

DVFA OFFICER'S MEETING - AUGUST 23, 1993

Meeting called to order by President Elmer B. Steele at the Delaware State Fire Service Center, Dover at 1930 hours.

Members in attendance: Eleanor Warrington, Elmer Steele, Sally Stevenson, George Diamond, Donald Knight, John Mitchell, Sr., Ken Pyle, Jon Cottrell, Charles Emerson, William Carrow, Harry Warner, Allen Metheny, Steve Austin, Ken Clendaniel, Robby Sweetman, Walter Lamon, Rev David Paul, Cathy Morris, and Janet Massey.

President Steele updated members on meeting with Crozier Burn Foundation - no word from that organization after officer's meeting with them - awaiting their response.

New Castle Burn Center still has no land - no money has been appropriated for Center since there is no place to build as yet.

Paramedic Advisory Council has not made any appointments as yet - DVFA submitted names to Governor's Office, so we are awaiting the pleasure of the Governor, hopefully he will make the appointments before the convention in September.

Contract on 800 MHZ has been awarded to Motorola, since they are the only ones to bid on project, However, contract has not been signed as yet, still being negotiated.

President Steel also updated members on Out of State travel, ideas have been exchanged between various states and has been beneficial to all concerned.

Cathy Morris (Hartly) reported for J. William Bell (Holloway Terrace), Chairman of Convention Liaison Committee. A proposal for an Agenda for Convention was presented for DVFA Officer's approval. Cathy went through agenda day by day and some of the areas to be deleted and/or modified.

After some discussion, moved by William Carrow (Clayton), seconded by Steve Austin (Aetna), that agenda be tentatively approved and that copies be made available to all companies at Convention and it be voted upon by the membership at the December Executive Meeting - so carried.

After much discussion it was decided to send each company 2 copies of the agenda under a cover letter signed by President Steele.

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Sally Stevenson (Mutual Relief) stated she had sent a letter to Joe Hojnicki in March, 1993 reference to Hepitatis "B" and to date has received no response.

President Steele stated Jack Northam was invited to meetings; however, he is not in attendance, hopefully everything for the Convention is ready.

Allen Metheny (Hartly) reported on NVFC in regards to our letter suggesting NVFC take a leadership in disaster situations, a draft is being prepared by NVFC for approval and dissemination. Next council meeting is to be on October 2, 1993 in Hollywood, MD.

Eleanor Warrington (President, State Ladies Aux.) had no report.

John Mitchell (Elsmere) stated we need to take a hard look at our priorities list for 1994. Special session of Legislators in September and October - Keep on lookout for Bingo Bill - HB 19 needs to be monitored closely, Rep Oberly wants to be informed why we don't favor this Bill to include Volunteer Fire Companies.

Walt Lamon reported on Fire Police Assn. and the actions being taken for Convention.

President Steele alluded to Minner Commission report and some areas of concern. Allen Metheny (Hartly) questioned whether we should be concerned as DVFA in conjunction with Fire Prevention Commission.

Much discussion held on Mutual Relief and ramification of having them pursue our requests, particularly the one on Hepatitis "B" Statewide Inoculation Program reimbursement to companies.

Moved by Steve Austin (Aetna), seconded by Jon Cottrell (Townsens) that a letter be sent to Mutual Relief Association requesting they make a recommendation to DVFA to include preventive medicine into their program - so carried.

Allen Metheny (Hartly) questioned how long it has been since the catastrophic insurance coverage has been dropped and whether it was brought upon the floor. Metheny also stated he was not receiving any correspondence from Mutual Relief Assn. - Sally Stevenson will check on the subjects.

Steve Austin (Aetna) stated that the Mutual Relief Assn. was a wonderful program at the time of organization; however, it has become antiquated and serves no purpose at this time.

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Allen Metheny (Hartly) spoke on Permanent Memorial situation as regards to an access for handicapped and who owns the monument and the land. The DVFA owns the Monument and the City of Dover owns the land and as long as the monument is not affected we have no opposition to a ramp as long as the DVFA is not involved with payment of same.

Moved by Harry Warner (Talleyville), seconded by Walt Lamon (Clayton) that the replica of the Firemen's Monument be made available to the New Castle County Firemen's Association for their October meeting and also to Convention '93, if desired - so carried.

Rev David Paul (Frederica) alluded to Memorial Service on Friday at Convention to be held in auditorium of Seaford High School; Hopefully, everything is in order for same - meeting to be held tomorrow night, August 24, 1993.

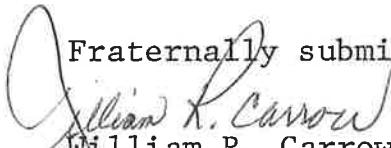
Steve Austin (Aetna) discussed the City of Wilmington Fire Dept as to whether or not they are members of the DVFA and the status of their situation, some action is needed to resolve this problem.

Ken Pyle (Odessa) referred to situation with Mill Creek Fire Company regarding monies for the purchase of pagers - situation has been resolved; money has been withdrawn by County Council. Ken also responded on Convention '94 and good progress is being made to date.

Moved by Steve Austin (Adetna), seconded by Ken Pyle (Odessa), to adjourn - so carried.

Adjournment at 2130 hours.

Fraternally submitted,


William R. Carrow
Secretary