

Meeting was called to order by President Elmer Steele at 1930 hours, Pres Steele explained the reason for this meeting and he then turned the meeting over to 1st Vice President Warner.

Members in attendance: Elmer Steele, Harry Warner, Allen Metheny, William Carrow, Charles Emerson, James Cabbage, Kennard Pyle, Donald Knight, Rev David Paul, Kevin Wilson, Walter Lamon, George Diamond, John Mitchell, Eleanor Warrington, Sally Stevenson, Jon Cottrell and Janet Massey.

1st Vice President Harry Warner presented the following priorities in order shown:

1. Maintain Grant-In-Aid and leveling up monies for Kent and Sussex Counties at present formula.
2. Funding for statewide Hepatitis "B" inoculation at approximate cost of \$285,000.
3. Support funding of 800 MHZ Statewide Communications System.
4. Support the construction of New Castle County Burn Center.
5. Increase matching funds for Fire Prevention Program to \$75,000.

Some discussion held on the funding of Hepatitis "B" and the possibility of obtaining monies from Mutual Relief. Sally Stevenson stated that the Mutual Relief lawyer was looking into the legality of such an endeavor.

Discussion also held on increase of Fire Prevention funds and the possibilities of obtaining the \$25,000 increase this year.

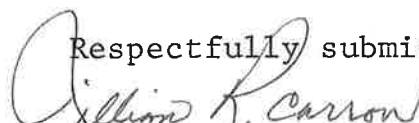
Moved by Jim Cabbage (Clayton), seconded by George Diamond (Magnolia) to accept the priorities as presented - so carried.

1st Vice President Warner also stated that the Fire Prevention Committee would retain all the present members - however, Al Cipolone (Volunteer Hose-Middletown) would replace William Matthews (Aetna) as Co-Chairman with Ron Marvel (Seaford).

Moved by William Carrow (Clayton), seconded by Jon Cottrell (Townsen) to adjourn Priorities Meeting - so carried.

Adjournment at 1950 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

  
William R. Carrow  
Secretary.

Above meeting was called to order at 2000 hours by President Elmer B. Steele, meeting held in the Hartly Fire Station, Hartly, DE.

In attendance: Elmer Steele, Harry Warner, Allen Metheny, William Carrow, Charles Emerson, James Cabbage, Donald Knight, Kennard Pyle, Walter Lamon, David Paul, John Mitchell, Sally Stevenson, Eleanor Warrington, Kevin Wilson and Jon Cottrell.

President Steele updated Health & Safety Guidelines - a proposed final draft and copies have been sent to all Presidents and Chiefs along with a cover letter explaining who can vote at a roll call vote to be held on the subject at Executive Meeting on March 14, 1993. The committee has expended a lot of time and work in the subject since last fall. Harry Warner stated we need to know where we stand with the Fire Prevention Commission on this subject; Commission will not back guidelines, they are waiting for DVFA to take a firm stand on NFPA 1500. Some comments made on whether commission should be officially notified of our action. The general opinion was to let the Commission know exactly where we stand on subject and let the actions by Commission go from there.

License plate issue has been completed - over 2000 tags have been issued - tags can be obtained now through normal channels. Allen Metheny stated the time as come to address the tags for career fire fighters - City of Wilmington, Getty Oil, New Castle Air Base National Guard, and Dover Air Force Base departments, some problems have got to be ironed out for issue of career tags. Metheny will continue to monitor this program.

DVFA Officers (Steele, Warner, Metheny, & Mitchell) will meet with Governor Carper on Friday, February 19, 1993 - to present the DVFA Priorities for coming year and to get acquainted with the new Governor.

Disaster monies still around for Florida and Louisiana Hurricane victims - President Steele gave Metheny, Austin and Emerson the responsibility of getting the money to the correct agency.

Delaware Children Fire Safety Foundation Update was given by Harry Warner, our representative on the committee. Harry states that this is a most worthwhile organization and has many high and influential people on it. They are not tax-exempt and can accept donation that can be a tax write off. This foundation can be of great benefit to the fire service of Delaware.

DVFA Officers met with Governor Wolf on January 13, 1993 and presented him a resolution for his service to the fire service of this state and also made him an honorary life membership of the DVFA.

DVFA Officers met with Mike Ferguson on 800 MHz and their is approximately \$2.5 million earmarked for this system, things look better than they did for the project to get off the ground.

This year's Legislative Night was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Some question raised on the cost of the night, John Mitchell will check with the Plaza 9 and report back.

President Steele alluded to the FDIC Conference, the Caucus Dinner and the 5 State President Meeting, which will be held in Westminster, Md.- all persons attending these will need to coordinate as to applications and any travel involved. All 5 head officers will be attending the Caucus Dinner.

Possibility of Mutual Relief getting in the funding of the Hepatitis "B" Statewide inoculation program was discussed. At present time Mutual Relief is not in the preventive medicine field, this might require the rewriting of their policies. Sally Stevenson,, Chairperson of Mutual Relief, stated they are or will be discussing this with their lawyer. Moved by Donald Knight (Magnolia), seconded by George Diamond (Magnolia), that a letter be sent to Mutual Relief Association requesting they look into possibility of funding this program - so carried.

The DVFA needs confirmation as to whether or not Gov Carper will attend the Caucus Dinner - Austin will obtain necessary tickets for dinner.

Allen Metheny addressed the Public Hearing on the Sunshine Committee reference the State Fire Prevention Commission, some questions as to what they really are attempting. President Steele will attend the meeting and have a prepared statement ready to give if needed.

Metheny also discussed the information on injuries under Workman Compensation and how incident happen, action taken and results - a new cover letter will be coming out since original did not address volunteer firemen.

Defib program apparently does not have the statewide exposure needed - most ambulance companies (BLS) have not gone to task with the program.

As of today, 8 companies have not filed pension for 1992 - date is extended to February 16, 1993, since 15th is a holiday.

James Cabbage discussed the possibilities of changing the Fire Prevention Committee name to other than one it has since there is some confusion between it and the Fire Prevention Commission. 1st Vice Pres Harry Warner will monitor this program.

Gaming Bill on casino nights needs to be clarified, there seems to be some confusion on the bill - however, all bills not acted upon and passed in last session are null and void - this will required all bills not acted upon the last session to be renumbered and resubmitted. John Mitchell will check with Bruce Ennis on this situation.

John Mitchell discussed various legislation bills that will be pursued this year, he does not foreseen any problems at this time.

CISM funding was discussed by John Mitchell, he will attempt to get this again this year. It was discussed at great length of the need to obtain this in the yearly budget and not have to hassle the problem every year.

Walter Lamon, 2nd VP DSFPA, gave a report on Fire Police Association. and some problems encounter with dues and lack of funds of the Fire Police Association.

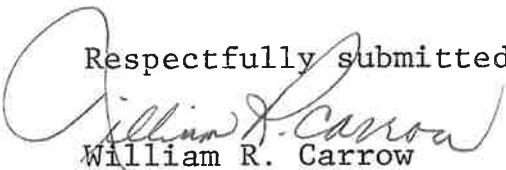
Allen Metheny reported on National Volunteer Fire Council. James Cabbage addressed the problem of the lack of involvement by the NVFC in national items, particularly in the areas of national disasters - such as the hurricane devastation in South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana the past two years. Moved by James Cabbage (Clayton), seconded by Jon Cottrell(Townsend), that the NVFC be send a letter from the DVFA showing our concern over the lack of involvement of the NVFC on these areas were volunteer fire service was so vastly devastated - so carried.

CISM discussed at greath length by Kevin Wilson. This function has come a long way in the past two years and has reached a point were direct funding for CISM is needed. Wilson stated that his committee would like to educate the legislators and solicit funds. Committee has distributed a booklet to let everyone know what CISM is and can do. CISM would work through Law & Legislative Committee and President, DVFA to obtain their needs and if the legislators need any information on same, they would indeed call upon Kevin's committee for information. The time has come and the need exists to get this funding on a permanent basis in the annual budget.

Moved by William Carrow (Clayton), seconded by Jon Cottrell (Townsend), to adjourn - so carried.

Adjournment at 2215 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

  
William R. Carrow  
Secretary.