

DVFA Officer's Meeting
November 30, 2016
Ellendale Fire Company

Welcome by President Walius at 1830 hours.

Invocation by Rev. Charles Arnold

Moment of Silence for LADVFA President Lois Pearson

Pledge to the American Flag

Adjourned for dinner

Association Reports:

LADVFA: 1st Vice President Lynn Warner

Talked about the passing of President Lois Pierson and that they will do their best.

DSFCA: President Terry Jester

Send a bio today on Ted Lowden who will be the speaker for the next Chiefs meeting. Spoke about the ongoing issues with Milton FD and the Milton PD.

DSFPA: President Marty Redington (not present)

DSEMSA: President Matt Gajdos

Thanked President Walius for the recognition.

President, Ted Walius Report:

Has been a very busy time. Reported on meetings he has attended. Gave a report on VOCS, the seminars attended, and the meeting with Ron Siarnicki. Also spoke about Delmarva Power's donation of smoke detectors and the 6 pallets of smoke detectors we received from Amazon. He brought up the reappointing of Bill Walton, Jr. to NFPA Ambulance Standards Committee. Bill was reappointed by the President.

1st Vice President, Richard Perillo:

Spoke about the email to all Chiefs and Presidents from the DVFA office on smoke detectors. He also reported on the Fund Raising Calendar that he had been working on with a radio station. He also asked questions about the Mid Del Charitable donation for scholarship. He would like suggest that the Treasurer's report for the Executive Meeting be sent to the officers and President of the Fire Companies prior to the executive meeting. He then spoke about the VCOS seminar and the great seminars and networking that is accomplished at this event.

Agenda was recessed to hold a conference call with DVFA Attorney Bill Preston, with reference to his review of the DVFA and LADVFA bylaws after the loss of an association President. Bill Preston came on the conference call to answer questions about his letter. At the conclusion of the call, Bill recommended that both associations consider updating their bylaws. The letter is attached to these minutes.

2nd Vice President, Bill Betts:

Reported on the PA Conference he attended. He also his attendance to VCOS on the IAFC ticket. He spoke about the programs he attended and the networking at the event, especially the cancer panel discussion. VCOS has probably 10 times the networking as other events.

Secretary: Elmer Steele (on vacation)

Treasurer, Allen Metheny:

Reported on his meeting with Financial Committee. He has prepared a budget for the next conference. He spoke about an issue with the Protocol Updates. Commission Chairman Roberts answered the protocol question.

Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission Chairman, Dave Roberts:

Reported on the Financial Survey that was sent out. They are due on December 2. Only half have filled them out and responded back. The red light funds amount are \$713,236 as of this month.

Conference Chairman, Jon Stevenson

Contract for 2018 is being worked on. Menus are due by the end of January. Conference logo is done. Executive meeting on the November 7, went very well. Next meeting is Monday, December 5.

Mutual Relief, Steve White

Reported on the MRA meeting last night. He also reported the MRA, after the insurance payments are made, will have around \$650,000. He also reported that they were losing money and that if interest rates don't go back they will have to cut items. He mentioned that Provident has a suicide prevention phone number available to anyone.

DVFA Foundation: Steve Austin, not present

Directors Reports:

Anthony Guzzo, no report

Clay Yocum, reported on the Chiefs Annual December Meeting at Dagsboro's old station.

Charles Arnold, reported on the Roxana program with IRHS. He also spoke about the Bethany Beach situation and committee he has assembled and their responsibilities to work with Bethany.

Dan Carrier, Agreed with Richard on fire company presidents receiving the Treasurer's report prior to the executive meeting.

Les Warrick, reported this would be his last meeting as President of the NCCVFA. It has been a pleasure to work with everyone appreciated all the help from up and down the state. He also agreed with the comments of the group on VCOS.

Ken Ryder, Kent County Fire Prevention Awards program is this Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 pm at Bowers.

Alan Post: Not present

Executive Manager: Warren Jones

Reported on the Symposium, March 11, Atlantic Sands. Asked the opinion of changing the date for the next executive because of the symposium being the day before. After reviewing the bylaws it specifies the day of the executive meeting. If a member of the executive committee wishes to bring it up on the floor it can be changed. Brought up about taking an ad in the EDIAFC program book.

Motion by Dan Carried, second by Ken Ryder to take a full page ad for \$175.00, Motion passed.

Next, was the letter from Hartly asking for the DVFA to appoint a committee to work with the sprinkler coalition committee on having legislation passed to require residential sprinklers in new homes. The Executive Manager spoke about the last sprinkler bill and the difficulties of getting it through at that time. The discussion from the members present continued. It was decided the table officers would decide the best way to proceed and answer Hartly's letter.

Note: Prior to the meeting there was a meeting held with the DVFA officers and directors with Commission Chairman Dave Roberts, with reference to the Ballistic Vest money received from the JFC. Many options were discussed. The following motion was made at the regular officer's meeting.

Motion by Richard Perillo, second by Ken Ryder to have the commission send a survey out to the ambulance companies to see who would be interested in the vests. Once the commission has the results, to divide the money equally by the interested companies. Motion passed.

Motion by Richard Perillo, second by Dan Carrier to send \$200.00 to the Greenwood Fire Company in memory of Lois Pearson. Motion passed.

Motion by Allen Metheny, second by Bill Betts to adjourn the meeting at 2031 hours.

Recorded by Warren Jones, Executive Manager