

**DVFA Officers meeting**  
**Monday, November 25, 2013**  
**Seaford (Sta. 87)**  
**18:30 hours**

**DVFA ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

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

Meeting was called to order at 18:30 hours by President Toulson. Invocation was given by Allen Metheny. Pledge to the flag was led by Harold Brode. Meeting was recessed for dinner served by the Seaford Ladies Auxiliary. Meeting reconvened after dinner.

Welcome by President Toulson

DVFA Safer Grant Program (Recruitment & Retention)

- Earle Dempsey and Warren Jones gave a report on what is being planned with regards to Statewide announcements and press releases, using movie theaters, billboards, radio ads, The Guide and Delaware online. There is also a new plan in place that will allow three volunteer firefighter's, one from each County, the opportunity to attend FDIC, CFSI, the Conference luncheon and a recognition day at legislative hall in April. More information and registration forms are on the DVFA web site.

DVFA Site Selection

- Report from the site selection committee: Chairman of the committee Elmer Steele gave a detailed report as to what has transpired within the committee since its appointment at the 2013 Conference. A complete report was available to the Officers for their review. The bottom line is: there were 17 RFB packages sent out to prospective bidders throughout the State. We received some sort of response from five (5) venues, but only received one (1)

actual bid proposal. Do to the length and the size of our Conference we are limited as to where we can go. Most places in the State cannot handle the large numbers that attend or the full week of events to we are accustomed to. After the detailed report it was recommended that the DVFA accept the bid from Dover Downs for the next three (3) years, with the option of an additional two (2) year.

*Motion was made by Treasurer Allen Metheny and seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Joe Zeroles to accept the recommendation of the site committee and to make the same presentation at the December 8<sup>th</sup> Executive meeting for a final vote of approval from the member companies. Motion carried*

#### NVFC

- Allen Metheny gave a report on their last meeting that was held in late October in Texas. There were 37 States in attendance. He talked about several items that were discussed at the meeting; ID cards for members, firefighter's memorial, website, partners/sponsors and the social media. Their next meeting will be in the fall of 2014 in Mississippi.

#### **Greetings from Association President's:**

LADVFA: President Saralee Stevens (Karen Majewski)

- President Stevens requested the use of the office copier to print the basic info that is needed by the ladies during the year. They normally print about 125 copies for their meetings and about the same for the conference. The ladies offered to compensate the DVFA for some of the cost associated with this request. After some discussion, a motion was made by Director Harold Brode and seconded by Director Dan Carrier to allow the ladies the use of the office copier for their necessary printing. Motion carried

DSFCA: President Joe Morris (Stephen Maichle)

- Absent

DSFPA: President John Hall (Charles Morgan)

- Absent

DSEMSA: President Sean Humphreys (Matt DeMarco)

- Absent

#### **Officer Reports:**

President Rich Toulson:

- Thanked everyone that helped with getting the information for the EMS Task Force.
- Talked about the surplus equipment presentation that was held at the DSFS.
- The Officers have requested a meeting with the Governor's office. No set date yet.
- Advised everyone that there is a conference call system available, if anyone needs it.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Anthony Guzzo:

- Thanked the site selection committee for their work.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Joe Zerles:

- Thanked the DVFA for the flowers and cards that were received by his wife.
- Thanked the site selection committee for their work.

Secretary Elmer Steele:

- Thanked everyone that helped with the site selection.
- Final report will be made at the December 8<sup>th</sup> Executive meeting.

Treasurer Allen Metheny:

- Finances are pretty good. Have one (1) Associate member that has not paid their dues. Wilmington Air National Guard.

Conference Chairman John Stevenson:

- John stated that there will be a meeting of the 2014 conference committees on January 20, 2014 at Cheswold (Sta. 43) at 7:00 PM

DVFA Foundation Steve Austin:

- Absent

Fire Commission Chairman Dave Roberts:

- Absent

Mutual Relief Chairman Ken Ryder:

- Absent

Executive Manager Warren Jones:

- Talked about the EMS Task Force. Still working on the numbers with hopes of getting some funding in the future.
- Working with Lewes, Rehoboth and Roxana fire companies for AFG grants.
- Discussed the replacement of 800 mhz radios (portables & mobiles). There will be a match of \$200 to \$400 per radio based on a \$4,000 radio.
- Chestnut Grove Road going to the DSFS is closed due to a bridge replacement. Follow the detour signs when you come to the Executive meeting.
- Reported on the accident that occurred with the DVFA car. Waiting on the insurance company to see where we go with getting it fixed or replaced. Using a rental car for now.

**Directors:**

Past President/New Castle Director Charles Frampton:

- No report

Sussex County Director Ted Walius:

- Thanked the Officers for including the Directors in the various meetings.

Sussex County Director Jay Jones:

- No report

New Castle County Director Lynn Truitt:

- Raised a question as to who is supposed to sign the surf fishing tag paperwork. Still working on this issue.

New Castle County Director Dan Carrier:

- No report

Kent County Director Glenn Gillespie:

- No report

Kent County Director Harold Brode:

- Raised a question on the way the trophies are awarded at the conference parade. This should be done by total points and not by individual counties.

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND FIRE FREE HOLIDAY SEASON FROM EVERYONE!!!!!!!!!!

Next Officers meeting will be February 27, 2014 at Hockessin at 18:30 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 21:00 hours

Respectfully submitted,

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

Attest to and approved:            Executive Manager Warren Jones