

DVFA Officer's Meeting

February 19, 2013

Seaford Fire Company

President Boyer welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked the Seaford Ladies Auxiliary for the meal.

Chaplain, Reverend Robert Hudson, offered the invocation.

Greetings from Association Presidents

LADVFA: President Penny Rodimak (not in attendance)

DSFCA: President Glen Gillespie: Offered greetings from the State Chiefs, spoke about the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of Citizens Hose, Delaware City, and Aetna. Advised that the next State Chief's meeting would be on March 28<sup>th</sup>, at Ellendale. President Gillespie also spoke about the situation in the areas of Breezey Point, NY

DSFPA: President Dave Snell (not in attendance)

DSEMSA: President Ed Agwin was not in attendance but submitted a written report read by President Boyer. The report is attached to these minutes.

**President Boyer's Report:**

Executive Manager's Employment Agreement is up for renewal.

*Motion by Director Joe Zeroles, Second by Vice President Anthony Guzzo, to renew the employment agreement of the Executive Manager with the same terms as the last contract. Motion passed unanimously.*

Wake up Delaware Chairman: President Boyer advised that Tom Mitten has resigned as Wake up Delaware Chairman and he has appointed Paul Eichler as the new chairman and Joseph Mullen as the co-chair from New Castle County. The other co-chairs; Todd Riley and Jeff Dennison would remain the same.

Appointment to Gaming Commission: President Boyer has appointed Shirley Pennington from Bowers to the Gaming Commission filling the DVFA slot on the commission

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Richard Toulson:** Spoke about the upcoming CFSI 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner. He made a suggestion that the DVFA reduce the price from \$275.00 to \$250.00 for the first 250 people who registered for the dinner.

*Motion, by Vice President Toulson, Second by Vice President Anthony Guzzo to reduce the price from 275.00 to \$250.00 for the first 250 people who registered for the dinner. Motion carried unanimously.*

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Anthony Guzzo: no report at this time

Secretary, Elmer Steele: no report at this time

**Treasurer: Allen Metheny** spoke about the upcoming NVFC Meeting to be held in Washington in May. He also spoke on a meeting he and Executive Manager Warren Jones had on this date with Crawford Financial Services. After discussion about the meeting, he recommended we move the \$100,000.00 in the conference account to Crawford.

*Motion by Vice President Guzzo, Second by Director Dan Carrier to move the funds to Crawford Financial Services. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Conference Chairman, John McKenzie:** The Chairman reported on the planning for the upcoming conference. He reported on an issued on the Fire Police dinner and that the hotel has made a proposal to accommodate the Fire Police on Wednesday night along with the other two events that evening. That proposal will be discussed with the executive committee.

**Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission Chairman, Dave Roberts:** Reported that Marydel and Mid Sussex were both in default of filing their annual audit and have been requested to appear at the next commission meeting. He also reported that the fire prevention budget was shorted by \$21,100.00 for FY14 and they are starting to work on the Ambulance Regulations. He also mentioned they have received a request for a company to hire EMRs. Presently there is no guidance for this in the regulations.

**Mutual Relief Chairman, Joe Zeroles:** Chairman Zeroles informed the officers of the current status of the Mutual Relief Association and their considerations.

Executive Manager, Warren Jones: Reported on the following topics:

1. Office Email: Requested we change our email from Smarter Mail to Microsoft Exchange  
*Motion by Director John Pridemore, second by Director Dan Carrier to move our email account to Microsoft Exchange. Motion passed unanimously.*
2. Podium to CFSI. The CFSI has requested that we move the podium we have in Delaware to Washington for the seminars and the dinner. It was suggested that the executive manager contact the person who moved it last year for a free ticket to the dinner to see if he was interested in doing that again.

3. Justin Townsend name added to the monument and it's unveiling. The EM suggested we do the name unveiling on the date of the June Executive meeting.

*Motion by Director Todd Riley, second by Director Joe Zeroles that Justin Townsend's name unveiling be held on June 9, 2013 at 1300 hours. Motion carried unanimously.*

4. Chuck Evans Christmas Parade: The Executive Manager handed out a letter from Charles Evans with reference to a Toys for Tots Fire Truck Parade to benefit the Toys for Tots Campaign. The officers will review the letter and discuss it at the next officers meeting.
5. JFC: The Executive Manager discussed the presentation to the JFC and how we will need address the items in our presentation.
6. HB 21 & HB 22: The Executive Manager discussed HB21 and HB22 and the changes that have been made. He said he was comfortable with the two bills and hoped that they would be approved by the DVFA.
7. Excess Equipment: The Executive Manager discussed the U. S. Government Excess Equipment program and how it will be handled through the State Forestry Service.
8. Bingo: The Executive Manager discussed his involvement with the LADVFA and their quest to have the Bingo regulations changed. He reported he will be attending a public hearing with the LADVFA on March 28, 2013.
9. Norfolk Southern: The Executive Manager discussed the meeting he attended on February 6<sup>st</sup> and the upcoming meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup> in New Castle County with reference to the increase in railroad train traffic coming into the Delaware City Refinery.
10. Omnibus School Safety Act of 2012: The Executive Manager discussed this act and handed the officers a copy of the synopsis. He reported that the Governor has up-graded the time table to 2 years instead of the original 5 years.
11. Fire Prevention at Dover International: The Executive Manager reported on an email from the Maryland Fire Marshal's Office with reference to setting up a large tent in the Fan Zone for the September NASCAR Race and asked the DVFA to partner with them in this fire prevention event. The executive manage will develop more information and report back at the next officer's meeting.

12. BDA List: The Executive Manager reported on the SIEC (State Inoperability Executive Council) that he serves on for the fire service and in particular the current items the committee is working on with reference to Bi-Directional Antennas.
13. DEMRS: The Executive Manager discussed and handed out the DEMRS non-disclosure statement. He advised that the DVFA Attorney had reviewed the statement and made two recommendations which were accepted by OEMS.
14. Delaware Safety Council: The Executive Manager distributed a email from the Delaware Safety Council with reference to defensive driving courses.
15. Slot Machine Gambling Bill: The Executive Manager discussed the upcoming legislation for Slot Machines and what the DVFA's approach would be.
16. Rep. Kenton's Letter: The Executive Manager discussed a letter that was passed on to him by Rep. Kenton.
17. Recruitment Website: The Executive Manager discussed and distributed a hand out on the success of the new Recruitment Website.
18. Recruitment promotion: The Executive Manager discussed holding a state wide open house for recruitment similar to what the State of New York does. It was decided to look at doing this in the spring and to develop more information from FASNY on the successes of their program.
19. BLS Annual Financial Report: The Executive Manager distributed the new BLS Financial report developed by the commission
20. Boundary Dispute: The Executive Manager discussed a possible DVFA involvement in a Boundary Dispute in Sussex County.
21. Governors Prayer Breakfast: The Executive Manager discussed the breakfast and if the DVFA will be attending this year as it has in the past.

*Motion by Ted Walius, Second by Joe Zeroles, that the DVFA Purchase a table of 10 for \$200.00 to attend the breakfast. Motion passed unanimously.*

Directors Reports:

John Pridemore reported on the Kent County Funding initiative for the Kent County Fire Companies.

There were no other director reports.

Meeting adjourned at 2100 hours.

Minutes recorded by:

Warren F. Jones  
Executive Manager

Attest by:

Elmer B. Steele  
Secretary