

Third quarterly meeting of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association was called to order on Sunday, June 4, 1989 at the Delaware State Fire School by President Frank King, time 10:00 A.M.

Invocation was given by Jon Cottrell, Assistant Secretary; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes of previous meeting were in printed form and 2 copies available for each member company. Moved by Charles Frampton (Brandywine Hundred) seconded by George Kerr (Minquas) to approve minutes - motion carried.

ROLL CALL: In attendance were 14 Officers; 15 Past Presidents; 4 Fire Commissioners and 92 members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Metheny presented his report in printed form, copies available for all concerned, copy in file. One company (Greenwood) has not paid 1989 dues.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: Officers presented their reports in printed form and are made a record herewith.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADVISORY TO MUTUAL RELIEF: Don Ray (Christiana) reporting. Mutual Relief discussed committee functions, death benefits, Public Relations and Workshop on Workman Compensation - set a basic process so everyone knows what is happening.

ADVISORY TO STATE FIRE SCHOOL: Lou Amabili (Director Fire School) reporting. Committee recommends an assessment to all Companies, Auxiliaries, and Ambulance/Rescue Squads to help defray the 25th Anniversary expenses. Fire School will also increase its hours of training for EMT certification (approximately 60 hours total).

APPARATUS STANDARDS: Willard Betts (Frederica) reporting. New boat standards will be presented under proper order of business.

ARCHIVES: Robert Romig (Five Points) reporting. Trophy cases are complete, also reminded everyone of need for pictures of all Past Presidents (5X7) and helmet front piece for archives.

BY-LAWS: Dean Simpson (Mill Creek) reporting. Proposed changes to By-Laws and Constitution will be presented under proper order of business.

CONVENTION LIAISON: Frances Dougherty (Brandywine Hundred) reporting. Approved Convention Agenda and recommendation for Doug Mills Memorial Trophy to be given by Harrington Fire Co. Harold Brode, Parade Chairman (Harrington) reported on parade and had complete information on parade in a packet for each member company - packet to be picked up after meeting - someone from the company to sign for them.

FINANCE AND AUDITING: George Pyott (Cheswold) reporting. All committees that will require money in the FY90 budget must have requests to Chairman NLT July 15, 1989. Send requests to George's home or to Cheswold Fire Co in his care.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Raymond Powell (Millville) reporting. Request names and pictures to John Smith as soon as possible after June 30, 1989.

FIREMEN OF YEAR: Dave Chillas (Middletown) reporting. Information on Firemen of Year available on table for handout.

RADIO: Jeff Eisenberry (Cheswold) reporting. There is a possibility that a statewide administrator for 911E will be hired; DSP is pushing to have this person under their Communication Section. This Committee will recommend it be under OTM, under proper order of business.

RESOLUTIONS: Richard Ennis (Smyrna) reporting. Resolution for Milton J. Niblett, Gumboro, will be presented under the proper order of business. Resolution for Fred Rpsar (Hockessin) will be presented at Convention. Anyone in need of a resolution at Convention please contact this committee.

SCHOLARSHIP: George Kerr (Minquas) reporting. Five winners to be awarded at Convention, hand outs available at front table.

NATIONAL FIRE COUNCIL: E. James Monihan (Lewes) reporting. Fire safety cigarette legislation is gaining support; Fire fighter memorial service at Emmittsburgs, Md. will be held on Sunday, October 15, 1989. Council performing studies in various areas i.e. stress, management, retention, etc. Once again all who do not have one are urged to obtain their tax exempt under section 501c(3) - also all companies in Delaware who do not belong are urged to join the Council as an associate member.

President King stated that Bob Voshell, Department of Motor Vehicle, has drafted legislation to cover the fire service in driver licensing.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jon Cottrell (Townsend) Assistant Secretary read the following correspondence, action shown in parenthesis.
Ltr, Laurel Fire Dept, re: Parade Rules, 3/14/89 (Conv Liaison)
Ltr, SCVFA, re: Emergency Alert Lights, 4/15/89 (Law & Legislative)
Ltr, NCCVFA, re: Support Sussex Burn Center, 4/24/89 (File)
Ltr SCVFA, re: Low Interest Rates, 5/15/89 (File)
DVFA Recommendations for ALS System, 5/23/89 (File)
Card, Acknowledgement of Sympathy from Norman Tate. (File)
Ltr, NCC Ladies Auxilaries, re: Parade Prizes, 5/7/89 (Conv Liaison)
Ltr, Cheswold Fire Co, re: NFPA 1500, 5/18/89 (NFPA 1500)
Ltr, IAAI, re: Cocktail Party, 5/22/89 (File)
Ltr, State Fire Chiefs Assoc, re; Contingency Fund, 5/28/89 (Law & Legi)
Ltr, Dept of Agriculture, re: Federal Funds, 4/26/89 (File)
Ltr, Harrington Fire Co, re: Doug Mills Trophy, (Conv Liaison)
Ltr, SCVFA, re: Support of Various State Officers, 5/25/89 (File)

OLD BUSINESS: Secretary Carrow (Clayton) reported the following companies have not filed their financial statement with the State Fire School for 1988 as required by the Legislative; Minquadale, Mill Creek, Holloway Terrace, Smyrna American Legion Ambulance, Little Creek, Blades, Greenwood and Roxana.

CENTRAL PURCHASING: Bruce Ennis (Smyrna) reporting. New contracts and list of equipment available under State contracts will be forthcoming, should be received around August 1, 1989.

NEW BUSINESS: Moved by George Kerr (Minquas), seconded by Robert Romig (Five Points) to table the Letter from NCCVFA reference license plates firemen since Kent and Sussex Counties did not receive a copy of letter - motion carried.

Moved by Richard Ennis (Smyrna), seconded by George Kerr (Minquas) to approve resolution pertaining to Milton J. Niblett (Gumboro) - motion carried.

Moved by Harold Brode (Harrington), seconded by Ira Huffman (Harrington) that Harrington Fire Company's request to sponsor a Doug Mills Memorial Trophy for Best Appearing Pumper be approved - motion carried.

Hal Barber (Betheny Beach) reported that Mutual Relief has agreed to have their fiscal year changed from June 30, to calendar year - this should result in a savings of approximately \$1500. He discussed the problems with Workmen's Compensation, though Mutual Relief has not involvement with same, if anyone has a problem please contact a member of this Committee and they will lend assistance.

Moved by Willard Betts (Frederica), seconded by Charles Honey (Brandywine Hundred) to adopt the recommendation as presented by Apparatus Standards Committee - motion carried. All recommendations voted on separately and will be turned over to the By-Laws Committee.

Willard Betts (Frederica) explained the State Chief's Association letter to recommend increasing the Contingency Fund to \$50,000. Moved by Willard Betts (Frederica), seconded by Clayton Yocum (Greenwood), that the letter be turned over to the Law & Legislative Committee for proper action - motion carried. President King explained to all concern that this may not make this year's budget - all understood.

Moved by Jeff Eisenberry (Cheswold) that this Association support the appointment of a 911E Administrator and it be placed under OTM - motion dead for lack of a second.

Dean Simpson (Mill Creek) presented a change to Section 7 of the By-Laws as follows "Any of these By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Association of any Executive Meeting or Annual Convention, provided that proposed amendment or New By-Laws shall have been submitted in writing and read to the Association and voted on by simple majority only at a minimum of one (1) meeting prior to the vote thereon, and again read at the next meeting with a 2/3 voting to approve." Moved by Dean Simpson (Mill Creek), seconded by Donald Knight (Magnolia). Questions prevailed to a great length on subject. Officers, Past Presidents and 2 each Company (if in attendance) will have vote - majority to accept the reading and 2/3 of present to adopt - motion carried.

Walton A. Johnson Jr, (Frankford) 1st Vice Pres, made the following committee appointment for the year 1989-90:

FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Ronald Marvel (Seaford) Chairman
William J. Quillen (Millville)
John Wingate (Bridgeville)
Jeffrey T. Elliott (Dagsboro)
Robert H. Yerkes, Jr. (Houston)
Lawrence Dixon (Marydel)
James H. Carson, Jr. (Clayton)
William Leslie III (Hartly)
Joseph Vattilana (Talleyville)
Terry VanHorn (Townsend)
Albert B. Cipollone, Jr. (Middletown)
William B. Matthews, Jr. (Aetna)

SCHOLARSHIP

George L. Kerr, Jr. (Minquas)
Co-Chairman
Kenneth McMahon (Christiana)
Co-Chairman
Charles Hall III (Delaware Cit)
Robert A. Powell (Millville)
J. Ralph Jefferson (Milton)
James F. Truitt, Jr. (So Bower)
Clarence R. O'Neal, Jr. (Clayt)

President King turned over correspondence, as indicated under correspondence, to various committees for action if necessary.

Mov-d by Ed Cline (Hockessin), seconded by Ray Krett (Goodwill). to assess the following organizations as indicated to help defray the expense of a 25th Anniversary for the State Fire School, motion further amended to add that any monies in excess will be returned to appropriate organizations - motion carried.

All Fire Companies	\$150
All Ladies Auxilaries	50
All Independent Ambulances	50

Jeffrey Eisenberry (Cheswold) again addressed the appointment of 911E Administrator on a statewide basis. President King commented on the possible appointment and expressed some of legislators' have shown concern to him on subject. After lengthy discussion moved by E. James Monihan (Lewes), seconded by Clarence R. O'Neal, Jr. (Clayto that President King appoint a committee to deal with situation if warranted before legislative adjourns June 30th - motion carried.

ALS committee requested a recess - President King granted a 10 minute recess to allow the counties to discuss the proposed ALS legislation with their delegates.

LAW & LEGISLATIVE: John Mitchell (Elsmere) reporting. Discussed various bills he has been working for the DVFA, copy of his report on front table for all concerned.

Moved by Walton Johnson (Frankford), seconded by E. James Monihan (Lewes) that the DVFA pursue obtaining tax emption status under Section 501c(3), Question by Paul Neeman (Harrington), Past DVFA Secretary, he stated that he received the tax exemption while he was Secretary. Joe Hojnicky, Sr (Minquadale), seconded by Ray Krett (Goodwill) to amended motion to check records to make sure we do not have exemption already. Vote on amendment - motion carried. Vote on original motion, as amended, - motion carried.

President King recognized Marie Moore, President State Ladies Aux, who brought greetings from the Ladies Auxiliaries and then introduced her guests.

Harry Warner (Talleyville) reported on 800 meg. meeting with

Telecommunication Committee, meeting presented good feelings with all concerned. It appears that the complete implementation of system is approximately 5 years (this will be a complete statewide communication system) New Castle implementation will be approximately 2 years.

Larry Sipple (Felton), Co-Chairman 1989 Convention, reported on some errors in agenda and stated same will be corrected.

Moved by George Kerr (Minquas), seconded by John Mitchell (Elsmere), that DVFA support the burn center in Sussex County first and with one in New Castle to follow - motion carried.

Moved by John Mitchell (Elsmere), seconded by Dave Chillas (Middleton) to support HB 262, which will allow Paramedics to pronounce a person dead - so carried.

Mark Strecker (Elsmere) reported on ALS Paramedic Statewide System Committee meeting. Rep Bruce Ennis will submit Senate Substitute Bill #1 to encompass changes that will satisfy DVFA. Joe Hojnicky, (Minquadale), seconded by Larry Mergenthaler (Mill Creek), to accept recommendation of Committee and support Senate Substitute Bill #1 - motion carried. (vote was not unanimous). President King spoke on need for unity in our endeavors and thanked ALS Committee for their work. Lengthy discussion on unanimous vote and the need of a roll call vote. Norman Tate (Seaford), Pres Sussex County Vol Firemen Assoc, asked for a short recess to rediscuss situation with members of his county.

After recess, moved by Norman Tate (Seaford), seconded by E. James Monihan (Lewes) that the letter supporting Senate Substitute Bill #1 show it was an unanimous vote - motion carried.

BILLS: Al Metheny, DVFA Treasurer, discussed his report and also stated that the loans through state agency is finalized, letter on same for distribution. Moved by James Cabbage (Clayton), Director Kent County, seconded by Charles Franpton (Brandywine Hundred) to pay bills totalling \$53,195.54 - motion carried.

GOOD OF ASSOCIATION: Morris King (Hartly) reported on "Pull Tab Bingo: legislation which has passed, information on implementation of same will be forthcoming.

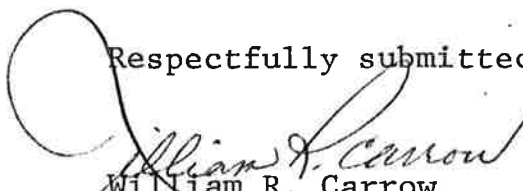
Bob Romig (Five Points) asked that anyone who will be receiving awards be sure they are present at Luncheon on Friday in Hartly.

Moved by Charles Franpton (Brandywine Hundred), seconded by Morris King (Hartly), to adjourn - motion carried.

Benediction by Allen Metheny (Hartly), DVFA Treasurer.

Adjournment at 12:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


WILLIAM R. Carrow
Secretary.