

DVFA Executive Meeting
June 12, 2011

10:00 Call to order by President Tobin

Invocation by Reverend Whilms

Pledge lead by Past President Mergenthaler

Roll call of officers: All present except for Directors Mitchell and Toulson

Special Presentation: Mike McMichael, Delaware City Fire Company presented the DVFA with a check for \$1,000.00 in memory of Michelle Smith for the Scholarship in her name.

Reports of Officers:

President Tobin: Advised all the members present that Past President Walter Johnson is in a nursing home and that your cards and prayers would be appreciated.

President Tobin introduced the leadership handbooks that were prepared by the DVFA Office. He also talked about the recent event at Legislative Hall congratulating the Odessa Fire Company for their recent national EMS award. He was very pleased with the Legislative turn out for the event.

He next introduced Vice President Frampton who gave a report on the 700/800 radio system meeting that he attended. Charlie explained that the 700 radio system was going to be used by the Department of Corrections.

President Tobin reported that he has appointed a personnel committee consisting of the three elected directors and the 2nd Vice President. The personnel committee will be responsible for the DVFA paid employees.

He next reported that he has appointed a finance committee to work with Treasurer Metheny. The committee is Richard Perillo, Ray Stevens, and George Pyott. He also appointed a insurance committee. Dan Burriss is the chairman the other committee members are Gordon Davis, Ken Ryder and Warren Jones

He also explained that he has spend the last three years looking to the mileage cost of the DVFA Executive Secretary and he feels it make good business sense for the association to purchase a car for use by the Executive Manager and eliminate the mileage cost associated with the position.

He said he analyzed the cost of a car such as a Ford Focus compared to what we are paying in mileage expenses, including maintenance and insurance. After discussion at the last two board meetings, it was a unanimous decision of the Board of Directors, that this association purchase a car for use by the executive manager and the officers to also use when they travel out of state. `

1st Vice President Frampton: President Frampton stated his report was in written form. He then address that any company having an anniversary please contact the office for resolutions.

2nd Vice President Boyer: President Boyer stated his report was in written form.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Allen Mentheny reported that the Treasurer's Report was completed for March 10, through June 8, 2011. He also reported that between now and the Conference he will prepare the financial records for the annual audit and begin working with the officers and budget committee develop the annual budget.

Executive Manager's Report: Executive Manager Warren Jones spoke about the recent meeting of the Revolving Loan Committee and how there would be 590,000 in the account available by May during the next loan cycle. He also said the committee is looking into expanding the number of times a year that the loans would be available and the President Tobin and the DVFA was working to get the loan funds increased.

He next reported on the two events scheduled for September 11, 2011. The first event will be a memorial service held at the Firefighter's Monument at 0900 and the second event will be a Memorial Stair Climb held at the Dover International Speedway at 1200 hours. He also reported there will be a barbeque for all participants after the climb.

He next reported that this Thursday, June 16, the National 9/11 Flag will be on display at Dover Fire Station 1 and that there will be a stitching event to stitch the Delaware Patch into the flag.

State Fire Prevention Commission Report: Chairman David Roberts discussed the hearings the commission has been having concerning the audits. He also mentioned the concern the Medical Directors have about patient refusals and proper paperwork. He reported that from the DEMSOC meeting the discussion on the lack of financial reporting from the fire service.

Advisory to SFPC for EMS: Mike McMichael reported on the Edin reports are still not completed. He also reported that DIEMS was on hold.

Advisory to the State Fire Marshal: Fire Marshal Grover Ingle reported the following:

He has filled the vacant Day Care Inspector position by Dave Burns.

DFIRS reports: They are still working with the companies who are in arrears.

He is serving on the DNREC and Fire Chiefs Association subcommittee to resolve the controlled burning issues.

That the State Fire Marshal's Office supports the NCCVFA in their quest to have a residential sprinkler law passed in NCC.

That on June 30, Administrative Specialist I, Bonnie Donohue, will be retiring.

That Assistant State Fire Marshal and Chief of Investigations, Richard Ward will also be retiring after 32 years.

Advisory to State Fire School: Director Newnam reported the following:

The attendance for the spring classes is at average or above

The annual Planning and Evaluation Staff Meeting will be June 27-30.

That for 2012 they will continue to add classes for additional availability during weekdays and weeknights.

That they are reviewing holding BFFS in the Divisions and at Dover.

Talked about the status of their budget.

Delaware weekend at the National Fire Academy is November 5-6, 2011.

Reported on the Weekday EMT program had 18 students and the one on July has a full class, 20 students.

WFD recruit class scheduled for this summer.

That they have updated the Emergency Medical Responders program.

That the DSFS Vehicle Extrications Challenge will be September 10-11

That they are researching for the commission, a Marine Ambulance Vessel Standard.

Archives: Charles Emerson reported he has submitted a budget for a new display case.

Wake up Delaware: Todd Riley reported that each county was handling the smoke detector program. He also reported that the fire companies need to start doing home inspections in order for us to be able to qualify for future AFG Grants.

Firemen of the Year: Carlton Carey advised they are accepting letters for the Firemen of the Year Award.

Law and Legislative: Senator Ennis reported on Senate Bill 55 with expands the use of preemptive devices while backing into the station. He also reported on SB67, the memorial signage bill. Also, reported on the fire service exemption for air cylinders under the Board of Boiler Safety. Senator Ennis also discussed Keno and this quest to regain the money we lost in Grant in Aids.

Life Safety; Guy Hudson reported there were 44 department eligible to receive fire prevention money for this year.

Out of State Coordinator: Steve Austin reported on the recent CFSI institute dinner. He also reported on Odessa award for the Top Volunteer Fire Based EMS in the country. He mentioned the Maryland State Convention was this weekend and that all were welcomed to attend with President Tobin and his officers.

DVFA Foundation: Steve Austin thanked Delaware City and the NCCVFA for their scholarship support.

Scholarships: Bob Powell reported that there were \$50,300 available and that 38 scholarships will be presented.

Government Affairs Committee: Bob Sutton reported on the DVD presentation to the JFC and the good attendance we had at the hearing.

Introduction of Past Presidents by 1st Vice President Charles Frampton.

NFPA 1917 Committee: Bill Walton Jr. updated everyone on the progress of the committee. That the committee had presented a basic format and it was out for comments until August 30th.

Budget; George Pyott reported that the budget request were due by July 15th.

DVFA Conference: Elmer Steele reported on the changes for this year's conference. He also reported on the no-show policy and the due dates for the conference registrations.

Reports of Associations:

LADVFA: President Marvel introduced her officers in attendance and thanked everyone for their support

DSFC: Reported their annual exhibitors meeting will be this month in Slaughter Beach.

DSFP: President Ken Tull reported on the Fire Police 50th Anniversary celebration plans.

DSEMS: President Robert Jones reported on the BLS Protocols, which were put on hold by the commission. Reported that their next meeting would be in Slaughter Beach with the Chiefs.

Communications: The following communications were read:
The following (11) communications were received and are summarized by the Executive Manager:

- Letter from Dover Fire Department supporting Charles Boyer for 1st Vice President of the DVFA.
- Letter from David Small, Deputy Secretary, DNREC with reference to exempting high pressure air cylinders used by the fire service under the boiler safety act.
- Letter from Hal Barber, Secretary of Bethany Beach Fire Company to replace his appointment on the Fire Corps committee with Dan Cowell.
- Letter from Belvedere Fire Company adding their rescue truck to Grant in Aids Bill
- Letter from the Frankford Fire Company adding their rescue truck to the Grant in Aids Bill
- Letter from the Bethany Beach Fire Company adding their ambulance to the Grant in Aids bill
- Letter from the Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association with reference to Articles of Attachment
- Letter from the NFFF thanking the DVFA for their support in 2010
- Letter from the NFPA appointing Richard Toulson as member of the Technical Committee on Traffic Control Incident Management Professional Qualifications.
- Letter from the Department of Health and Human Services with reference to a NIOSH firefighter fatality prevention program

Motion by Tom D'Alessandro, 2nd by Mike Rush to bring the communications up under proper order of business. Motion passed

Unfinished Business:

NCCVFA President Robert Sutton addressed the NCC sprinkler issues

New Business:

Motion by Robert Sutton, Second by Tom D'Alessandro to purchase a car for the DVFA. Motion Passed.

Dan Burris requested a report showing the pension money paid in and out.

Motion by Ted Doyle, Second by Rich Perillo for the Conference Committee/Budget Committee to look into giving back to the fire companies the extra money in the conference account and to look into returning that money back to the companies.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Guy Hudson, Second by Wally Hudson to pay the bills, Motion passed.

Good of the Association:

Director Les McCourt thanked Bill Tobin and the Memorial Fire Company for sponsoring the dance at the conference.

Mike McMichael thanked Senator Bruce Ennis and Warren Jones for allowing us to sit in the Senate Chamber while the Michelle Smith Road Sign Bill was being voted on.

Also reminded everyone the deadline for the EMS awards submissions will be July 1st.

Dick Ward thanked everyone for their kind words about his retirement and commented how he truly enjoyed the fire service.

Todd Riley spoke about the Hero's blood drive by the Delmarva Blood Bank

Tom DiCristofaro spoke about recognizing the DVFA Past Presidents.

Tucker Dempsey reported on the development of the sexual harassment program by the fire school.

Executive Manager Warren Jones spoke about the new communications system he was setting up and requested all the Email addresses from Executive Committee Members.

Fire Marshall Grover Ingle spoke about Fire Marshal Randy Lee and his contribution to the Special Olympics. He thanked everyone for their support. President Tobin wished everyone a good and safe summer and hoped to see everyone at the conference.

Motion by Tom D'Alessandro, second by Ray Stevens to Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa R. Kiser
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Corresponding Secretary

I hereby attest that this a true copy of the proceedings of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association Executive Committee Meeting held on June 12, 2011.

Attest: **Warren F. Jones**
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Executive Manager