



**DVFA Officers Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2017
Brandywine Hundred (Sta. 11)
18:30 hours**

DVFA ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President Ted Walius	(X)	Past Pres./Director Anthony Guzzo	(X)
1 st Vice President Rich Perillo	(X)	Sussex Clayton Yocum	(X)
2 nd Vice President Bill Betts	(X)	Sussex Director Charlie Arnold	(X)
Secretary Elmer Steele	(X)	New Castle Director Dan Carrier	(X)
Treasurer Allen Metheny	(X)	New Castle Director Keith Bowman	(X)
Assistant Treasurer George Pyott	(X)	Kent Director Ken Ryder	(X)
Executive Manager Warren Jones	(X)	Kent Director Allan Post	(X)

Address of Welcome by President Walius:

- President Walius welcomed everyone to Brandywine Hundred for the meeting.
- Invocation by Treasurer J. Allen Metheny
- Pledge to the American Flag
- Adjourned for dinner
- Reconvened the meeting and thanked the ladies for the meal

GREETINGS FROM ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS:

LADVFA: 1st Vice President Lynn Warner: The Ladies Association will be doing a lot of things this year to honor President Lois Pearson. A special shirt in her honor, the luncheon on Thursday was her choices before her passing and Greenwood will display their antique on the front pad at Dover Downs in her memory. Greenwood ladies will be participating in several events during the Conference.

DSFCA: President Terry Jester: Next meeting for the State Chief's will be March 23rd at Sta. 87, Seaford. Had a slight problem with the speaker for that meeting, but have been able to find a replacement. Will be giving special recognition to some civilians for their part in saving lives that they learned during fire prevention and the various school programs.

DSFPA: President Marty Redington: They recently had their 55th Anniversary banquet at Modern Maturity in Dover. They are working on some new training programs

through the fire school. A committee has been formed to review the possibility of moving the Conference Fire Police banquet to another location. Will honor the Dover Downs contract for 2017. Discussed accountability and issues with responding to calls.

DSEMSA: 1st Vice President Amy Yonko: Their next meeting will be March 29th at the Fire school in Dover.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President Ted Walius: Has been very busy. Working on financial issues to include, the budget, travel expenses and car policy to name a few concerns. His Grand Marshal for the parade will be Chief Jack Cannon of the Bridgeville Fire Co.

1st Vice President Rich Perillo: Talked about the Special Olympics, Over the Edge to be held on May 9th in New Castle. He would like to see the rest of the State become involved in this event. He discussed the motion that was made regarding the number of DVFA Officers that are allowed to travel to various events. This needs to be reviewed. We are asking our member companies to send at least 4 per company to CFSI, but the DVFA can only send 3. Vice President Perillo stated that he is giving up the FDIC trip, so that Executive Manager Warren Jones can go in his place. That way the DVFA is only paying for the 3 allotted per the motion at Conference.

2nd Vice President Bill Betts: Stated that he would not be at the March Executive meeting due to a scheduling/meeting conflict with the EDIAFC. He stated that there will be no expense to the DVFA since EDIAFC was picking up all expenses for the trip. He asked that the next Officers meeting be re-scheduled to May 25th at Sta. 49, Frederica. ***Motion made and seconded to accept the date change.***

Vice President reiterated the fact that the DVFA needs to send Officers to various events. We are a well-known organization and we need to keep it that way.

Secretary Elmer Steele: Applied for and received a full scholarship to attend the NVFC 2017 Training summit in June at Myrtle Beach. There will be no expense to the DVFA for this trip. So with that being said, he has asked Executive Manager Jones to take the minutes for the June Executive meeting in his absence.

Treasurer Allen Metheny: A revised trophy list, with proposed sponsors has been prepared. Will be transferring a little over \$2 million on Wednesday for the pension fund. Need to realign our budget process, so the budget can be adopted at the June meeting and take effect on July 1. Copies of the account balances, NVFC annual report and NVFC strategic plan were passed out to everyone.

Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission Chairman Dave Roberts: Commission has 2 new employees helping with the work load. Traffic fine money was released recently. Just over \$1 million this time. Ballistic vest money is still being worked on. Only got 9 responses back from the survey that was sent out.

Conference Chairman Jon Stevenson: Room contracts are out and are due back. Several have not been returned. Make sure your contract reflects your proper nights of stay. (Friday night) Logo is available, if anyone needs it. The exploratory committee will recommend at the June Executive meeting to not have any free bars at conference, cash bars only and to do away with the parade. These decisions will be made by the membership and not the conference committee. President Walius stated that he had talked with Lynn Rogers regarding the problems with the shadow boxes during the Memorial service. He stated that Lynn will remove the blinds and replace them with a black drape that can be flipped over the top. He also talked to Lynn about the cost to transport, clean and store the boxes and banners. It was felt that the price was in line with the work that is done.

Mutual Relief Chairman Steve White: Happy to report that all members are paid up this year. They are reviewing how their annual report is put together and plan to make some revisions to make it easier to understand.

Assistant Treasurer George Pyott: Questioned who was to do the budget? Do you want the budget committee to do it or the Finance Oversight committee? President Walius stated that since the Finance committee was still in place, that they will be instructed to have a budget ready for the June meeting.

Director reports:

Past President/ Director Anthony Guzzo: No report at this time

Sussex County Director Clay Yocum: No report. Director Arnold will give a report.

Sussex County Director Charles Arnold: Discussed the civilian recognition program. The local fire prevention programs are doing a great job with the kids and it is showing with the 2 recent saves in Sussex County. A committee has been appointed in Sussex to look at creating a Junior Association to get younger folks involved. A big discussion took place regarding the Bethany Beach issue. Lots of comments and suggestions, but still no clear cut idea on how to solve staffing/funding issues for them or any other company within the State.

Next County meeting is tomorrow night at Sta. 73, Dagsboro.

New Castle County Director Dan Carrier: Nothing at this time.

New Castle County Director Keith Bowman: Keith gave out several upcoming dates for meetings with County and State officials; 3/1 survivors program, 2/28 County Exec, 3/2 Insurance Commissioner, etc. 1st Vice President Dave Majewski was also in attendance.

Kent County Director Ken Ryder: Nothing at this time

Kent County Director Allan Post: Working on fire safety programs. Held their annual appreciation night last week in Felton.

Executive Manager Warren Jones:

- Symposium: March 11th at Atlantic Sands in Rehoboth. 84 registered as of today
- Georgetown EMS: Requesting Associate membership. Will research
- JFC Hearing: Looking at Grant in Aid funds, ballistic vest funding, revolving loan increase, R&R with fixed funding, etc.
- CFSI: 52 registered so far
- Bond Bill hearing: March 1 at 11:30 AM
- CVVFA: April 1, 2 is their spring meeting at Sta. 80, Indian River. Information is on their web site. Their convention is August 3-6 in McConnellsburg, PA ***Motion made and seconded to purchase a full page ad in their convention book***

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 20:40 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Elmer B. Steele

Elmer B. Steele, Secretary

Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Assoc.

Attest to and approved by: Executive Manager Warren Jones

President Ted Walius