

DVFA Officers meeting
Monday, August 25, 2014
Seaford (Sta. 87)
6:30 PM

Dinner was held at 6:15 PM on the lawn of Past President Ron Marvel's residence. Those in attendance enjoyed grilled steaks with all the trimmings. Once dinner was completed, everyone made their way to the Seaford Fire Hall for the meeting, which started at 7:30 PM.

DVFA ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President Rich Toulson	(x)	Sussex County Director Ted Walius	(x)
1 st Vice President Anthony Guzzo	(x)	Sussex County Director Jay Jones	(x)
2 nd Vice President Joe Zeroles	(x)	New Castle County Director Lynn Truitt	(x)
Secretary Elmer Steele	(x)	New Castle County Director Dan Burris	(x)
Treasurer Allen Metheny	(x)	Kent County Director Glenn Gillespie	(x)
Asst. Treasurer George Pyott	(x)	Kent County Director Harold Brode	()
Executive Manager Warren Jones	(x)	Past Pres./Director Charles Frampton	(x)

Also in attendance;

LADVFA President Saralee Stevens	State Fire Police President John Hall
LADVFA 1 st Vice President Karen Majewski	DVFA Conference Chair John Stevenson
LADVFA 2 nd Vice Pres. Mary Frances Eisenbrey	DVFA Pres. Emeritus Lou Amabili
DVFA Chaplain Bob Hudson	Hockessin President Dan Carrier
Sussex 1 st Vice President Steve Deery	Fire Commission Chairman Dave Roberts
Kent County 1 st Vice President Ken Ryder	Fire Commission Ron Marvel
New Castle 1 st Vice President Wally Poppe	

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Toulson. Pledge to the flag was given by Dan Burris. President Toulson thanked Seaford for hosting this meeting and thanked the men and the ladies for the delicious meal.

LADVFA: President Saralee Stevens

- Thanked President Toulson for a great year. Appreciate having the ladies involved with the DVFA activities this year.

DSFCA: President Joe Morris

- Absent

DSFPA: President John Hall

- Thanked President Toulson for a great year. Appreciate having the Fire Police involved with the DVFA activities this year.

DSEMSA: President Sean Humphreys

- Absent

Officer Reports:

President Rich Toulson:

- President Toulson will give a detailed report later in the meeting.

1st Vice President Anthony Guzzo:

- 1st Vice President Guzzo thanked everyone for a successful year. Looking forward to the coming year.

2nd Vice President Joe Zeroles:

- 2nd Vice President Zeroles thanked everyone for their support during the past year. Looking forward to the coming year also.

Secretary Elmer Steele:

- Secretary Steele thanked everyone for their help and support this past year. A special thanks to Warren and Melissa for their help as we have been working on the Conference.

Treasurer Allen Metheny:

- Treasurer Metheny brought up several questions that he assumes will be addressed before we leave here tonight; 9 recommendations from the parade awards committee, Dress code for opening ceremonies (coat & tie), Dress code for installation (uniform), Moving of the DVFA monument, Making the Conference committee a permanent committee like other States are doing. President Toulson said that all of these questions were on his list, but he would address the monument question now. The Legislative Council of the General Assembly has approved the conceptional placing of the DVFA monument on the North side of Legislative Mall and our monument can be no larger than the State Police monument that is close by. The committee needs to come up with a final plan and a proposal on how to fund the cost of this project. It was stated that there was some talk of a lot of work and materials being donated. This needs to be put into a final plan, with a total cost, so it can be presented to the membership. A notice will be sent out to all Companies/Departments advising them of what has taken place thus far and that a vote will be taken at Conference on the conception of the move.

Conference Chairman John Stevenson:

- Chairman Stevenson stated that Conference is 2 weeks away. Things are looking pretty good, even though paperwork for the various events has been coming in real slow this year. There have been 2 seminars cancelled due to lack of registrations. Please attend the various events, visit the vendors, purchase your souvenirs and have a good time.

Fire Commission Chairman Dave Roberts:

- Chairman Roberts stated that the Commission has hired a new inspector to handle the back log of complaints. Thus far 8 cases have been resolved. We are getting a handle on the outstanding cases. BLS protocols have been adopted by the Commission and will become effective on April 1, 2015. Need to get them out and get everyone familiar with them.

Directors:

Past President/New Castle Director Charles Frampton:

- Past President Frampton stated that the past 8 years has been a great experience for him. He has enjoyed everything that he has been involved in.

New Castle County Director Lynn Truitt:

- Director Truitt congratulated President Toulson on a good year. Enjoyed working with everyone. Looking forward to another year.

New Castle County Director Dan Burris:

- Director Burris thanked everyone for another good year. Enjoyed working with everyone. Looking forward to next year.

Kent County Director Glenn Gillespie:

- Director Gillespie congratulated President Toulson on a successful year. Looking forward to working with the incoming Officers next year.

Kent County Director Harold Brode:

- Absent

Sussex County Director Ted Walius:

- Director Walius stated that it has been a very educational experience for the past 3 years. He is looking forward to moving up as 2nd Vice President.

Sussex County Director Jay Jones:

- Director Jones stated that this has been an educational, fun and rewarding year. He especially thanked the R&R committee for their work at the State Fair.

Assistant Treasurer George Pyott:

- Assistant Treasurer Pyott passed out copies of the proposed budget. This will be voted on for approval at Conference.

Executive Manager Warren Jones:

- Recruitment & Retention: This event went real well at the State Fair. At least 119 people stopped by the booth and filled out an information form for possible membership in a local fire company. Majority of the people were from Sussex County and Kent County.
- Conference Round table: This will be held on Wednesday afternoon at the Conference. Not only will be Officers be available to answer questions, but people for DIV/COMM will be there to discuss the proposed State wide broadband system.
- Excess Equipment: Need to thank Sen. Coons office for their help in getting equipment released to the fire companies. There will be a training class in October on how to apply for this equipment. Warren plus 2 people from each County will serve on this committee.
- Conference: Governor will not be able to attend this year. At the present time 40 politicians have replied that they will attend. Coons, Carney and Carper will also attend.
- Reviewing stand: Having trouble getting a reviewing stand this year. At the present time we have one from the City of Dover, but there is no roof on it. Someone suggested that DNREC may have one. Warren will contact them.
- Color Guard: Looking for a combined fire company color guard to present the colors. Would like to have members from different companies to do this.
- Delegate & Alternate list: Still missing 2 companies. Hope to get them in a day or so.
- Computer/Server: Having some issues with the new server. Some of the problem was in the building wiring system. Have replaced some wiring and things seem to be a little better. Will wait till after Conference to finish the project.

General Business:

- Director Gillespie thanked Warren for traveling to the Baltimore Expo for his award presentation. He appreciated the DVFA being represented at the event.
- Pastor Hudson thanked the DVFA for their support while he has served as Chaplain over the past several year.
- Wally Poppe discussed the parade awards that his committee has recommended. After much discussion it was decided to send #'s 1,2,4,8,& 9 to the Conference committee, #'s 3 & 7 will be eliminated for now and #'s 5 and 6 will be voted on at Conference. A message will be sent to all companies/departments advising them on the vote to be taken.

President Toulson's report:

- Need to establish some guidelines on Officers travel. Need to get a handle on what we are spending, which came as a recommendation from the budget committee.
- President Toulson thanked everyone for a successful year. There were a lot of new experiences. It took everyone to get things done and it was a true learning experience.
- The Governor plans to sign HB315, HB317 and SB207 on September 24th at Cheswold at 2:00 PM. More info will come out as we get closer to this time.
- Discussed the web page and the lack of current info on the page. We are paying a lot of money for this web site and we need to do a better job with keeping the site up-dated. We need to consider up-dating the web site to a new format.

Chaplain Hudson gave the benediction

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Elmer B. Steele, Secretary
Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Assoc.

Attest to and approved:

President Rich Toulson
Executive Manager Warren Jones