

*Delaware Volunteer Firefighters and Ladies' Auxiliary
Mutual Relief Association, Inc.*

MINUTES
March 29, 2016

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 7:01 p.m. at Frederica Fire House.

Trustees Present:

New Castle: Ed Kalinowski, Nancy Migliavacca & Rich Weaver
Kent: Lorraine Madden, Steve White & Bob Yerkes
Sussex: Ginni Tice & Bill Tobin (Patrick Miller – excused)

DVFA Advisory Committee Present: John Stevenson/Station 87, Dan Burris/Station 27

Treasurer's Report: None.

Payment of Bills: None.

Minutes: The Minutes of February 29, 2016 Meeting were approved as provided in printed form on a motion by Bob Yerkes and a second by Ed Kalinowski.

Communications: None.

Trustee Reports:

- Bill Tobin reported that he had still had unpaid premiums from a few companies but resolution was forthcoming. He also discussed the ambulance companies joining MRA once accepted into the DVFA.
- Ed Kalinowski reported that there are two claims outstanding from Claymont and Belvedere. He also reported that he needs 22 copies of the Power Point for the NCC meeting on April 1st. Odessa has requested a meeting with the MRA trustees on April 4, 2016 – Danny Burris and Ed Kalinowski will be attending this informational meeting.
- Ginni Tice reported that the Pickhaver burial claim that was submitted to MRA did not meet the qualifications for MRA but upon further review should have met the state requirement for burial aid; the paperwork was given to Rich Weaver for re-submission by the local fire department and/or the family.

Old Business:

- On a motion by Rich Weaver and a second by Bob Yerkes, it was carried that Patrick Miller assume Treasurer duties and Bill Tobin will assume the Assistant Treasurer duties.
- It was decided that Nancy Migliavacca will continue in her trustee role until Conference, when her term will expire.
- Bill Tobin reported that he is awaiting a reply as to the reason as to why the Association does not have any investments at this point.
- A third reading of the amendment to the By-laws was reviewed:
“to pay the funeral burial expense benefit directly to the beneficiary unless an assignment of benefit is received to pay the funeral home directly.” This amendment will match how the state handles the payment of a ~~burial~~ funeral benefit. This matter was formally changed at the February meeting.
- On a motion by Bill Tobin and second by Ginni Tice, it was approved to purchase 300 copies of the Power Point presentation and 100 thumb drives (with copies of the Power Point presentation) for dissemination to the fire companies/auxiliaries.

New Business:

- After discussion, it was moved and defeated that MRA will pay for claims for eyeglasses damaged during the course of Fire/EMS service. The motion was then amended by Bob Yerkes and seconded by Ginni Tice as noted: MRA will pay for **uncovered** claims for eyeglasses damaged during the course of Fire/EMS service; this motion carried.

Good of the Association: The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Frederica Fire House.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginni Tice
Secretary, MRA