

Executive meeting of DVFA was called to order by President George A. Diamond at 1000 hours on June 14, 1992 at the Delaware State Fire Service Center, Dover, DE.

President Diamond appointed Robert G. Sweetman (Aetna), Past President, as SGT-AT-ARMS.

Invocation was given by Walter Lamon, Assistant DVFA Chaplain.

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag was lead by Lawrence Mergenthaler (Mill Creek), Past President.

Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by Francis Dougherty (Brandywine Hundred), to accept minutes of previous meeting since they are in printed form for all concerned - so carried.

ROLL CALL: Roll Call showed following present: 115 Committee Members, 16 Past Presidents; 3 President Emeritus; 3 Fire Commissioners; and 16 DVFA Officers.

TREASURER'S REPORT: J. Allen Metheny (Hartly), Treasurer, presented the report in printed form for all concerned. Net worth of the association as of today is \$111,601.95, all dues have been paid and all reimbursement monies for fire prevention have been paid.

Moved by Jon Cottrell (Townsend), seconded by Joe Hojnicki (Minquadale), to accept the Treasurer's report - so carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADVISORY TO STATE FIRE SCHOOL: Lou Amabili (Director, Fire School), reporting. Sussex Burn Center dedicated at a very impressive ceremony and is now in operation. Monies asked for New Castle Center in this years bond bill - 2 sites under consideration for center - Glasgow and County Airport. A 2 day crew leader course will be offered in August. A training seminar for approximately 30 people of the National Fire Caucus will be hosted on June 27, 28, 1992.

ADVISORY TO MUTUAL RELIEF: Joseph Hojnicki (Minquadale) reporting. Fire Muster will be covered by Mutual Relief, it is determined to be a training exercise as oppose to a sports function.

APPARATUS STANDARDS: Bill Betts (Frederica) reporting. Approval for new boat for Seaford and rescue truck for Gumboro and will be brought up under proper order of business.

ARCHIVES: Robert Romig (Five Points) reporting. Some pictures of Past Presidents for Ladies Aux. still not received. Executive Committee in March request was made to have ribbons for Hall of Fame members - what is status of same? Need to receive current photos from current convention committee of Officers - Allen Metheny will see that this is accomplished.

CIVILIAN RECOGNITION: Ken Pyle (Odessa) reporting. One civilian was discussed for possible recognition this year - will be brought up under the proper order of business.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: Donald Knight (Magnolia) reporting. Proposed change to Article III, Section 2, Constitution and to Section 13, Subsection 3, By-Laws. All Companies must be notified at least 30 days in advance for voting on at annual Convention.

CONVENTION LIAISON: Francis Dougherty (Brandywine Hundred) reporting. Parade will be limited to 3 pieces of fire apparatus from each company, recommendation will be made to have at least 3 members (1 from each county) of the Convention Liaison with the Judges to determine proper awarding of prizes, Letter from Convention '92 on trophies discussed.

CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT: Kevin Wilson (Clayton) reporting. CISM has been used quite frequently. Convention meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept 30, 1992 at Dover Fire Station. Three members will be attending advance training in New York in July. Rev Paul has been transferred to a Church in Kent County. Janet Massey (Blades) will be coordinator for Sussex County after Rev Paul leaves. CISM has put together a booklet for each organization and will be distributed after this meeting.

DVFA PENSION ADVISORY: Frank King (Hartly) reporting. Per letter from DVFA actuary study has begun to determine cost for increase in pension. Annual statement -or first time has been sent to address on file with pension office - if you have new address be sure to advise the pension office of same.

FINANCE & AUDITING: George Pyott (Cheswold) reporting. Budget requests for FY 92-93 are due to this Committee not later than August 1, 1992.

FIRE PREVENTION: William Matthews (Aetna) reporting. Reimbursement monies again were pro-rated, anyone interested in breakdown contact me after meeting. Draft on new proposal procedure for reimbursement monies was sent to all organizations and will be brought up under the proper order of business.

FIREMAN OF YEAR: Jeff Eisenbrey (Cheswold) reporting. Letter on FOY has been sent to all companies and are due back by July 15, 1992. A ribbon for wear by FOY recipients will require approximately 50 ribbons, State Police will help procure.

LAW & LEGISLATIVE: John Mitchell (Elsmere) reporting. HB 408, SB 37 HB 493, HB 592 and HB 349 reported status on above and our support shown for same. Hepatitis "B" letter requesting \$285,000 was delivered to all legislators and nothing firm on monies as yet. 800 MHZ monies still in Bond Bill. Rep Ennis made comment on HB 408 and SB 373.

MEMORIAL: Raymond Powell (Millville) reporting. Memorial service will be held in Dover Middle School on Friday, October 2, 1992.

SCHOLARSHIP: George Kerr (Minquas) reporting. 13 out of 28 packets were received, 7 winners for scholarships made and all have been notified to be at Convention Luncheon for formal presentation.

OUT-OF-STATE COORDINATOR: Steve Austin (Aetna) reporting. "Ike" Guessford (Odessa) presented a placque to Delaware Companies who participated in the 100th Anniversary Parade at MSFA in Frederick, Md. MSFA convention in Ocean City, Md convenes st 8:30 AM. on June 15, 1992. An outing for the fire service caucus people at Odessa will require approximately \$500 for refreshments. South Carolina Assoc. trip will be coordinated by Past President Guessford. 1st VP, DVFA, Elmer Steele presented trophy won by DVFA at 100th Anniversary MSFA parade was presented to Bob Romig for Archives. "Ike Guessford requested a letter of thanks to Independent Hose Co for their hospitality shown the Delaware delegation. 1000 DVFA pins will needed for use, price will be \$1.15 per pin. Price will be obtained on Horizontal Banner with DVFA logo.

SUNSHINE & VISITATIONS: Charles Price (Volunteer Hose) reporting. Get Well cards and Sympathy cards have been mailed when appropriate, also funerals, viewings and hospital visits have been made.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: Tony Suppe (Christiana) reporting. Telephone number 800 statewide is in service. Information will be available to facilitate this program.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: J. Allen Metheny (Hartly) reporting. NVFC meeting in New Orleans centered on gloves and boots. also the safety of pumbers and brush trucks. Much emphasis has been placed on safety. In 1991 66 firemen were killed in line of duty.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Jon Cottrell (Townsend), Assistant Secretary. read tje following correspondence, action to various committees as shown in parenthesis:

Ltr, 10Mar92, Milton Fire Dept, re: Support for Emerson, Treas. (Fil  
Ltr, 12Mar92, Clayton Fire Co, re: Support for Emerson, Treas. (Fil  
Ltr, 17Mar92, Magnolia Fire Co, re: Support for Emerson, Treas. (Fil  
Ltr, 17Mar92, Magnolia Fire Co, re: Support for Metheny, 2VP (Fil  
Ltr, 24Apr92, Fire Prev Comm, re: Support for HB 493. (Fil  
Ltr, 1May92, NCCVFA, re: Support for Emerson, Treas. (Fil  
Ltr, 1May92, NCCVFA, re: Support for Metheny, 2VP (Fil  
Ltr 2Jun92, Convention '92, re: Proposed Trophies Draft (Conv Li  
Thank You Card - Ryan Family (Fil  
Thank You Card - Mike Williams Family (Fil  
Ltr, Five Points Ladies Aux, re: Proposed Trophies Draft (Conv Li

Moved by Richard Ennis (Citizens Hose), seconded by Roland Neeman (Felton) to accept correspondence and bring them up under the proper order of business - so carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Elmer Steele, 1st VP, DVFA, presented the proposed priorities for FY 92-93 as distributed at March meeting:

1. Maintain Grant-In-Aid and leveling up monies for Kent & Sussex Counties at present formula.
2. Funding the Statewide Hepitatis "B" Innocuation Program at approximately \$285.00.
3. Funding of the 800 MHZ Statewide Communications System.

4. Support construction of New Castle Burn Center.

5. Increase matching funds for Fire Prevention Program to \$75,000.

Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by Jon Cottrell (Townsend) to accept priorities for FY 1992-93 - so carried.

Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by William Lowe (Lewes), that Host Committee for Convention '92 procure a ribbon to read "Hall of Fame Member" to be worn on their Convention ribbon - so carried

Harry Warner (Talleyville), 2VP, DVFA, reported on Standard Committee and fact their report is done and will be voted upon for approval by Fire Prevention Commission on June 22nd.

Moved by William Matthews (Aetna), seconded by Jon Townley (Aetna), to adopt the new proposal for reimbursement for fire prevention funds. Questioned by Mill Creek to have more time to study, Vote taken - motion carried.

Moved by Jeff Eisenbrey (Cheswold), seconded by Richard Ennis (Citizens Hose), to purchase ribbons for Heroics Firemen of Year to wear on uniforms - so carried.

Moved by Ken Pyle (Odessa), seconded by Richard Ennis (Citizens Hose) that funds be made available to purchase a placque for individual chosen this year by Civilian Recognition Committee - so carried.

Daniel Kiley (Talleyville), State Fire Marshal, reported on Fire Marshal Office and alluded to HB 493 that was previously reported upon by John Mitchell.

NEW BUSINESS: Moved by Steve Austin (Aetna), seconded by Robert Quillen (Hartly), to purchase 1000 pins at cost of \$1.15 per pin to be distributed as determined by DVFA Officers - so carried.

Moved by Steve Austin (Aetna), seconded by William Matthews (Aetna), to appropriate \$500 to entertain Fire Caucus guest at Odessa Fire Station on Saturday, June 27, 1992 - so carried.

Moved by Steve Austin (Aetna), seconded by William Walton, Sr. (Elsmere), that information on Group Insurance be pursued and reported on at this year's convention - so carried.

Moved by Donald Knight (Magnolia), seconded by Larry Hollinger (Magnolia), that proposed dues changes be accepted and Secretary notify all companies at least 15 days prior to Convention - so carried.

Moved by Bill Betts (Frederica), seconded by Ed Cline (Hockessin), that the rescue boat of Seaford Fire Dept and the rescue truck of Gumboro Fire Co be approved and included in this year's appropriation bill - so carried.

Moved by Daniel Kiley (Talleyville), seconded by Carleton Carey (Robbins Hose), that the DVFA support the relocation of the IAAI office in Delaware - so carried.

Moved by Francis Dougherty (Brandywine Hundred), seconded by Charles Honey (Brandywine Hundred), to table the proposed draft on awarding of prizes at the Convention parade. Question on motion brought much discussion on subject. Harry Warner (Talleville) spoke on placing on hold any changes until the Convention Liaison Sub-Committee can complete their work. Motion voted upon and carried.

Moved by Francis Dougherty (Brandywine Hundred), seconded by William Matthews (Aetna), that three members of the Convention Liaison Committee (1 from each county) be present with the Judges during the deliveration of awarding parade prizes. Questions on motion were lengthy by all concerned - Harry Warner (Talleville), Ike Guessford (Odessa), and Joe Hojnicke (Minquadale) were quite vocal in their question on motion and explanation of why the motion. Frank King (Hartly), Chairman Convention '92, stated unless he was instructed otherwise by this body, there would be a member of Convention '92 Parade Committee present with the Judges. Grover Ingle (Goodwill) explained that last year's parade rules were not explicit enough and causes part of the problems with the prizes awarded. Vote on motion taken - motion defeated.

After much further discussion on subject - all motions were withdrawn, since it was determined that the Chair did not make the motion clear as to what was being voted upon.

Francis Dougherty (Brandywine Hundred), seconded by Charles Honey (Brandywine Hundred), that three (3) members of the Convention Liaison Committee (1-from each county) be present with the Judges during their discussion making on parade prizes - so carried.

Jack Northam (Laurel), Chairman, Convention '93, gave a proposed agenda for the Convention to be held in Laurel on September 22, 23, 24, 25 1992 and hosted by the Sussex County Firemen's Association sponsored by following Fire Companies - Bridgeville, Delmar, Blades, Laurel and Seaford.

Elmer Steele, (Laurel), 1st VP, DVFA, appointed the Following persons to serve as the Scholarship Committee for FY 1992-93:

Kenneth McMahon, Co-Chairman, Christiana  
George Kerr, Co-Chairman, Minquas  
Charles Hall III, Delaware City  
Robert Powell, Millville  
J. Ralph Jefferson, Milton  
William Goins, Georgetown  
Clarence R. O'Neal, Jr, Clayton  
Steve Martin, Delaware State Fire School

Lawrence Mergenthaler (Mill Creek), questioned approval of Convention agenda at this meeting - President Diamond advised this is done at the March Executive Meeting.

Moved by John Mitchell (Elsmere), seconded by Richard Ennis (Citizens Hose), that DVFA support \$329 - so carried.

Moved by Richard Ennis (Citizens Hose), seconded by Roland Neeman (Felton), that appropriate Resolution be prepared and presented to Albert Lane at the Convention - so carried.

Moved by Richard Ennis (Citizens Hose), seconded by Roland Neeman (Felton) to approve the following priorities for the FY 92-93:

1. Maintain Grant In Aid and Leveling Monies for Kent and Sussex Counties at present formula.
2. Funding for statewide Hepatitis B inoculation program at approximately cost of \$285,000.
3. Funding of 800 MHZ statewide communications systems.
4. Support the construction of the New Castle County Burn Center.
5. Increase matching funds for fire prevention programs to \$75,000.

Motion voted upon and carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: J. Allen Metheny (Hartly), Treasurer DVFA, presents bills in amount of \$174,290.23. Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by Howard Eck (Five Points) to pay all bills - so carried.

GOOD OF ASSOCIATION: Richard Ennis (Citizens Hose) presented the name of Bruce C. Ennis (Citizens Hose) for election as President Emeritus of the DVFA. The President was advised that this must be brought up under New Business, upon a motion made and approved the session reverted to NEW BUSINESS. Moved by Richard Ennis (Citizens Hose) seconded by Donald Knight (Magnolia), that Bruce C. Ennis (Citizens Hose) be made a President Emeritus of the DVFA - so carried. Motion made and approved to revert back to GOOD OF ASSOCIATION.

Albert Morris, Mutual Relief Association, requested prompt reply to letter sent out to all concerned for Delegates/Alternates to the Convention.

Alice Danner, Sussex County Ladies Aux, thanked DVFA for invitation and asked that Bev Evans be remembered in our prayers.

Daniel Kiley, State Fire Marshal, recognized - no further comments.

Lou Amabili, Director State Fire School recognized - no further comments.

C. Bryan Bennett, Chairman Fire Prevention Commission, recognized - no further comments.

Paul Neeman (Harrington) stated Ralph Hynson (Past Pres) will be operated on tomorrow, June 15th.

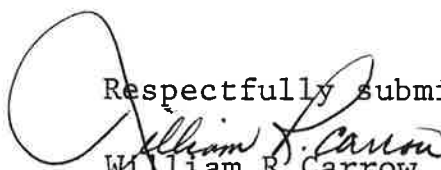
Clayton Yocum (Greenwood) stated that the State Fire Chief Assoc. will meet in Greenwood on June 18th, refreshments and guest speaker - all welcome.

Moved by John Townley (Aetna), seconded by Hon Hayes (Robbins Hose) to adjourn - so carried.

Benediction by Walt Lamon, Assistant Chaplain DVFA.

Adjournment at 1150 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

  
William R. Carrow  
Secretary.

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Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
3/10	1663	FREDERICA LADIES AU	LUNCHES	151		-400.00
3/18	1664	VISA CREDIT	MONIHAN AIRLIN	152		-324.00
3/18	1665	TROPHY SHOP	PLAQUE BOARD	240		-36.00
3/20		TRANSFER	TO W.T. SAVING	105		-52,500.00
3/29	1666	DEL. STATE FIRE SCH	PRINTING	140		-48.00
3/29	1667	SUSSEX CTY. CISD	REIMB.	330		-141.00
4/ 7	1668	WILLIAM R. CARROW	POSTAGE	140		-29.90
4/ 7	1669	DEL. STATE FIRE SCH	PRINTING	140		-39.00
4/16	1670	KOHUT ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC REPAI	200		-65.60
4/16	1671	HARRINGTON JOURNAL	DEPOSIT MINUTE	140		-2,500.00
4/28	1672	HARRINGTON JOURNAL	BAL. MINUTE BO	140		-3,702.48
4/28	1673	FARLEY PRINTING	DEL. NITE TICK	270		-41.50
4/28	1674	LAUREL FIRE DEPT.	REFRESHMENTS F	270		-89.70
4/28	1675	JEN-MOR FLORIST	RYAN	130		-40.00
4/28	1676	S VISA CREDIT		--SPLIT--		-343.03
4/29	1677	S CONG. FIRE SERVICE		--SPLIT--		-24,000.00
5/ 9	1678	SUSSEX CTY CISD	REIMB. EXP.	330		-142.20
5/ 9	1679	E. JAMES MONIHAN	REIMB. MONIHAN	152		-45.99
5/ 9	1680	STEVEN P. AUSTIN	REIMB. FDIC &	270		-78.50
5/24	1681	S VISA CREDIT		--SPLIT--		-1,594.30
6/ 5	1682	FIREMEN'S CONVENTIO	DELMARVA TROPH	140		-20.00
6/ 5	1683	U. S. STAMPED ENVEL	1000 ENVELOPES	140		-320.00
6/ 8	1684	AETNA HOSE, HOOK, &	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-3,659.58
6/ 8	1685	CHRISTIANA FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-2,089.38
6/ 8	1686	BRANDYWINE FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-3,489.96
6/ 8	1687	CLAYMONT FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-1,774.12
6/ 8	1688	DELAWARE CITY FIRE	REIMBURSEMTN	250		-702.61
6/ 8	1689	ELSMERE FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-1,570.63
6/ 8	1690	FIVE POINTS FIRE CO	REIMBURSEMTN	250		-414.90
6/ 8	1691	GOODWILL FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-1,352.44
6/ 8	1692	MILL CREEK FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-4,093.94
6/ 8	1693	ODESSA FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-1,982.04
6/ 8	1694	VOLUNTEER HOSE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-136.73
6/ 8	1695	CARLISLE FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-813.14
6/ 8	1696	CITIZEN'S HOSE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-1,117.13
6/ 8	1697	CLAYTON FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-483.50
6/ 8	1698	ROBBINS HOSE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-1,195.40
6/ 8	1699	FARMINGTON FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-225.49
6/ 8	1700	FREDERICA FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-607.97
6/ 8	1701	HARTLY FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-677.06
6/ 8	1702	HOUSTON FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-652.15
6/ 8	1703	MAGNOLIA FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-313.12
6/ 8	1704	BETHANY BEACH FIRE	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-353.13
6/ 8	1705	BLADES VOL. FIRE CO	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-305.38
6/ 8	1706	BRIDGEVILLE FIRE CO	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-1,090.87
6/ 8	1707	DAGSBORO FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-111.82
6/ 8	1708	ELLENDALE FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-1,231.94
6/ 8	1709	FRANKFORD FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-434.50
6/ 8	1710	GEORGETOWN FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-1,392.19
6/ 8	1711	GREENWOOD FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-924.85
6/ 8	1712	LAUREL FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-808.04

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6/ 8	1715	MILLVILLE FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-217.08
6/ 8	1716	MILTON FIRE DEPT.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-2,186.04
6/ 8	1717	REHOBOTH FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-1,429.39
6/ 8	1718	ROXANA FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-391.03
6/ 8	1719	SUSSEX CTY FIRE CHI	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-374.59
6/ 8	1720	NEW CASTLE FIREMEN'	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-6,094.20
6/ 8	1721	KENT CTY. FIREMEN'S	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-485.22
6/ 8	1722	SUSSEX CTY FIREMEN'	REIMBURSEMENT	250		-1,598.65
6/ 8	1723	WILLIAM R. CARROW	POSTAGE	140		-23.00
6/ 8	1724	DEL. STATE FIRE SCH	PRINTING	140		-42.00
6/ 8	1725	CAPITOL OFFICE PROD	GIFT MD. PRES	180		-28.00
6/15	1726	JEN-MOR FLORIST	PERM. MEMORIAL	200		-35.00
6/15	1727	S VISA CREDIT		--SPLIT--		-334.11
6/15	1728	JOHN L/ MITCHELL	REIMB. LEG. EX	212		-1,213.04
6/15	1729	GEORGE A. DIAMOND	REIMB. EXPENSE	170		-2,500.00
6/15	1730	ELMER B. STEELE	REIMB. OFF. EX	170		-1,200.00
6/15	1731	HARRY WARNER	REIMB. OFF. EX	170		-1,200.00
6/15	1732	WILLIAM R. CARROW	REIMB. OFF. EX	170		-1,500.00
6/15	1733	J. ALLEN METHENY	REIMB. OFF. EX	170		-1,200.00
6/15	1734	REV. DAVID PAUL	REIMB. OFF. EX	170		-250.00
6/15	1735	1992 CONVENTION FUN	REIMB. FOR EXP	120		-30,000.00
TOTAL 3/10/92 - 6/15/92						-173,605.63
TOTAL INFLOWS						0.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-173,605.63
NET TOTAL						-173,605.63

Walt Jamon mileage/chaplain exp 80.60  
 Oceana Fire Co. Hospitality - CFSI dinner 443.00  
 N.R.V.F.A. 800 Recruiting Phone (Reimb) 52.00  
 Champion Trophies - Plaque - Met 100th Conv. 49.00  
 Robert Romig - frames. Archives 60.00

TOTAL

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