

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

MINUTES
August 30, 2017

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 6:06 p.m. at Olive Garden Restaurant in Dover, DE.

Trustees Present:

New Castle: Ed Kalinowski, Mary Alice Maichle & Rich Weaver (3 guests)
Kent: Kathy O'Neal, Steve White & Bob Yerkes (3 guests)
Sussex: Patrick Miller, Ginni Tice & Bill Tobin (2 guests)

DVFA Advisory Committee Present: Dan Burris & Deb Lawhead.

Guests: Doug Kook, representing Bumpers & Company, CPA.

Treasurer's Report: N/A.

Payment of Bills: N/A.

Minutes: N/A.

Communications: Re-appointment/replacement letters have gone out as needed – Bobbi Albright from Auxiliary of Sussex County Firefighter's Association has re-appointed Ginni Tice for another three year term; Rich Perillo has indicated he intends to re-appoint Bill Tobin for another three year term.

Trustee Reports: N/A.

Old Business: N/A.

New Business:

- A list of those companies/auxiliaries still not registered for Conference was provided to all trustees.

Good of the Association: The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frederica Fire Department.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginni Tice
Secretary, MRA

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MINUTES
September 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Frederica Fire House.

Trustees Present:

New Castle: Ed Kalinowski, Mary Alice Maichle & Rich Weaver
Kent: Kathy O'Neal, Steve White & Bob Yerkes
Sussex: None

DVFA Advisory Committee Present:

New Castle: Danny Burris/Station 27

Guests: None.

Treasurer's Report: None.

Payment of Bills: None.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 24, 2017 were presented in printed form; on a motion by Rich Weaver and a second by Bob Yerkes, the minutes were accepted as printed.

Communications: None.

Trustee Reports: None.

Old Business:

- There was a discussion regarding a 5 year review of the income and expenses for MRA – Dan Burris will be provided further information from the Treasurer and will address these matters on the floor at Conference.

New Business:

- There were two bids to review – Provident for \$228,959.00 and ESIP for \$261,125.00. On a motion by Bob Yerkes and a second by Rich Weaver, it was unanimously carried to recommend to the general membership that the Provident Insurance Sick and Health Insurance Policy be continued.

Good of the Association: The next meeting will be Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in Ballroom "C" at Dover Downs during the Conference.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Alice Maichle
Acting Secretary, MRA

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MINUTES
September 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chair Steve White on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 3:32 p.m. in the Dover Downs Ballroom "C" at the Annual DVFA/LADVFA Conference. An opening prayer was given by Blake Bowers, Citizen's Hose and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Trustees Present:

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

DVFA Advisory Committee Present:

Sussex: John Stevenson/Station 87
Kent: Jeff Dennison/Station 40
New Castle: Danny Burris/Station 27

Guests: Barry Balliet, CJ Bens and Kyle Gebhart – Provident; Brandon Jones, Attorney and Deb Lawhead, MRA Special Advisor. CJ Bens welcomed everyone and then spoke briefly about a separate Cancer policy that is available to the fire departments as well as an additional Critical Illness Policy – come visit them at the Provident booth at Conference for more information.

Treasurer's Report: As Patrick Miller was absent, there were no written financial reports. Treasurer Bill Tobin reported on the total net worth of the MRA as \$667,411.35. There was discussion about emailing those figures to members before the Conference as well as the net worth being compiled to accurately reflect the true net worth. Members were informed that a special meeting would be held in the near future to discuss the MRA accounting issues and the hiring of a new accounting firm, Bumpers Accounting. The MRA does not have an investment income at this time and the Association, with the discount given to the Fire Departments, is steadily decreasing their holdings.

Payment of Bills: None.

Minutes: None.

Communications: The two re-appointment letters for Bill Tobin (DVFA) and Ginni Tice (ASCVFA).

Trustee Reports: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- On a motion by Joe Zeroles, Farmington and a second by Rich Perillo, Brandywine Hundred, it was unanimously carried to renew the Provident Insurance Sick and Health Insurance Policy and the AD&D Policy for the upcoming year.
- A motion was made and then **rescinded** ~~to hold a special meeting in 30 days at a central location to ascertain the true need to offer a discount on the Provident Policy, to possibly raise dues and to inform all membership of the accounting decisions that have been made.~~ MRA Trustees will meet and then schedule a meeting within a reasonable time frame, per Chair Steve White.
- A motion was made by Tom DiCristofaro, Claymont and a second by Rich Perillo, Brandywine Hundred, to have any correspondence pertinent to future Conferences be emailed in advance to Presidents, MRA Delegates and MRA Alternates; motion carried.

Good of the Association: none.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginni Tice
Secretary, MRA