a vote.
- SB91 which would allow Medicaid transport vehicles to have stretchers or cots in their units for the patients.
- HB41 which is the surf fishing tags for the ladies auxiliaries is still in committee. Parks and Recreation is having a problem with this bill.

- HB133 which is the residential sprinkler bill passed the House on Thursday. Need to get it through the Senate.
- Appears to be a \$2 million deficit in the budget process. There will be some big cuts in the Grant in Aid programs, but they plan to leave the fire service, the veterans and the Cheer programs intact for now.

Ron Sarnicki, Executive Director of the National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation gave a brief report on the activities of the Foundation and what some of their upcoming events will be. He thanked the DVFA for their support of the Foundation and for their support at Emmitsburg during the National Fallen Firefighter Week-end. Ron gave info leading up to the smoke detector program, which was the main focus of their visit today. With all of that, Ron presented the DVFA with 200 smoke detectors with the 10 year batteries. Ron turned the microphone over to Neal Zipser, Community Affairs Manager of Kidde Fire Safety for his comments. Again, Neal thanked the DVFA for their work in the smoke detector program and wants to continue our partnership.

Report of Officers

President Guzzo: Full report has been filed electronically with the office. He highlighted several items that are in his report;

- He thanked everyone for their attendance at CFSI. 188 in attendance this year
- He thanked everyone for their attendance at firefighter day at Legislative Hall
- A special thanks to everyone that attended the viewings and funerals of our departed friends over the past few months; Joseph Hojnicky, Sr. , John Bare, Sr., Peg Scarpitti and Beau Biden
- President Guzzo has attended 35 events/functions, traveled 3,715 miles and spent 194.5 hours in service since our March meeting

First Vice President Zeroles: Full report has been filed electronically with the office. He has attended 24 events/functions for a total of 221.5 hours

Second Vice President Walius: Full report has been filed electronically with the office. He has attended 26 events/functions, traveled 3.500 miles and was in service for 275 hours

Secretary Steele: Full report has been filed electronically with the office. He has attended 28 events/functions, traveled 3,730 and was in service for 114 hours, plus 7 ½ days for FDIC and Del-Mar-Va Convention. I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

Treasurer Metheny: It gives me great pleasure to present the Treasurer's report for the period of March 7, 2015 through June 2, 2015. This report includes both the DVFA Operations and the Conference Account balances. As noted in the financial report, the Conference account balance is \$70,569.59 and the Operations account balance is \$391,000.78. I will prepare the necessary reports for the annual audit and will work with the Officers to prepare a budget for fiscal 2016. Dues notices in the amount of \$3,500.00 will go out on July 1st. There is a copy of the Conference budget in your packet today. Money from the Conference investment account and also money from the operations account in the amount of \$46,350.00 will need to be transferred

to balance the 2015 Conference budget. We will need a motion under the proper order of business to transfer these funds. I wish everyone a safe and fun-filled summer.

*Motion by Stephen Maichle and seconded by Jasper Lakey to except the Officer reports.
Motion carried*

Executive Manager Jones discussed several issues;

- Thanked everyone that attended legislative hall on Thursday for the vote on HB133
- Only 7 more days for this years legislative session. Time is getting short
- Most of the Conference forms are on line. Please open up the form, fill out the necessary information, save the form to a folder and either send the form by e-mail to the office or download the completed form and mail it to the office
- Registration up-dates will be posted each Friday, so you can check to make sure you a registered for your particular event/function
- Warren gave an detailed picture as to where we are with the insurance rebate funds, from the inception of this issue up to the present time. Warren turned the microphone over to the DVFA Attorney Bill Preston to discuss where we are and what we should do next

DVFA Legal Counsel Bill Preston;

- Bill thanked Warren for giving the details on the insurance funds and bringing everyone up to date as to where we are
- Bill has prepared an “agency agreement” that each fire company will need to sign, in order for the DVFA and Bill to pursue litigation should this issue end up in court
- The DVFA cannot go to court without your permission, since the funds belong to the individual fire companies and not the DVFA. This form is for this one issue only
- There were several questions for Bill, as well as to the DVFA. There was a question as to how we were going to pay for the legal expenses, etc. The general consensus of the membership is that the DVFA pay the legal fees and that an assessment can be sent to each company if and when necessary

Committee Reports

State Fire Prevention Commission – Dave Roberts

- Dave introduced the commissioners that were present today.
- 46 ambulance inspections have been completed
- 96 uses of the Narcan program
- Commission re-appointed Fire Marshal Grover Ingle and Fire School Director Robert Newnam for another 4 year term
- Need numbers for the DEMSOC report
- Still working on the traffic fine money. About \$300,000 in that account now

Advisory to State Fire Marshal – Grover Ingle

- Still working on open positions
- 6 fire fatalities so far this year. 3 had working detectors and 3 did not

- Regulation up-dates. Most pertain to codes and wording
- HB133 requires the Fire Marshal's office to supply a brochure to the home builders that can be presented to the home buyer regarding the benefits of sprinkler systems

Commission Chairman Dave Roberts asked for a round of applause for Fire Marshal Ingle for his help and support on HB133

Advisory to DSFS – Robert P. Newnam

- Thanked Warren and the DVFA for their help with the budget process
- Still working on open positions
- Received a \$531,734.00 AFG grant. Will be used for up-dates and improvements
- New display cases have been installed in the hallway

DVFA Conference– John Stevenson

- John read a letter from Chairman Lamborn; The conference committee has been working diligently to make the 2015 Conference successful. The Conference is on schedule with no reported issues. I would like to thank Elmer for all his hard work to make sure that Dover Downs and the Conference Committee are on the same page. If anyone has any questions or concerns please let me know.
- John discussed increased cost of things at Dover Downs. He stated that the Conference Executive committee has voted to delete the Friday night dance due to cost and lack of participation. Need a motion under the proper order of business to take care of this.
- John stated that the conference committee will be selling ads for the conference booklet this year as a way to raise some funds. Forms are on the front table.
- John introduced the Co-chairs that were in attendance; Pam Ingle and Stacy Northam-Smith

Finance & Auditing – George Pyott

- Budget request for FY16' are due by July 31

Health & Safety – Mike Rush

- Lots of sickness with our members. Be careful and take care of yourself

Out-of-State Coordinator – Steve Austin

- 6/22 Maryland State Convention in Ocean City. Meet at 8:15 by the escalator
- 7/31 CVVFA President's Council at Delaware City Fire Hall

Permanent Memorial – Jim Watson

- Waiting on final approval as to placement for the monument at Legislative Mall. Hope to have something in place for a possible ground breaking during Conference 15'
- Working on cost and various other expenses. \$17,000.00 in the account thus far

Recruitment & Retention Earle Dempsey

- Thanked everyone for opening up their fire houses during the state wide program
- Will be doing the State Fair and the Rodeo again this year.

- Booth space will be in the same location as last year

Scholarship – Pam Ingle

- Committee will pass out 57 scholarships with a cost of \$66,342.00 at Conference.

Recognition of Past Presidents – 1st Vice President Zeroles asked that all DVFA Past Presidents and President Emeritus stand and be recognized

17 Past Presidents and 2 President Emeritus in attendance today

Affiliated Organizations/ Agency Representatives

Ladies’ Auxiliary Karen Majewski:

- President Majewski introduced the ladies that were in attendance today
- Stated that she was in receipt of a letter from Blades, disbanding their Auxiliary
- 150 ladies took the food server class at the fire school and everyone passed

State Fire Chiefs President Stephen Maichle:

- President Maichle introduced the State Chief’s officers that were in attendance today
- Busy time for the State Chief’s. Working on a set of State wide standards for officer qualifications
- Next meeting will be the Expo on June 25 at Sta. 50 Harrington. Expo at 3:00, dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00
- State Chiefs have a bar-b-que at Greenwood on 9/4

State Fire Police President Charles Morgan:

- Absent. No report from State Fire Police

State Ambulance Association President Mat DeMarco:

- President DeMarco was absent
- Mike McMichaels gave the report
- Waiting on word from the grant that they applied for the CPR devices
- Requesting letters from the fire companies to recognize members at the Conference

Del-Mar-Va Association – Past President Bob Hudson

- Thanked the DVFA for their support during his term as Del-Mar-Va President
- Thanked Millsboro for hosting the Convention
- Stated that Clay Yocum was the new 2nd Vice President

NVFC – Allen Metheny

- Met in Arlington right after the CFSI dinner
- Discussed legislative issues at the National level
- Elected new officers. Allen was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer

Communications:

The following communications were received and are summarized by Secretary Elmer Steele

- Letter from Bill Betts, Apparatus Standards Committee approving Greenwood, Camden Wyoming and Little Creek's aerials for submission to Grant in aid for funding
- Letter from Hartly Fire Co. supporting J. Allen Metheny for Treasurer of the DVFA
- Letter from Laurel Fire Dept. supporting Elmer Steele for Secretary of the DVFA
- Letter from Greenwood Fire Co. advising placing their new aerial in service
- Letter from Camden Wyoming Fire Co. advising placing their new aerial in service
- Letter from DEMA reference to State Preparedness report
- Letter from Lewes Fire Dept. changing their Delegates and Alternates
- Email from Claymont Fire Co. with reference to their Delegates and Alternates
- Letter from Aetna Fire Co. reference to conference expenditures
- Letter from Aetna Fire Co. reference to Delegates and Alternates
- Letter from Aetna Fire Co. reference to income and expenses
- Letter from Hartly Fire Co. reference to their new ambulance captain
- Letter from Indian River Fire Co. reference to Delegates and Alternates
- Letter from Brandywine Hundred Fire Co. supporting Richard T. Perillo for 2nd Vice President of the DVFA
- Email from Bob Sutton reference HB133 (requested that the email be read)

Motion to accept communications

Made by Stephen Maichle and seconded by Jasper Lakey to accept the communications as read.

Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

Ralph Satterfield raised a question about the pension plan. He said that he wanted to see some answers as to why we are getting the same amount as we started with several years ago. President Guzzo said that he would take his request under advisement

NEW BUSINESS

- Steve Austin discussed HRB2366 which is for fire based EMS. The fire service has had no input in this National legislation and Steve feels that we should not support it.
Motion by Steve Austin and seconded by J. Allen Metheny that the DFVA go on record as opposing HRB2366 and that a letter be sent to Rep. Carney stating our position.
Motion carried
- *Motion by George Pyott and seconded by Rich Perillo to transfer \$46,350.00 to balance the 2015 Conference budget. Voice vote was close, so President Guzzo requested a roll call vote. Roll call vote shows 59 YES and 9 NO Motion carried*
- *Motion by Stephen Maichle and seconded by Richard Ward to cancel the Friday night dance at the Conference, due to cost and lack of participation. Motion carried*

- *Motion by Dan Burris and seconded by Richard Ward to have the DVFA pick-up the tab for the legal fees for the insurance rebate litigation and possible assessments could come later to each company based on the full cost. Motion carried*

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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 crucial Basis

Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Assoc., Inc.
DVFA Operations Bills to be Approved
 As of June 2, 2015

Name	Memo	Amount
Operating		
DVFA CHECKING		
WARREN F. JONES	P/R FEBRUARY, 2015	-2,817.14
STEVE AUSTIN	POSTAGE & ENVELOPES	-45.37
U.S. TREASURY	TAX PERIOD- FEBRUARY 2015	-2,316.40
MILLSBORO FIRE CO.	CONVENTION BOOK AD	-225.00
VERIZON	WARREN'S PHONE	-73.46
COMCAST CABLEVISION	INTERNET/PHONES	-199.92
MELISSA KISER	CHECK 3 OF 4 FOR TERMINATION P...	-1,521.30
AT & T	FIRELINE	-12.31
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-31.71
ELSMERE LADIES AUXILIARY	R & R GRANT	-2,000.00
MAGNOLIA VOL FIRE C	R & R GRANT	-4,000.00
FARMINGTON FIRE CO.	R & R GRANT	-4,000.00
VOLUNTEER HOSE CO.	SAFER R & R GRANT	-3,750.00
HARTLY FIRE CO.	R & R GRANT	-3,968.85
GEORGETOWN AUXILIARY	SAFER R & R GRANT	-2,520.00
REHOBOTH BEACH FIRE CO	R & R GRANT	-4,000.00
WILMINGTON MANOR LADIES AUX.	R & R GRANT	-4,000.00
GREENWOOD FIRE CO	R & R gRANT	-1,900.00
MINQUADALE FIRE CO.	SAFER R & R GRANT	-4,000.00
MELISSA KISER	CHECK 4 OF 4 FOR TERMINATION P...	-1,521.30
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-63.43
WARREN F. JONES	P/R MARCH, 2015	-2,817.14
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER SERVICES	-228.83
M & T BANK	VISA BILL	-789.09
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-12.69
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-44.40
SEITZ CONSULTING, LLC	RETAINER	-14,180.50
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-90.42
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-19.03
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-6.34
U.S. TREASURY	TAX PERIOD- MARCH 2015	-2,299.28
DIVISION OF REVENUE	P/R TAXES JAN MAR 2015	-814.59
GUY HUDSON	CASH PRIZES AND EXPENSE REIMB.	-2,459.56
STEVE AUSTIN	POSTAGE & ENVELOPES	-46.69
VERIZON	WARREN'S PHONE	-74.83
CHIEF TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	ANNUAL CONTRACT-ff/del.gov	-1,648.00
THE CONFERENCE GROUP, LLC	INV. # E726-0000-118	-17.03
COMCAST CABLEVISION	INTERNET/PHONES	-206.13
VERNON INGRAM	APR - JUNE 2015 RENT	-1,755.00
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER SERVICES past due bill	-228.83
CFSI	178 DINNER TICKETS	-52,510.00
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-57.08
AT & T	FIRELINE	-12.37
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-6.34
SELECTIVE INSURANCE	AUTO/BUSINESS INSURANCE	-3,943.00
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER SERVICES	-228.83
M & T BANK	VISA BILL	-522.65
MILLSBORO FIRE CO.	5 TICKETS FOR DMA BANQUET	-125.00
DVFA CONF. FD. PIP/PROVIDENT	TRF. TO CONF. FD.	-3,000.00
WARREN F. JONES	P/R APRIL 2015	-2,817.14
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-108.66
U.S. TREASURY	TAX PERIOD- APRIL 2015	-924.84
KENNETH MCMAHON	TRAVEL EXPENSE-NVFC MTG,	-108.50
VERIZON	WARREN'S PHONE	-88.72
WARREN JONES	AUTO SERVICING	-55.93
AT & T	FIRELINE	-12.37
ADSTRATEGIES	ACCT. DVF - MEDIA ADS	-13,375.26
COMCAST CABLEVISION	INTERNET/PHONES	-206.13
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER SERVICES	-228.83
WARREN F. JONES	P/R MAY 2015	-2,817.14
SECURITY METRICS	SITE CERTIFICATION	-139.99

<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
M & T BANK	VISA BILL	-11,716.81
U.S. TREASURY	TAX PERIOD- MAY 2015	-924.84
Total DVFA CHECKING		-164,635.00
Total Operating		-164,635.00
TOTAL		-164,635.00

Motion by Jasper Lakey and seconded by Ted Doyle to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Jack Wilson stated that the dates for the Seaford Softball tournament have been changed due to a conflict

Les McCourt discussed an issue that took place at Beau Biden's viewing in Wilmington. A gentleman was arrested for de-facing the American flag by "spilling" coffee on the flag

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved by Jasper Lakey and seconded by Mike Rush that the June Executive Meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. DVFA Chaplain Bob Hudson offered the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Elmer B. Steele
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Corporate Secretary

I hereby attest that this a true copy of the proceedings of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association Executive Meeting held on June 14, 2015.

Attest: Warren F. Jones
Executive Manager