



**DVFA Officers Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 2017
Frederica (Sta. 49)
18:30 hours**

President Ted Walius called the meeting to order at 18:35 hours. Invocation was given by Treasurer J. Allen Metheny. Pledge to the flag was led by President Walius.

- Recessed for dinner
- Reconvened the meeting and thanked the ladies for the meal
- President Walius welcomed everyone to Frederica for the meeting.
- All Officers in attendance, except New Castle Director Bowman and Kent Director Post

GREETINGS FROM ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS:

LADVFA: 1st Vice President Lynn Warner stated that she has replaced Vickie Ford with Carol Walton on the DVFA Foundation. Lynn asked about replacing Virginia Yeager as Secretary for the Conference. The Conference committee will address this.

DSFCA: President Terry Jester stated that they had just completed an outstanding Conference in Rehoboth for the EDIAFC. Terry discussed the Mansion Fire that took the lives of 6 people in Arundel County, due to a “dry” Christmas tree that was 67 days old. Next meeting for the State Chief’s will be June 22nd at Sta. 50, Harrington. Expo will start at 3:00 PM and meeting at 6:30 PM.

DSFPA: President Marty Redington: Absent

DSEMSA: President Matt Gajdos: Absent

OFFICER REPORTS:

President Ted Walius:

- Discussed things that took place at CFSI. Met with our Congressional delegation.
- Discussed things that took place at FDIC. Attended opening ceremonies and various seminars during the week.
- Discussed the EDIAFC Conference. Great speakers.
- Talked about getting companies to up-date their delegate/alternate list. Need to get them completed and back to the office ASAP.

1st Vice President Rich Perillo:

- Discussed CFSI.
- Rich did not attend FDIC.
- Congratulated Bill Betts on his year as EDIAFC President.
- Talked about the parade issues that need answers; judges, tents, permits, porta-potties, food beverage and other necessary items to host a parade.
- Officers and Conference committee met with Dover Downs to discuss 2017 and 2018 contracts. We have signed contracts which obligate us to certain expenditures.
- Recruitment & Retention; Does anyone know how the companies did on May 20th regarding the State wide open houses?? Was this a worthwhile event??
- Sub grant: Would like to see information posted on the web site as to who received DVFA sub grants, how much they received and what it will be used for.
- Lot of old material on the web site that needs to be removed.
- Committee list: Do we really need to meet to do committee list? Can't this be done by e-mail and save travel time??
- Special Olympics: Would like to see this Association support this event with an annual donation of \$500.00 starting this year.

2nd Vice President Bill Betts:

- This has been a whirlwind 3 months for him and continues to be a learning experience.
- Attended CFSI and met with our Congressional delegation.
- Attended a dinner hosted by the Western Division of the IAFC.
- Really startled by the cost of rooms at the Hilton.
- Attended FDIC opening ceremonies and seminars. Also attended a dinner with Provident on Wednesday night and their open house event on Friday night. Also attended MSA street party on Thursday night.
- Finishing up as President of the EDIAFC, along with his duties as DVFA 2nd Vice President.
- He attended most of the events as the President and 1st Vice President.

Secretary Elmer Steele:

- Just to reiterate, I applied for and received a full scholarship to attend the NVFC 2017 Training summit on June 8-11, 2017 at Myrtle Beach. There will be no expense to the DVFA for this trip. Executive Manager Jones will cover for me and take the minutes for the June Executive meeting in my absence.
- Wish you a productive meeting in June.

Treasurer Allen Metheny:

- Allen stated that one of the R&R sub grant checks is missing, so he will cancel that check re-write another one. By the way, it was Hartly's check.
- He will be working with the budget committee to prepare a budget for presentation for the June meeting.
- He requested an audit to be done by October, since he is leaving office this year.
- Stated that the computer that he is using is 8 years old and suggested that a new computer be purchased for the new Treasurer.

DVFA Attorney Bill Preston:

- Bill was here to discuss the IRS and taxable income that has become a recent issue. It appears that the IRS is auditing fire companies and ladies auxiliaries regarding income from hall rentals, bartender tips, the way you advertise your hall, record keeping and a host of other issues. Bill stated that he is not a tax attorney and said that we should consult a tax attorney to get better answers on the IRS questions. After some discussion, with input from the ladies, *a motion was made by Rich Perillo and seconded by Dan Carrier to authorize our attorney (Bill Preston) to consult a tax attorney to work on the IRS issues in front of us. Motion carried*

Conference Chairman Jon Stevenson:

- Jon stated that everything has been completed for the HOTS training this year. The HOTS committee will partner with the DSFS and use the new Live Fire/Flashover Simulator at the school. The DSFS, with the help of the Executive Manager will work together to get the registration forms on the web site.
- Jon stated that most all forms are now posted. The remainder will be posted shortly. Cut-off date is August 8th for the men and July 15th for the ladies.
- He talked about room contracts and room assignments with cut-off dates.
- Jon talked about the meeting that was held last week between the Officers, committee and Dover Downs to discuss the 2017 and 2018 contracts. We have certain cost in these contracts that we must meet regarding food and beverage cost or we will face penalties.
- A committee needs to be appointed to review the direction this association is going in the future regarding the conference.

Mutual Relief Chairman Steve White:

- Should have a new quote for coverage and pricing ready for the conference meeting.
- This will probably be the last year for discounts on your policy.

DVFA Foundation Steve Austin:

- Steve stated that Carol Walton has been appointed to serve on the foundation board.
- Letters and refund checks were sent to the 55 companies, associations and organizations that gave money to the foundation for the monument program.
- Virginia Yeager made a sizable donation to the foundation before her death.
- Steve gave the out of state coordinator report. Several events coming up. If you want to attend, see him for more info; June 19 is MSFS in Ocean City, August 4 is CVVFA in McConnellsburg, August 24-26 is West Virginia, September 21-23 is Pennsylvania

Director reports:

Past President/ Director Anthony Guzzo:

- Tony discussed the VCOS West Symposium. This event is limited to 250 people, but is really worth going to.

Sussex County Director Clay Yocum:

- Been a busy 2 year.
- Currently serving as President of the Del-Mar-Va Association.

Sussex County Director Charles Arnold:

- Next Sussex meeting is June 27 at Sta. 72, Bridgeville.
- Reported that Clay Yocum got the nomination from Sussex County for DVFA 2nd Vice President position.
- Sussex County Firefighter's Association has partnered with Columbia Southern University as a corporate partner. No cost to the association.
- FDIC; Check out the opening video by Bobby Halton. Great to see.
- Sussex is working on a Junior Association program.

New Castle County Director Dan Carrier:

- Dan reiterated what Tony had said about the VCOS West Symposium. Great event.
- Dan asked for the feeling of the group regarding making John Fox a President Emeritus of the DVFA. Some discussion, no decision. Dan said that it would come up at the June meeting.

Kent County Director Ken Ryder:

- Next Kent County meeting will be June 22st at Sta. 44 Citizen's Hose of Smyrna.

Executive Manager Warren Jones:

- Warren discussed the following items under his report;
- JFC Grant in Aid and leg hall updates
- SB35
- EMT license plate
- Delaware Park Firefighter Day
- June 30th last day of session
- NFFF – Busses for Emmitsburg
- HOTS Training – Partner with Fire School
- SAFER Grant – Expires on 7/11/2017
- Federal legislation reference to SAFER grants
- On a personal note – Will be having knee surgery in July

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 20:45 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