

DVFA Officers meeting
Thursday, November 13, 2014
Hockessin (Sta. 19)
18:30 hours

DVFA ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President Anthony Guzzo	(x)	New Castle County Director Lynn Truitt	()
1 st Vice President Joe Zeroles	()	New Castle County Director Dan Burris	()
2 nd Vice President Ted Walius	(x)	Kent County Director Glenn Gillespie	()
Secretary Elmer Steele	(x)	Kent County Director Ken Ryder	()
Treasurer Allen Metheny	(x)	Sussex County Director Clay Yocum	(x)
Assistant Treasurer George Pyott	(x)	Sussex County Director Steve Deery	(x)
Executive Manager Warren Jones	(x)	Past Pres./Director Charles Boyer	()

Guest: Mary Frances Eisenbrey, LADVFA 1st Vice President
Cheryl Kelly, DSFPA Secretary
Dan Carrier, President Hockessin Fire Co
Lou Amabili, DVFA President Emeritus
Jeff Eisenbrey, Cheswold Fire Co.

Meeting was called to order at 18:45 hours by President Guzzo. Invocation was given by Allen Metheny. Meeting was recessed for dinner served by the Hockessin Ladies Auxiliary. Meeting reconvened after dinner.

Welcome by President Guzzo

Greetings from Association President's:

LADVFA: President Karen Majewski thanked the DVFA for the invitation to the meeting and expressed the fact that the ladies are there, just call on them if you need them.

DSFCA: President Stephen Maichle was absent. No one from the Chief's was in attendance.

DSFPA: President Charles Morgan brought greetings from the Fire Police Association.

DSEMSA: President Matt DeMarco was absent. No one from the EMS Association was in attendance.

Officer Reports:

President Anthony Guzzo thanked everyone for coming tonight. Thanked the Association for allowing him to attend the VCOS seminar in Florida. He has received a letter of resignation from New Castle Director Lynn Truitt since she has been appointed to the Fire Commission she felt that there may be a conflict of interest. President Guzzo wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.

1st Vice President Joe Zeroles was absent.

2nd Vice President Ted Walius made some comments on the VCOS conference that he attended in Florida. Thanked the Association for allowing him to attend. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hope to see each of you at the Executive meeting.

Secretary Elmer Steele wished everyone a Happy Holiday season. Call if you need anything from this office.

Treasurer Allen Metheny requested a letter of support from this Association so that he can run for another term as Secretary/Treasurer of the National Volunteer Fire Council. (NVFC) *Motion by Charles Morgan and seconded by Clay Yocum to send a letter of support. Motion carried* (Executive Manager Jones will take care of the letter since he already has it on file) Allen wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.

Executive Manager Warren Jones:

- Excess equipment: There are 2 people from each County, plus Warren on this committee. Training class at the fire school will be held on December 2,3,4. Lacking info and paperwork from the Kent County representatives. President Ryder is addressing this issue.
- Marydel: Warren stated that he is getting calls from the media regarding the Marydel Fire Company financial issues. He has also had some legislators talking about and looking at this issue. Warren feels that the DVFA needs to be pro-active around this issue and set up some training classes, maybe bring in Bill Jenaway from VFIS, like we did several years ago. *Motion by Allen Metheny and seconded by Clay Yocum to have the Executive Manager set up the training classes. Motion carried*
- Rescue billing: Just for FYI, there are at least twelve (12) companies in the State that are billing for rescue services.
- New Legislators: Just for FYI, there are six (6) new legislators for this year. Warren will put together the usual information packet/video with the DVFA information in it and distribute to each of the new people.
- Executive meeting: Neal Zipser, the Kidde representative that donated 300 smoke detectors, during the NASCAR race in Dover, to the Wake-Up Delaware program and Ron Starnicki from the National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation will be at the Executive meeting and have requested a few minutes to talk about the smoke detector program.
- BLS forms: The BLS financial forms need to be filled out and returned ASAP. Senator Bruce Ennis and the BLS Task Force committee will be reviewing them again this year. Forms are the same as last year. Need this info so we can show what our numbers are.

- Yearly calendar: Warren stated that the calendar was in your folder for your use as you plan for the coming year.
- President's handbook: A copy of the handbook is also in your packets for your reading pleasure. This is a guide for incoming officers to see what is required for them. Apparently there is still a problem with the office copier since some of the pages are missing. Will send it out by e-mail or you can download it from the web site.
- Insurance money: The second part (20%) of our insurance money was due on Oct. 31st. As of today, we still have not received that money. The lady that normally takes care of this has retired and the new person didn't know how to handle this. Per the insurance office the money should be out the first of next week. Warren will send out an e-mail to the company Presidents regarding this issue.

Fire Commission Chairman Dave Roberts said that the commission is working on two (2) boundary disputes in Sussex County. Dave said that the annual BLS reporting forms are on the Commission web site, due back by Jan. 31st.

Conference Chairman George Lamborn was absent. Secretary Steele stated that the room contracts for Dover Downs have been sent out. Please fill them out and get them back by the January 15th cut-off date.

DVFA Foundation Steve Austin stated that they are working on some fund raising ideas for the monument. Steve discussed information on term life insurance from the US Armed Forces Services, more info will be forth coming on this. Warren will be meeting with these folks next week. Steve also discussed the AD&D Mutual Relief policy that was voted on at Conference. He, along with several other people, felt that the Mutual Relief Association should have paid the premium again this year, but that didn't happen. Each company will be billed for the cost of the policy. Steve requested that this Association send a letter of support for Arman Fardanesh for a position on the NEMSAC council. *Motion by Allen Metheny and seconded by Steve Deery to send a letter of support for this position. Motion carried* (Executive Manager Jones will draft this letter)

Mutual Relief Chairman Rich Weaver was absent.

Directors:

Past President/Director Charles Boyer: Absent

New Castle County Director Lynn Truitt: Absent

New Castle County Director Dan Burris: Absent

Kent County Director Glenn Gillespie: Absent

