

Special Convention of the D.V.F.A was called to order by President Edwin S. Barlow at 1000 hours, Delaware State Fire Service Center, Dover, DE.

Invocation was given by Assistant Chaplain, Walter A. Lamon.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was lead by Past President Ralph Hynson.

President Barlow appointed the followign SGT-OF-ARMS for this meeting Walton A. Johnson, Jr; Willard Betts, and Robert Sweetman.

President Barlow stated that the minutes of the previous were in the hands of the printer and will be distributed when received.

ROLL CALL: Roll call showed the following members in attendance Past Presidents - 20; Officers - 14; President Emeritus - 3; Fire Commissioners - 3; Members - 134.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Allen Metheny stated the Treasurer's report was in printed form and available for all concerned - copy of the report made a part of this meeting.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: Report of Officers are in printed forms and filed with the Secretary.

President Barlow explained the appointment of some new committees for the year and the functions thereof.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADVISORY TO STATE FIRE MARSHALL: Ben Roy, Fire Marshall, reporting. A need exists to discuss the impact of NFPA 1500 and other codes and as to how they are instituted. A work shop will be sponsored by the DVFA and Fire Marshall Office on January 31, 1991 to be at the State Fire Service Center, guest speaker will be Mr. Marty Henry, who will explain the proceeds of instituting NFPA codes.

ADVISORY TO STATE FIRE SCHOOL: John Bare reporting. He states that the Sussex Burn Center is progressing as planned, New Castle is still looking for land to obtain for their Burn Center.

ADVISORY TO MUTUAL RELIEF: Joe Hojnicky, Sr. reporting. This committee needs some guidance as to claims from individual fire companies and they feel the need to meet with each county as to various situations as to expending funds.

ARCHIVES: Robert Romig reporting. Committee needs \$1,000.00 for Past Presidents picture framing. Still need helmet front pieces from serveral companies.

CIVILIAN RECOGNITION: Ken Pyle reporting. Committee discussed ground rules and information will be gotten out to all concerned as to procedures.

COMMUNICATIONS: L.G. McCoy reporting. Association was updated on the 800 Mhz statewide system. Individual funding for system will be responsibility of each organization concerned.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: Dean Simpson reporting. Committee is working on changes in voting procedures and the change will be ready for the next meeting in March.

CONVENTION LIAISON: Francis Dougherty reporting. Letters have been received from Five Points Fire Co and Laurel Fire Co. reference Parade Trophies and the awarding thereof. Letters are be taken under consideration by the Committee.

CISM: Kevin Wilson reporting. Committee has been called upon 4 times - training is being conducted for all concerned. Budget funds of \$13,000 have been received.

DVFA PENSION ADVISORY: Frank King reporting. Pension billings sent out November 28th. - all should have received by this date. Attorney General's ruling given to all companies - having members pay a portion of the employer's share of the pension is illegal.

FIRE PREVENTION: William Matthews reporting. Program will be conducted at 1400 hours this date - all persons who assisted were thanked by Matthews, all members invited to stay for the presentations,

FINANCE & AUDIT: George Pyott reporting. Cheswold received a check for \$14,000.00 and there was no indication as to the source or what the check was for - George recommends that all checks be so annotated.

LAW & LEGISLATIVE: John Mitchell reporting. Meeting with the Governor discussed - he appeared to be very cordial. Work this year will be focuses on keeping funds at present level. HB 40 discussed as to approach to take for pension. CISM \$13,000 found in Fire School budget. Legislative Appreciation Night will be held on January 22, 1991 at the DAFB Officer Club from 1800 hrs to 2000 hrs.

OUT-OF-STATE COORDINATOR: Steve Austin reporting. Reported on this year's calendar of visitation and activity. Fire Service Cacus information is available and will be passed out today to all companies.

PERMANENT MEMORIAL: Charles O. Smith reporting. Lighting problem will be solved on Monday, Dec 10, 1990. Lt James Good's name has been added to the manument list of killed in action firefighters. Jen-Mor Florist has donated a wreath for the monument for the Holidays, a letter of thanks will be sent to Jen-Mor.

SUNSHINE & VISITATIONS: Walt Lamon reporting. Cards being passed around for signatures for personnel on Operation Desert Shield. Three counties have contacts to notify in cases of hospitalitation, death, etc. A letter will be sent to all concerned advising them of the names and addresses of these individuals.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: Mark Strecker reporting. Information is being sought as to establish the position of Executive Secretary of DVFA. Situation of all committee meetings in one room discussed.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONS

Joann Sweetman, President State Ladies Auxillaries, was recognized and she extended greetings and any assistance that this organization might need from the State Ladies Auxilliaries.

Robert Faires (Five Points), President State Fire Police Assoc, had copies of his quarterly report in printed form for distribution to all concerned.

Bruce Durante (Christiana), President State Ambulance Assoc, recognized and stated that the Association had held two meetings since the Convention. He stated that there was a need to hold a seminar on ambulance problems (one meeting was cancelled due lack of participation) and it needed to be supported by the DVFA, he was asked to bring this up under the proper order of business.

Jon Townley (Aetna), President State Fire Chief's Assoc, stated the next meeting will be February 19 in Cheswold - two excellent speakers have been obtained - all are welcome.

E. James Monihan (Lewes), Chairman National Volunteer Fire Council, reported that new NFPA standard is being proposed to all municipalityies to evaluate their fire service. Our Congressional delegation has been most helpful in keeping FEMA within the fire service control. Next meeting of NVFC will be held in Laurel, Md. on April 27 - 30, all members invited.

Sally Roach, Secretary Mutual Relief, reported for Hal Barbor, Chairman. All bills have been sent out for 1991 policies, also no increase has been made in premiums. On behalf of the Mutual Relief she presented a placque to Don Ray for his help and assistance to the Mutual Relief Committee in past years.

Bryan Bennett (Seaford), Chairman Fire Prevention Committee, stated all previous speakers had covered the Commission's activity, However, he would be available for questions after the meeting is over.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ltr, NCCVFA, dtd Oct 1, 1990, re: Fire Prevention Awards Dinner. (File)
Thank You Card from Mary Truitt (File)
Thank You Card from Larry Mergenthaler. (File)
Ltr, NCCVA, dtd Oct 10, 1990, re: DOA Pronouncement (File)
Ltr, KCVFA, dtd Oct 14, 1990, re: Displeasure of Gov's Veto HB 95. (File)
Ltr, Ed McCormick, Fire Commissioner, re; 2 Bills from Washington. (File)
Ltr, Ofc of Telecom, dtd Oct 30, 1990, re; 800 MHZ Radio System. (File)
Ltr, Ofc of Telecom, dtd Sep 25, 1990, re: Re-activation of 800 Mhz. (File)
Ltr, Five Points Fire Co, dtd Nov 7, 1990, re: Awarding of Parade Prizes;
(Convention Liaison)
Ltr, Laurel Fire Co, dtd Nov 26, 1990, re: Awarding of Parade Prized,
(Convention Liaison)
Thank You Card from Cliff Lee Family. (File)
Thank You Card from Don Ray Family. (File)
Ltr, SCVFA, dtd Nov 28, 1990, rd: Awarding of Parade Prizes.
(Convention Liaison)
Ltr, Convention '91, dtd Dec 9, 1990, re; Picture for 1991 Convention.
(File)

Moved by George Kerr (Minquas), seconded by Jim McCall (Christiana) to accept correspondence and bring them up under the proper order of business - so carried.

OLD BUSINESS: A.I. Guessford (Odessa) reported on the Committee to obtain tax exemption under 501 (c) (3), the IRS has questioned our charter and some changes will be needed. Moved by Ike Guessford (Odessa), seconded by George Kerr (Minquas) that this be considered the first reading of necessary changes to charter and that it be brought up under the proper order of business at the next Special Convention Meeting - so carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Steve Austin (Aetna) moved, seconded by Jim Monihan (Lewes) that a resolution be prepared and presented to Ed & Mary McCormick for their support of the Delaware Fire Service and that it be presented at the FDIC Convention in 1991 - so carried.

Moved by Steve Austin (Aetna), seconded by C.O. Smith (Felton) that \$500 be used from the Out of State Budget for refreshments at the FDIC - so carried.

Moved by Steve Austin (Aetna), seconded by George Kerr (Minquas), that \$1500 be used from the Out of State Budget for reception room at the Fire Service Caucus in Washington - so carried.

Moved by Walton Johnson (Frankford), seconded by Don Ray (Christiana) that the Association purchase new Chaplain's uniforms and badges for the new Chaplain and Assistants - so carried.

Moved by John Mitchell (Elsmere), seconded by Jim McCall (Christiana) to pursue amendment of HB 40 to include DVFA. Questioned by Joe Hojnicky (Minquadale) as to whether this will effect Insurance Premiums and the distribution thereof. Frank Kin (Hartly) stated this does address Title 18, and this would require additional funds into the pension account from either Companies or the State. Moved by Joe Hojnicky (Minquadale), C.O. Smith (Felton), to amend original motion that we proceed provided there is no change in distribution of insurance premiums under Title 18. - so carried. Original motion, as amended, - so carried.

Bob Romig (Five Points) addressed the meeting in regards to the situation of awarding parade prizes at the Convention by counties. Moved by Bob Romig (Five Points), seconded by Joe Hojnicky (Minquadale), that prizes at the convention parade categories with and without music and Ladies Auxillaries be awarded by total points regardless of geographical location. Question on the motion by Joe Hojnicky (Minquadale) who spoke in favor of the motion. Morris King (Hartly) spoke on the subject and spoke in the negative, as did James Cabbage (Clayton). There was a question as to whether or not this will require a By-Laws change. Dean Simpson (Mill Creek), Chairman of By-Laws Committee, addressed the problem and stated that a change to the By-Laws will be required. Charles Honey (Brandywine Hundred) moved to table the question. Much discussion held on subject - Harry Warner (Talleyville) questioned motion and stated it was out of order. Motion to table by Honey was withdrawn and declared out of order by President Barlow. Moved by Bob Romig (Five Points), seconded by Jeff Eisenberry (Cheswold), that the letter from Five Points be turned over to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for appropriate action - so carried.

Roland Neeman (Felton) addressed the problem of many units in the convention parade and the need to limit the number of units participating, this matter will be referred to the Convention Liaison Committee and to report back by March meeting.

Moved by George Pyott (Cheswold), seconded Jim McCall (Christiana), to give Treasurer/Secretary permission to reinvest Cert of Deposit that become due - so carried.

Charles Frampton (Brandywine Hundred), seconded by Joe Evans (Bridgeville) that DVFA pursue the changing of Title 21 reference to flashing white lights that are illegal and that legislation be introduced to change bill to read same as City of Wilmington. Questioned by Richard Winchell (Camden-Wyoming) stating that there is an Ad Hoc Committee who will be meeting to address the problem and maybe the DVFA will want to have someone represent them. President Barlow stated there will be fire service representation at the meeting. Joe Vattaliano (Talleyville) addressed the problem and the illegal use of white flashing lights. Motion voted and carried.

Dean Simpson (Mill Creek) moved, seconded by Harry Warner (Talleyville) that \$14.95 monthly be allowed for a telephone in the State President car - phone and installation to be donated by Cellular. Motion questioned by Frank King (Hartly) who stated the amount would not cover the actual cost - so carried.

Dean Simpson (Mill Creek) moved, seconded by Bob Romig (Five Points) that Doctor and/or Nurse be present at State Convention during the hours of session. Motion amended by Jim Monihan (Lewes), seconded by John E. Cunningham, Jr. (Minquas), that if Doctor and/or Nurse is not available, that a Paramedic be obtain. Vote on amendment - so carried. Vote on Motion as amended, - so carried.

Jim Monihan (Lewes) asked for any knowledge of past Nobel Prize Winner or Professors who could work with nomination of outstanding individuals.

TREASURER: J. Allen Metheny, Treasurer, presented bill in amount of \$67524.86. Moved by Jim Roy (Cheswold), seconded by Harry Warner (Talleyville) to pay all bills - so carried.

GOOD OF ASSOCIATION: Walton Johnson (Frankford) presented Robert Romig (Five Points) with a placque from South Carolina Fire Association for the Archives and also a helmet that he presented to his officers for the Archives.

Walton Johnson presented his Past Pres Pin of DVFA by his wife, Janet.

Past President Bin was presented to C. Bryan "Spuck" Bennett.

Don Ray discussed aspect of safety and the need for increased concentration on this area - his recommendations will be passed on to the Safety & Health Committee for their recommendations.

Robert Sweetman (Aetna) stated the next Past President's Meeting will be held at the State Fire School at 1900 hours, Nanuayy 31, 1991.

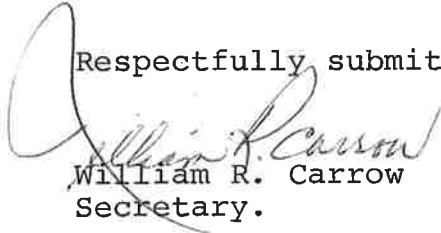
Robert Romig (Five Points) states that all Past President's pictures are available at the state fire school and will be gotten from them.

Benediction by Walter Lamon, DVFA Assistant Chaplain.

Moved by Jim Cabbage (Clayton), Seconded by Harry Warner (Talleyville) to adjourn—so carried.

Adjournment at 1205 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



William R. Carrow
Secretary.

D.V.F.A. BALANCE SHEET
As of 11/30/90

All Accounts
12/ 7/90

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Account	11/30/90 Balance

ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
DVFA CHECKING A-ASSN. CHECKING ACCT.	59.42

Total Cash and Bank Accounts	59.42
Other Assets	
CRUNION-CREDIT UNION ACCT.	28,270.71
DVFA PENSION-DVFA PENSION ACCT.	246.44
DVFAWT-WILM. TRUST IMMA ACCY	2,893.45
MERLYNCH-MERRILL LYNCH SAVINGS	29,966.78

Total Other Assets	61,377.38

TOTAL ASSETS	61,436.80
LIABILITIES	0.00

OVERALL TOTAL	61,436.80
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D.V.F.A. CHECKING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY
9/16/90 Through 11/30/90

DVFA CHECKING A
12/ 7/90

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Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Clr Amount
		BALANCE	9/15/90		74.24
9/24		ANGERSTEIN'S	SCHOLARSHIP DO	070	1,000.00
9/24		STAR ENTERPRISES	SCHOLARSHIP DO	070	500.00
9/24	1450	JOHN MITCHELL	LEGISLATIVE EX	212	-1,500.00
9/24		TRANSFER	FR. MERRILL LY	012	3,100.00
9/24	1451	RAYMOND F. BOOK JR.	ANNUAL AUDIT	110	-1,250.00
9/24	1452	JEN-MOR FLORIST	L. TRUITT	130	-29.00
9/24	1453	DEL. STATE FIRE SCH	PRINTING	140	-166.00
9/24	1454	S CHAMPION TROPHIES		--SPLIT--	-298.00
9/24	1455	JANICE YERKES	CONVENTION SEC	120	-300.00
9/24	1456	VOIDED			0.00
9/24	1457	M & M TROPHIES	AWARD	180	-86.00
9/24	1458	EDWARD S. BARLOW	MTG. EXP.	270	-290.24
9/24	1459	ROBERT ROMIG	ARCHIVES EXP.	240	-206.97
9/24	1460	WALTER A. LAMON	POSTAGE	140	-25.00
9/24	1461	SCHAEFFER PRINTING	RESOLUTION COV	140	-325.12
9/24	1462	VOIDED			0.00
9/24	1463	JANET JOHNSON	FRAME C. WELDO	180	-58.80
9/24	1464	DEL. STATE FIRE SCH	PRINTING	140	-44.00
10/17		TRANSFER	FR. WILM. TRUS	012	300.00
10/17	1465	M & M TROPHIES	BADGES	180	-150.00
10/17	1466	BETHANY FLORIST	CONV. FLOWERS	130	-79.50
10/17	1467	JEN-MOR FLORIST	FLOWERS & C.LE	130	-74.00
10/29	1468	COMMUNIGRAPHICS	INVITATIONS	220	-80.00
10/30		TRANSFER	FR. WILM. TRUS	012	500.00
10/30	1469	E. JAMES MONIHAN	REIMB. TRAVEL	152	-490.79
10/30		MEMORIUM DONATIONS	CUBBAGE & JOHN	070	45.00
11/20		TRANSFER	FR. WILM. TRUS	012	500.00
11/20		DONATION	DVFA LADIES AU	052	100.00
11/20	1470	SHANE QUALITY PRESS	LETTERHEADS	140	-68.45
11/20	1471	COMMERCIAL EMBLEM C	OFFICERS POCKE	180	-57.05
11/20	1472	DEL. STATE FIRE SCH	PRINTING	140	-75.60
11/20	1473	STAMPED ENVELOPE AG	ENVELOPES	140	-273.80
11/20	1474	WESTERN UNION	TELEGRAMS	285	-131.50
		TOTAL	9/16/90 - 11/30/90		-14.82
		BALANCE	11/30/90		59.42
		TOTAL INFLOWS			6,045.00
		TOTAL OUTFLOWS			-6,059.82
		NET TOTAL			-14.82

D.V.F.A. WILM. TRUST ACCT. ACTIVITY
9/16/90 Through 11/30/90

DVFAWT
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Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Clr Amount
		BALANCE	9/15/90		4,138.93
9/24		INTEREST	INTEREST ON AC 020		20.63
10/18		TRANSFER	TO CHECKING AC 105		-300.00
10/22		INTEREST	INTEREST ON AC 020		17.35
10/30		TRANSFER	TO CHECKING AC 105		-500.00
11/20		TRANSFER	TO CHECKING AC 105		-500.00
11/23		INTEREST	INTEREST ON AC 020		16.54
		TOTAL	9/16/90 - 11/30/90		-1,245.48
		BALANCE	11/30/90		2,893.45
		TOTAL INFLOWS			54.52
		TOTAL OUTFLOWS			-1,300.00
		NET TOTAL			-1,245.48

D.V.F.A. PENSION ACCT. ACTIVITY
9/16/90 Through 11/30/90

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Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Clr Amount
		BALANCE	9/15/90		243.41
9/30		INTEREST	INTEREST ON ACC 020		1.00
10/31		INTEREST	INTEREST ON ACC 020		1.03
11/30		INTEREST	INTEREST ON ACC 020		1.00
		TOTAL	9/16/90 - 11/30/90		3.03
		BALANCE	11/30/90		246.44
		TOTAL INFLOWS			3.03
		TOTAL OUTFLOWS			0.00
		NET TOTAL			3.03

D.V.F.A. MERRILL LYNCH ACCT. ACTIVITY
9/13/90 Through 11/30/90

MERLYNCH
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Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
		BALANCE	9/12/90			39,749.45
9/14		TRANSFER	TO CHECKING	105		-7,100.00
9/25		TRANSFER	TO CHECKING	105		-3,100.00
9/28		INTEREST	INTEREST ON AC	020		210.58
10/31		INTEREST	INTEREST ON AC	020		206.75
→ TOTAL 9/13/90 - 11/30/90						-9,782.67
		BALANCE	11/30/90			29,966.78
TOTAL INFLOWS						417.33
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-10,200.00
NET TOTAL						-9,782.67

D.V.F.A. CREDIT UNION ACCT. ACTIVITY
7/ 1/90 Through 11/30/90

CRUNION
12/ 7/90

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Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
		BALANCE	6/30/90			28,237.18
7/ 1		DIVIDENDS	DIVIDENDS	020		33.53
TOTAL 7/ 1/90 - 11/30/90						33.53
		BALANCE	11/30/90			28,270.71
TOTAL INFLOWS						33.53
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						0.00
NET TOTAL						33.53

D.V.F.A. BILLS NEEDING APPROVAL
10/17/90 Through 12/ 7/90

DVFA CHECKING A
12/ 7/90

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Clr Amount
10/17	1465	M & M TROPHIES	BADGES	180	-150.00
10/17	1466	BETHANY FLORIST	CONV. FLOWERS	130	-79.50
10/17	1467	JEN-MOR FLORIST	FLOWERS & C.LE	130	-74.00
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11/20	1473	STAMPED ENVELOPE AG	ENVELOPES	140	-273.80
11/20	1474	WESTERN UNION	TELEGRAMS	285	-131.50
TOTAL 10/17/90 - 12/ 7/90					-1,480.69

TOTAL INFLOWS 0.00
 TOTAL OUTFLOWS -1,480.69
 NET TOTAL -1,480.69
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John L. Mitchell *Leg Exp* 1500.00
Capital Office *Gift - MSFA* 57.35
 P.P. Robinson
Ron Manuel *F.A. Prizes* 1210.00
C TH, Inc. *Trophies - F. Prev.* 1965.85
N.V.F.C. *Dues - 1991* 300.00
DSFS, *Printing* 11.00

TOTALS 6,524.85