



**DVFA Officers Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2016
Farmington Fire Co. (Sta. 47)
18:30 hours**

DVFA ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President Joseph Zeroles	(X)	Past Pres./Director Richard Toulson	()
1 st Vice President Ted Walius	(X)	Kent Director Glenn Gillespie	()
2 nd Vice President Richard Perillo	(X)	Kent Director Earle Dempsey	()
Secretary Elmer Steele	(X)	Sussex Clayton Yocum	(X)
Treasurer J. Allen Metheny	(X)	Sussex Director Ron O'Neal	(X)
Executive Manager Warren Jones	(X)	New Castle Director Dan Carrier	(X)
		New Castle Director Les Warrick	()

Also in attendance;

LADVFA President Mary Frances Eisenbrey
LADVFA 1st Vice President Lois Pearson
LADVFA 2nd Vice President Lynn Warner
Conference Chairman John McKenzie
Assistant Treasurer George Pyott
Jeff Dennison
Bill Betts

President State EMS Assoc. Jennifer Knox
Kent County 1st Vice President Allan Post
Mutual Relief Chairman Steve White
Fire Commission Chairman Dave Roberts
Foundation Chairman Steve Austin
Jeff Eisenbrey
Les McCourt

Meeting was called to order at 19:00 hours by President Zeroles. Invocation was given by Treasurer Allen Metheny. All joined in for the pledge to the flag.

Recessed for dinner at 19:05, served by the Farmington Ladies. Reconvened the meeting at 19:45

President Zeroles thanked everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to be here tonight. Recognized the Farmington ladies for a fine meal.

ASSOCIATIONS GREETINGS AND REMARKS:

LADVFA: President Mary Frances Eisenbrey: Thanks for the recognition. Greetings from the Ladies Association. 1st Vice President Pearson and 2nd Vice President Warner are also in attendance

DSFCA: President Phil Pennington: (absent) Director Jeff Dennison reported that the Officers would be meeting Thursday night to sign their contract with Cheswold.

DSFPA: President Alvin Schmick: (absent) Jeff Dennison reported that their numbers for Conference are up a little.

DSEMSA: President Jennifer Knox: Greetings from the EMS Association. Allan Post stated that the numbers for the CEU classes are down this year, due to the new standards.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President Joe Zeroles:

- Thanked everyone for coming tonight
- Numbers for the Conference are looking pretty good
- The 3 Presidents attended the Virginia Convention last week

1st Vice President Ted Walius:

- For the record, **“Yes, I am ready”**
- Attended Virginia Convention last week. Much different than what we have

2nd Vice President Richard Perillo:

- Thanks to everyone for their hard work

Secretary Elmer Steele:

- Working on Conference issues and minor problems
- Major problem this year on getting final numbers
- Some new people on committees is part of the problem. No guidance

Treasurer Allen Metheny:

- Need to proceed with the proposed trophy list
- Just completed FY17' budget
- Would like to have a letter from this Association, nominating and supporting him for another 2 year term as Secretary/Treasurer of NVFC. *Motion by Allan Post and seconded by Clay Yocum to send a letter to NVFC nominating and supporting Allen for the 2 year Secretary/Treasurer position*
- Allen brought up an issue regarding the equalization money for Kent and Sussex Counties. Apparently the State is not using the correct formula to calculate the funding and over the past 3 years we are about \$900,000.00 short of what should have been received. This issue needs to be addressed.

Fire Commission Dave Roberts:

- Received \$50,000.00 for ballistic vests. Will come up with a way to disperse these funds very soon
- Tom DiCristofaro and Alan Robinson terms as Commissioners are up. They have both expressed a desire to serve another term and will be re-appointed.

Conference Chairman John McKenzie:

- Several bumps in the road this year
- Chief's dinner/meeting contract will be signed on Thursday
- South Lot for pre-judging is not available. Looking for an alternate spot
- All seminars are a go. Will take walk-ins now
- Souvenirs are in. He showed samples of each item

Mutual Relief Chairman Steve White:

- Meeting on Thursday night to review the policy for the upcoming year
- Looking forward to Conference
- Delegates/Alternates need to be present to vote on the new policy

DVFA Foundation Steve Austin:

- Steve reported that they have until 8/31 to apply for their usual grant from Mid-Del. Should be no problem in meeting that time frame.
- The foundation will award a scholarship this year, since they have some extra money that needs to be used

Out-of-State Coordinator Steve Austin:

- Unable to attend West Virginia Convention
- Did attend Virginia Convention
- Planning to attend Pennsylvania Convention

Directors:

Past President/ Director Rich Toulson:

- (absent)

Kent County Director Glenn Gillespie:

- (absent)

Kent County Director Earle Dempsey:

- (absent)
- 1st Vice President Allan Post reported that Kent County is working on their fire prevention packets and will be taking them to the schools very soon

Sussex County Director Clay Yocum:

- Looking forward to Conference

Sussex County Director Ron O'Neal:

- Ron stated that the Sussex County meeting is tomorrow night at Millsboro
- Sussex is planning a financial workshop for Monday, August 29 at Millsboro to review issues that have come up recently with how the companies are handling their funds

New Castle County Director Dan Carrier:

- Dan congratulated President Zeroles on a great year
- Looking forward to working with the new Officers

New Castle County Director Les Warrick:

- (absent)

Executive Manager Warren Jones: (agenda items)

- Symposium 2017 will be held on March 11 at the Atlantic Sands in Rehoboth
- Will be developing a form for background checks
- HB 302 will be signed on August 31 at 11:00 AM at the AAA Building on the River Front in Wilmington
- Conference numbers are in your packets for your review
- R & R booth at the State Fair had 85 leads. Some were for the ladies
- Conference: Make sure your nomination letters from your individual companies are in to the office
- By-Law change regarding permanent conference committee. This will be voted on at Conference
- There is a list of times and places in your folder for the officers that should help them to be in the right places at the right times during Conference

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