

OFFICER'S MEETING - D.V.F.A. - FEBRUARY 18, 1991

Meeting was called to order by President Edwin Barlow in the Clayton Fire Station at 7:45 P.M.

Following were present - Edwin Barlow, George Diamond, Elmer Steele, William Carrow, Allen Metheny, James Cabbage, Harry Warner, Ray Krett, Norman Armendt, Fred Jester, David Paul, Walter Lamon, Hal Barber, Robert Sweetman, Frank King, William Matthews, Jr., A.I. Guessford, Bruce Durante, Bob Faires, Jon Townley, Jon Cottrell, John Mitchell, and Joann Sweetman.

President Barlow commented on the Legislative Night at the DAFB Officer Club and its apparent success, he did, however, stress the need for a committee to handle invitations and to insure no one is left out.

"Ike" Guessford was called upon to report on the 501 c (3) tax exempt status and the need for an amendment to our charter. Due to the time deadline it will not be feasible to wait for the meeting on March 3rd, to effect the change. Moved by Harry Warner (Talleyville), seconded by Ray Krett (Goodwill) to approve the amendment change and to take the necessary action to effect same - so carried.

President Barlow updated the meeting on the 800 Mhz Statewide Communication System and with added comments from Harry Warner, it was stressed the importance of all concerned to attend or have representation at the workshop to be held on Wednesday, February 27, 1991 at the Dover Fire Station at 7:30 P.M.

President addressed the rally held earlier this date at Legislative Hall in Dover. The representation of the Volunteer Fire Service in Delaware was tremendous and the patriotism displayed was most gratifying to be a part of. Moved by Robert Sweetman (Aetna), seconded by James Cabbage (Clayton) to write a letter thanking the Smyrna Fire Company Band for their part in the rally - so carried.

William Matthews, Jr. Chairman of the DVFA Fire Prevention Committee, addressed the meeting concerning the rebate of fire prevention monies to the various companies. This year's total exceeds the amount that has been allocated for refund. A decision will have to be made at the meeting of the Committee on February 24, 1991 at DSFS - cuts in the monies will have to be made, Matthews just wants to make the DVFA aware of the situation.

John Mitchell (Elsmere) updated the meeting on pending bills in the State Legislation; i.e. Seat Belt Bill, Training of bar tenders, License Plate Bill for firefighters and auxiliary members were all discussed.

Rev David Paul reported on the CISM program - all counties have now received \$500 operating monies out of the \$13,000 originally appropriated for the program. Report also made on cost of new Chaplain uniforms (complete with badges) approximately \$350.00 each. It was approved at the meeting in December, 1990 to purchase 3 such uniforms.

Moved by Robert Sweetman (Aetna), seconded by Harry Warner (Talleyville), to send a letter of thanks to the Clayton Fire Company and its Auxiliary for their hospitality this evening - so carried.

James Cabbage spoke on the need for some Convention Guidelines with authority, and a handbook that could be used by all who host the Convention and in this way eliminate some of the problems in recent years.

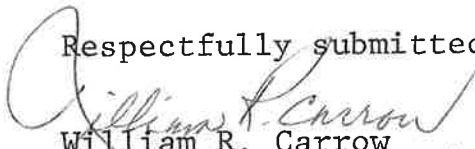
Cabbage also addressed a problem with correspondence in that some committees dispatch correspondence and the Officers and/or Directors are not aware of - Pres Barlow will address the problem.

Moved by James Cabbage (Clayton), seconded by Harry Warner (Talleyville), to purchase business cards for all Officers - so carried. Pres Barlow directed that Ray Krett and Jim Cabbage work with the Secretary on this program.

Moved by Harry Warner (Talleyville), seconded by Ray Krett (Goodwill) to adjourn - so carried.

Adjournment at 10:30 P.O.

Respectfully submitted,


William R. Carrow
Secretary.