



DVFA EXECUTIVE MEETING

Delaware State Fire School

March 13, 2016

Call to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Joe Zerole

Invocation offered by DVFA Chaplain Bob Hudson

Pledge of Allegiance led by Jim Watson

Roll Call of Officers by Secretary Elmer Steele

- [X] Joe Zerole, 47, President
- [X] Ted Walius, 75, 1st Vice President
- [X] Rich Perillo, 11, 2nd Vice President
- [X] Elmer Steele 81, Corporate Secretary
- [X] J. Allen Metheny, Sr., 51, Treasurer
- [X] George Pyott, 43, Assistant Treasurer
- [X] Les Warrick, 14, New Castle County Director
- [X] Earle Dempsey, 55, Kent County Director
- [X] Ron O'Neal 83, Sussex County Director
- [X] Dan Carrier, 19, Director, New Castle County
- [] Glenn Gillespie, 42, Director, Kent County
- [X] Clay Yocom, 78, Director, Sussex County
- [] Rich Toulson, 87, Past President - Director

DVFA Staff

- [X] Warren Jones, 16/86 Executive Manager

Special Guest

Bill Webb, Congressional Fire Services Institute talked about the upcoming CFSI events to be held in Washington, DC on May 4, 5, 2016. He thanked the DVFA for its support in the past and hopes this will be another great year. The State of Delaware has received a \$30.00 discount on the price of the dinner tickets again this year. Total cost will be \$295.00 per ticket. The theme for dinner this year is "Making a Difference"

Bill gave a brief report on what the CFSI has been involved in during 2015 and 2016 on Capitol Hill.

Report of Officers

President Zeroles: Full report has been filed electronically with the office. He highlighted several items that are in his report;

- The JFC hearing was held on February 22 at Legislative Hall. Very good turn-out from the fire service. Warren did an excellent power point presentation.
- Thanked the various fire companies for their hospitality during the past few months as he attended their banquets, dinners and social events.
- He has attended 40 functions, traveled 2,246 miles and was in service for 159.5 hours.

First Vice President Walius: Full report has been filed electronically with the office. He has attended 32 functions, traveled 1,680 miles and was in service for 106 hours.

Second Vice President Perillo: Full report has been filed electronically with the office. He has attended 18 functions, traveled 1,594.6 miles and was in service for 86 hours.

Secretary Steele: Full report has been filed electronically with the office. He has attended 31 functions, traveled 2,540 miles and was in service 128 hours.

Treasurer Metheny: It gives me great pleasure to present the Treasurer's report for the period December 11, 2015 through March 8, 2016. This report includes both the DVFA Operations and the Conference Account Balances.

On March 1, 2016, I transferred \$1,915,287.33 to Northern Trust Company for our Calendar Year 2015 DVFA pension program. This consisted of \$1,761,147.33 for the employers share and \$154,140.00 to cover 2,575 fire company and ladies auxiliary members.

Allen also gave the Conference 2015 final report. The 2015 Conference cost us \$49,634.95 more than what we actually received.

*Motion by Stephen Maichle and seconded by Jim Watson to except the Officer reports.
Motion carried*

Executive Manager Jones discussed several issues;

- Reported on the JFC presentation that was held on February 22, 2016. We asked to be placed in a separate bill for funding and no longer with the rest of Grant in Aid. We also asked for funding for tactical ballistic vest for our EMT's and firefighters. The JFC committee was very attentive to our presentation. Thanks to everyone that attended the hearing, the turnout was great.
- Reported on a smoke detector program that may be funded by the Controller Generals Office in the amount of \$200,000.00 This money would be coming from mortgage settlement money. They have asked that we identify needed areas of the State, canvas these areas to see who needs smoke detectors and install the detectors. Discussed getting other community groups involved in this project, due to limited man power to go door to door to accomplish their goal. The JFC met last week to discuss how to best use the balance of the settlement money. The \$200,000.00 for smoke detectors was still on the

list, along with several other projects. The JFC did not make any final decision at that time.

- Discussed HB 218 related to selling of ground-based and hand held sparklers and other non-explosive, non-airborne novelty fireworks within the State. The bill does not legalize firecrackers, bottle rockets, aerials or any other device that explodes or shoots into the air. The use of these items may be sold to persons 18 years of age and older and is limited to July 4th and December 31st of each year and sales are limited to the 30 days prior to the allowable use day. This bill is being revised, so we are not able to take a position on it until we see the finished bill.
- The Leadership symposium is April 9th. We will be handing out a packet for each fire company containing important information and a check list. Would like to have someone from every company. Registrations are coming in very slow. Deadline is March 26th. We will review the registrations next week and may be able to open it up to anyone that wants to attend, even though the event is geared towards current officers. The keynote speaker is Chief Richard Gasaway. He is a great speaker and very knowledgeable fire service personality.
- The Delaware 87'ers basketball team is sponsoring an American Heroes Night on March 25, 2016 at the Bob Carpenter Center. Info is on the front table.
- Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Committee Reports

State Fire Prevention Commission – Dave Roberts

- Dave introduced the commissioners that were present today.
- Still needs annual BLS reports from the companies
- Traffic fine money has been distributed totaling \$919,000.00. A total of \$1,500,000.00 has been distributed since the program started.
- Scratch rate has been reviewed and has been dropped from 10% to a new rate of 9%

Advisory to State Fire Marshal – Grover Ingle

- Fire Deaths: Currently there are four (4) fire deaths. No working smoke alarms in either of the four (4) deaths
- The Deputy Fire Marshal I, vacant position for Kent County Division is still in the hiring process. Hope to have someone on staff in April or early May
- Administrative Specialist I: Vacancy to be posted in the next week.
- Deputy Fire Marshal I, Just completed interviews the first week of March, moving forward with background checks
- Fire Protection Specialist I, vacancy in Sussex County, interviews on March 14 and 15
- FY 2017 budget: Completed JFC hearing on February 22, 2016
- Continuing to work with the fire companies on their DFIRS reports
- 2015 State Fire Prevention regulations went into effect on March 11, 2016
- Will be meeting with the home builders association regarding the brochure/informational requirements and the distribution of the printed pamphlets

- Mike Lowe added that the DFIRS reports in Delaware are much higher than other States and that the Fire Marshal's office should be commended for their work with DFIRS. Delaware rate of return is 85 to 87%.

Advisory to DSFS – Robert P. Newnam

- EMT re-certification is in process. 404 are due by the by March 31
- There are 1,510 EMT's in the State
- Student numbers for all classes are up
- School is reviewing the EMS up-dates regarding the new proposed standards. The school will be making some suggestions to the new standards
- Doing class room up-dates
- April 3 is the ladies seminar. Hope to have another good turn out
- Chad Ingram is the newest senior instructor

DVFA Conference– John McKenzie

- Working on various changes to reduce to cost of the Conference
- Room contracts are past due. You may lose your room if you haven't returned your contract
- Friday night dance will return this year, Thanks to the Memorial Fire Co. for sponsoring this event to honor incoming President Terry Jester

Fireman of the Year - Carleton Carey, Sr.

- Received no nominations as of this date. Please submit nominations by June 30

Health & Safety – Mike Rush

- Cardio Kinetics program is working well. Almost out of money, will be searching for more funding for the program

Law & Legislative – Ed Barlow

- Thanked Warren for the good report and power point presentation that was made at the JFC hearing
- Bruce added that there needs to be some consensus regarding HB 218.
- Bruce also discussed the possibility of having the Department of Motor Vehicle issue ID cards for Fire Police

Life Safety – Guy Hudson

- Thanked everyone that attended the 2015 awards program in Cheswold in January. There were 29 of the 31 award winners in attendance
- Had 36 requests totaling \$140,702.58 for matching funds for this year
- The changes for the 2016 program have been approved and will go to the printers soon

Recruitment & Retention - Earle Dempsey

- Awarded 17 SAFER sub-grants this year totaling \$46,400.00
- R & R open house at the various fire stations will be May 14th
- Working with the State Fair to co-sponsor the monster truck show this year on July 23rd

Permanent Memorial – Jim Watson

- Site of the new monument has been moved to the South east corner of the Mall, due to some problems with trees on the proposed North side of the Mall. Should have final approval of this move on March 16th. A power point presentation was made, which brought out several questions. Most of the concerns were addressed during the presentation, but a couple will need more review.
- Ray Stevens gave a report on the funding that has been received thus far. 16 of the 21 New Castle County companies have sent in their \$1,000.00 donation, 9 of the 18 Kent County companies have sent in their \$1,000.00 donation, 10 of the 21 Sussex County companies have sent in their \$1,000.00 donation. Several other organizations and associations have also made donations. The total received thus far is \$43,510.00

Scholarship – Ginni Tice

- Deadline for applications is March 31st

Recognition of Past Presidents – 1st Vice President Walius asked that all DVFA Past Presidents and President Emeritus stand and be recognized

14 Past Presidents and 2 President Emeritus in attendance today

Affiliated Organizations/ Agency Representatives

Ladies' Auxiliary Mary Frances Eisenbrey:

- President Eisenbrey introduced the ladies that were in attendance today from all 3 Counties.
- The LADVFA (\$1,500), the Kent County ladies (\$1,500), the New Castle County ladies (\$1,000), the New Castle County ladies Past Presidents (\$500) and the Sussex County ladies (\$750) presented checks for the scholarship fund to Ray Stevens of the DVFA Foundation.

State Fire Chiefs 2nd Vice President Andy Hall:

- Stated that President Pennington had to leave and that he would give the Chief's report
- 2nd Vice President Hall stated the next State Chief's meeting will be March 24, 2016 at Station 80, Indian River. Speaker will be Mike Lombardo and Ted Louden. Social at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00.

State Fire Police President Al Schmick:

- President Schmick stated that their next meeting will be May 5 at the DSFS at 9:00 am

State Ambulance Association 1st Vice President Matt Gajdos:

- Next State EMS meeting will be March 24, 2016 at Station 80 Indian River, in conjunction with the State Chief's. Social at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00
- Award nomination forms are available on line. Please get your nominations in so the presentations can be made at Conference

DVFA Foundation – Ray Stevens

- Ray stated that there was \$41,239.40 in the foundation for scholarships plus what was given today

DVFA Mutual Relief – Steve White

- Next meeting is March 29 at Frederica Sta.49
- Power point presentation is almost complete. Please schedule to have this presented at your meeting
- By-Law change regarding the payment of burial funds

NVFC – Allen Metheny

- Allen stated that the next NVFC meeting will be right after CFSI
- Working on various grant programs

Del-Mar-Va Association

- Pastor Bob Hudson reported that the Association will be holding their annual convention in Chincoteague, VA on April 28,29,30

Communications

The following communications were received and are summarized by Secretary Elmer Steele

- Thank You card from Ginni Tice & Family for our response to the passing of her mother
- Thank You card from George Pyott for the flowers during his hospital stay
- Thank You card from Joe Levan for our response to the passing of his wife
- Letter from Mutual Relief Association with reference to a by-law change
- Letter from Ellendale Fire Co. with reference to delegate and alternate changes
- Letter from Five Points Fire Co. with reference to delegate and alternate changes
- Letter from Christiana Fire Co. with reference to delegate and alternate changes
- Letter from Bowers Hose Fire Co. with reference to delegate and alternate changes
- Letter from Dover Fire Dept. with reference to delegate and alternate changes
- Letter from Camden Wyoming Fire Co. with reference to delegate and alternate changes

*Made by Ray Stevens and seconded by Jasper Lakey to accept the communications.
Motion carried*

OLD BUSINESS

None on the books and none from the floor

NEW BUSINESS

- *Motion by Charles Frampton and seconded by Tom DiCristofaro to transfer \$25,000.00 from the DVFA General Account to the Conference Account.* After some discussion a motion was made by Jon Townley and seconded by Jim Watson to table this motion.
Motion carried
- *Motion by Charles Frampton and seconded by Bernie Nutter not to support HB 218.* After some discussion the motion was amended to say; *have Executive Manager Jones discuss HB 218 with the legislators.* After more discussion on the amendment, a motion was made by Allen Metheny and seconded by Jeff Dennison to table this issue.
Motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Treasurer Metheny highlighted the bills to be paid.

Total amount is \$64,134.18

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Accrual Basis

Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Assoc., Inc.
DVFA Operations Bills to be Approved
As of March 8, 2016

Name	Memo	Amount
Operating		
DVFA CHECKING		
COMCAST CABLEVISION	INTERNET/PHONES	-209.30
STEVE AUSTIN	POSTAGE & ENVELOPES	-50.41
WARREN JONES	LAPTOP/GAS	-513.23
VERIZON	WARREN'S PHONE	-113.10
LEWES FIRE DEPT.	FIRE PREV. REIMB.	-4,036.13
M & T BANK	VISA BILL	-5,647.07
THE CONFERENCE GROUP, LLC	INV. # E726-0000-122	-13.93
AT & T	FIRELINE	-12.43
WARREN F. JONES	P/R DECEMBER 2015	-2,926.75
BRANDYWINE FIRE CO.	REIMBURSEMENT-RICHARD FOR VCOS MTG	-642.84
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER SERVICES	-228.83
VERNON INGRAM	RENT - JAN - MAR 2016	-1,755.00
U.S. TREASURY	TAX PERIOD- DECEMBER 2015	-964.90
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-51.01
DIVISION OF REVENUE	P/R TAXES OCT - DEC 2015	-438.87
CHAMPION TROPHIES	INV. DATE 1-7-16	-339.45
VERIZON	WARREN'S PHONE	-56.55
COMCAST CABLEVISION	INTERNET/PHONES	-211.25
GUY HUDSON	CASH PRIZES AND EXPENSE REIMB.	-2,407.34
CHIEF TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	REDESIGNFEE/HOSTING F/F DEL	-919.00
AT & T	FIRELINE	-12.70
WARREN F. JONES	P/R JANUARY 2016	-2,926.75
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER SERVICES	-228.83
CHINCOTEAGUE FIRE CO.	TROPHY SPONSOR	-30.00
RON MARVEL	EXP. REIMB.	-48.05
M & T BANK	VISA BILL	-2,764.15
CREDIT CARD DISCOUNT		-50.95
AT & T	FIRELINE	-12.59
ADSTRATEGIES	ACCT. DVF - MEDIA ADS	-9,501.65
EARL DEMPSEY	652 HOURS JULY - DECEMBER 2015	-19,440.00
U.S. TREASURY	PR TAXES JANUARY 2016	-964.90
VERIZON	WARREN'S PHONE	-56.67
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	BOX RENT - 12 MONTHS	-130.00
CANNON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER SERVICES	-228.83
COMCAST CABLEVISION	INTERNET/PHONES	-211.43
THE CONFERENCE GROUP, LLC	INV. # E726-0000-126	-18.44
WARREN JONES	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	-57.69
BOBOLA FARMS FLORIST	FLOWERS	-48.00
WARREN F. JONES	P/R FEBRUARY 2016	-2,926.75
VERIZON	WARREN'S PHONE	-56.67
STEVE AUSTIN	POSTAGE	-48.33
GOLDFEIN & JOSEPH, P.C.	DOVER DOWNS CONTRACTS	-437.50
M & T BANK	VISA BILL	-931.01
U.S. TREASURY	TAX PERIOD- FEBRUARY 2016	-964.90
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL	DVFA DUES 2016	-500.00
Total DVFA CHECKING		-64,134.18
Total Operating		-64,134.18
TOTAL		-64,134.18

Motion by Tom DiCristofaro second by Ray Stevens to pay the bills. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- Reminder to get your registration in for the Leadership symposium
- Pastor Bob Hudson stated that his cell number is 302-236-2955

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved by Ray Stevens and seconded by Al Schmick that the March Executive Meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Elmer B. Steele
Elmer B. Steele
Corporate Secretary

I hereby attest that this a true copy of the proceedings of the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Association Executive Meeting held on March 13, 2016.

Attest: Warren F. Jones
Executive Manager

Joe Zerole
President