

Executive meeting of DVFA was called to order by President George A. Diamond at 1000 hours on March 1, 1992 at the Delaware State Fire Service Center, Dover, DE.

President Diamond appointed Robert G. Sweetman (Aetna), Past President, as SGT-OF-ARMS.

Invocation was given by Walter Lamon, Assistant DVFA Chaplain,

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag was lead by William G. Walton, Sr. (Elsmere), Past President, DVFA.

Moved by Raymond Krett (Goodwill), seconded by Joseph Evans (Bridgeville) to accept minutes of previous meeting since they are in printed form for all concerned - so carried.

ROLL CALL: Roll call showed following present: 132 Committee Members; 18 Past Presidents; 2 President Emeritus; 4 Fire Commissioners; and 14 DVFA Officers.

TREASURER'S REPORT: J. Allen Metheny (Hartly), Treasurer, presented the report in printed form for all concerned. Net worth of organization as of this date is \$817,472.25; However, over \$700,000 is owed to State of Delaware Pension Office on our pension fund. Certificate of Deposit came due and was left as in since interest rates were no better than being renewed at the time. Treasurer also reported the CISM funds had been received and also reported on payment to Walt Lamon as Assistant Chaplain and the amount decided upon by the DVFA Officers.

Moved by George Kerr (Minquas), seconded by Bruce Ennis (Citizens Hos to accept Treasurer's Report - so carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: Reports of Officers are in printed form and available to all concerned, they are made a part of these minutes.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADVISORY TO STATE FIRE SCHOOL: Louis Amabili reporting. Dedication new fire center in Georgetown will be held on Saturday, May 9, 1992 at 1100 hours, all are invited.

ARCHIVES: Robert Romig (Five Points) reporting. Name of Allen Thompson (Minquadale) herioc fireman of 1970 has been amitted from minute book; still need front pieces from stations 16-18-56, also recommend purchasing a new display board at cost of \$650.. Suggest that a museum site be considered for future display to public, possibly at State Ag Museum in Dover. Pictures of Convention for officers need to be given to Archives. It was also recommended at previous Executive Meeting that ribbons be made available for Hall of Fame members who attend Convention - this has not be done.

COMMUNICATIONS: William Bell (Holloway Terrace) reporting. 800 MHZ Statewide Communications System for New Castle County have gone out for bids and are due back by March 29, 1992. State will award a contract within 30 days of March 29th, for the intra-structure for New Castle County. DVFA needs to be unified on 800 MHZ project and all 3 counties need to be supportive of same.

CONVENTION LIAISON: Frances Dougherty (Brandywine Hundred) reporting. All companies are reminded that fire apparatus will be limited in parade this year, also recommend that host companies be requested by DVFA to distribute to all participating companies their parade scores in the parade within 30 days of parade date Convention'92. Tentative schedule presented to Committee and will be brought up under proper order of business.

CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT: Kevin Wilson (Clayton) reporting CISM has been quite busy in past months and are being utilized to more extent, however, we need more exposure. Training seminars held and was most successful; more training will be conducted in future.

FINANCE & AUDITING: George Pyott (Cheswold) reporting. Monies had to be withdrawn from savings during the past year to pay expenses. Recommend to have dues raised by \$100 per year will be presented under the proper order of business.

FIRE PREVENTION: William Matthews (Aetna) reporting. Several items for approval will be brought up under the proper order of business.

LAW & LEGISLATIVE: John Mitchell (Elsmere) reporting. He will be working to maintain the present level of funds for fire service as in the past; also will monitor 800 MHZ Project, monies for CISM and funding for Hepatitis B Statewide program. Mitchell alluded to obtaining an actuary study to increase the pension amount. Fire Chief's Law was addressed and he will be on alert for any attempt to change the law. Sunset Committee discussed and the rumor that steps were under foot to eliminate the Fire Prevention Commission at this point is unfounded.

OUT-OF-STATE COORDINATOR: Steve Austin (Aetna) reporting. Itinerary of Out of State Coordinators submitted. Delaware Night will be held FDIC on Monday night of the Conference. The annual Caucus dinner will be held on April 29, 1992 in Washington, DC. The MSFA 100th Anniversary Parade will be held in Frederick, Md on Saturday, May 30, 1992, efforts will be made to send a representative unit from Delaware to parade. "Ike" Guessford (Odessa) spoke on parade and that a letter will be forthcoming, would like to have 4 members from each Delaware company to participate.

RESOLUTIONS: Raymond Krett (Goodwill) reporting. Letters have been sent to all concerned for information on 50 year members - information on individuals concerned will be due NLT June DVFA Executive Meeting.

SAFETY & HEALTH: William Kelly (Claymont) reporting. Meeting will be held with Fire Prevention Commission, member from Attorney General's Office and this committee, to ascertain answers to problems that could arise from NFPA 1500.

SCHOLARSHIP: George Kerr (Minquas) reporting. Application for scholarship due in by March 30, 1992 to Fire School. Committee will meet on April 12, 1992 on applications.

SUNSHINE & VISITATIONS: Walter Lamon (Clayton) reporting. Visitation made to hospitals, homes, viewings and funerals; cards were mailed - Get Well and Sympathy - to members and/or their families. Follow-up were made on members.

PAST PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE: Robert Sweetman (Aetna) reporting. Committee working on reimbursement of Officers and duties of same - information should be available at Convention.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: Tony Suppe (Christiana) reporting. Committee has established their objectives:

1. Get an 800 phone number in operation by April, 1992.
2. Have statewide advertising campaign in operation by May, 1992.
3. Have a recruitment booth ready by September, 1992
4. Have a map of each county locating each fire station.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Jon Cottrell (Townsend), Assistant Secretary, read the following correspondence, action to various committees as shown in parenthesis:

Ltr, 16Dec91, KCVFA, re: State Contracts	(File)
Ltr, 25Nov91, FIRE PREV COMM, re: DVFA Standards	(File)
Ltr, KC AMB ASSOC, re: Transport ALS Units	(File)
Ltr, 27Jan92, FIRE MASTER, re: Marc Mueller Award	(File)
Ltr, 24Feb92, MILL CREEK FIRE CO, re: Convention "94	(File)
Thank You Card, Mike Lucas	(File)
Thank You Card, John E. Cunningham Family	(File)
Ltr, CONVENTION '91, re; Thanks for Assistance at Convention	(File)
Ltr, 16Feb92, DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, re: HB 338 Support	(E&L)
Ltr, 28Feb92, KCVFA, re: Opposition to HB 408	(File)
Ltr, KC AMB ASSOC. re: Transport Capable ALS Units	(File)
Ltr, 1Mar92, NCCVFA, re: Status Parade Scores.	(File)

Moved by Bruce Ennis (Citizens Hose), seconded by John Mitchell (Elsmere), to accept the correspondence and that those requiring action be brought up under the proper order of business - so carried.

Elmer Steel (Laurel), 1st Vice President, presented following priorities for 1992-93, copy of same given to all companies and will be voted upon at June Executive Meeting:

1. Maintain Grant In Aid and leveling up monies for Kent & Sussex Counties at present formula.
2. Funding the Statewide Hepatitis "B" Innoculation Program at apporximate cost of \$285.00.
3. Funding of the 800 MHZ Statewide Communication System.
4. Support the Construction of New Castle County Burn Center.
5. Increase matching funds for Fire Prevention Program to \$75,000.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: E. James Monihan (Lewes) reporting. Fire Safety Act has been watered down from original bill - but is still working its way through Congress. Firefighter Bill of Rights has become a compromise bill and will present a medal instead of a coin. Monihan cautioned all concerned in purchase of new apparatus in regards to weight and possibility of the Federal Law on weight per axle, he also reported on various areas that NVFC are currently involved with.

OLD BUSINESS: Randy Roberts (Holloway Terrace) reported for the Convention '91 Parade Committee in regards to the parade results and the difficulty encountered in obtaining same from the judging association. Moved by Randy Roberts (Holloway Terrace), seconded by John Mitchell (Elsmere), that parade scores be passed out at the County Chief's meetings. Question on motion by Robert Romig (Five Points) who moved to amend the motion to pass out scores at the County Association meetings, seconded by Bruce Ennis (Citizens Hose), Vote taken on amendment and carried. Vote on motion, as amended, taken and carried.

Raymond Krett (Goodwill) gave a final financial report on Convention '91 and filed copy of same with Association Secretary, cost of convention was in excess of \$296,000.00.

Robert Romig (Five Points) questioned the status of Convention '91 pictures of Officers - they will appear in minute book.

NEW BUSINESS: Moved by Frances Dougherty (Brandywine Hundred), seconded by Robert Romig (Five Points) that Host Company be required to distribute the parade results to all participating units within 30 days after the parade - so carried.

Moved by Tony Suppe (Christiana), seconded by Robert Romig (Five Points), that DVFA allot \$200 per year for an 800 number from the telephone company to be used by Recruitment and Retention Committee - so carried.

Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by John Mitchell (Elsmere), that DVFA write a letter to Pension Advisory Committee and have them conduct an actuary study on the feasibility and the cost to each company to increase the monthly pension amount - so carried.

George Pyott (Cheswold), Chairman of Finance and Auditing Committee, presented a recommendation to change the By-Laws and Constitution to increase by \$100 per year the dues of the Association. Moved by George Pyott (Cheswold), seconded by Raymond Krett (Goodwill) that this be considered the first reading. Several questions on motion - as to whether it can be considered reading or not. Bruce Ennis (Citizens Hose) stated he feels motion is out of order. Motion was withdrawn by maker and second. Moved by George Pyott (Cheswold), seconded by Bruce Ennis (Citizens Hose) that the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee be referred to the By-Laws & Constitution Committee for action - so carried. Proposed changes as follows:

ARTICLE III, SECTION 2: Each member Volunteer Company or Department shall pay to the Treasurer, on/or before the first day of June in each year, the sum of One Thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) as annual dues. Five hundred (\$500) of which to be forwarded to the Host Company

Association to cover expenses of the Annual Convention. Associate members may belong to this Association but are not required to pay annual dues.

BY-LAWS CHANGE SECTION 13, SUBSECTION 3: Change the wording enclosed in parenthesis to read (Annual Dues \$1,200\*\*\*\$700.00 Administrative\*\*\*\$500.00 Convention).

Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by Raymond Krett (Goodwill), Have the Law & Legislative Committee make sure all companies have a copy of HB 408, Title 16 and any Federal regulations on safety for emergency personnel in handling of patients with infectious diseases and that they study them and bring any comments back to this Association. Motion questioned by E. James Monihan (Lewes) who alluded to the fact that federal regulations concerning this problem are in many pages and in all probability will not be altered. Cathy Morris (Hartly), President State Amulance Association, spoke in favor of the motion. Bruce Ennis (Citizens Hose) spoke in favor of the motion. Vote taken - so carried.

Motion by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by George Kerr (Minquas) that the Archives Committee be authorized to purchase a new display board in the amount of \$650 - so carried.

E. James Monihan (Lewes), requested the assistance of the Association in determining the feelings on the weight of apparatus per axle to be discussed at the next NVFC meeting and how the association desires he and Allen Metheny (Hartly) to vote. The Association feels that the representatives should vote their feelings and conscience on the matter.

Letter requesting support of HB 338 (lowering of alcohol content for DUI0 from the Department of Public Safety discussed for action. Moved by John Mitchell (Elsmere), seconded by George Kerr (Minquas), to table any action until all Kent and Sussex Counties take action on same - so carried.

Dean Simpson (Mill Creek) questioned the payment of mileage to the Assistant Chaplain, DVFA, since no provisions are made in the By-Laws for same. A.I. Guessford (Odessa), stated that the Past President's Committee is addressing this subject and the reimbursement of all officers for their expenses and it be left status quo at the present time.

Moved by William Matthews (Aetna), seconded by Joe Vattilana (Talleville), that the DVFA authorize the use of the DVFA logo on fire prevention material - so carried.

Moved by William Matthews (Aetna), seconded by Joe Vattilana (Talleville), that the DVFA support the Color Book Program for the fire service at no cost to the Association - so carried.

William Matthews (Aetna) spoke on Proposed Guidelines for reimbursing of matching funds for fire prevention programs. Several questions raised on subject of Guidelines Draft - many have not seen them. Many questions presented, Ronald Marvel (Seaford) informed meeting how the original guidelines were derived. Moved by Hal Blades (Harrington, seconded by Joe Hojnicke (Minquadale) to table the recommendation until guideline draft can be presented to all companies - so carried. Moved by A.I. Guessford (Odessa), seconded by Charles Frampton (Brandywine Hundred), that the drafts be sent to the President or Secretary of individual companies - so carried.

Moved by A.I. Guessford (Odessa), seconded by Raymond Krett (Goodwill), that the DVFA turn over to the Law & Legislative Committee and Advisory to Mutual Relief Committee to investigate the feasibility and possibility of the member fire companies of DVFA that have full time employees to have the state help in funding the program and to help in this matter - so carried.

Moved by Wally Evans (Lewes), seconded by John Mitchell (Elsmere), to write a letter to support the Fire Prevention Commission and to oppose any attempt to eliminate same - so carried. Several comments on subject made - everything at present is strictly hearsay. Moved by John Mitchell (Elsmere), seconded by Wally Evans (Lewes), to hold the letter in abeyance and if so needed it will be written on the call of John Mitchell, Lobbyist - so carried.

Tot Finder stickers discussed and need to know if additional ones could be obtained. Lou Amabili, Director of State Fire School, stated that the school does not support the Tot Finder Sticker program, issue is a dead one.

Frank King (Hartly), Chairman of Convention '92, presented a tentative agenda for the convention - copies available for all concerned.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: J. Allen Metheny, Treasurer, presented bills totalling \$8,047.95. Moved by George Kerr (Minquas), seconded by Kennard Pyle (Odessa), to pay all bills - so carried.

Elmer Steele (Laurel), 1st Vice Pres, DVFA, mentioned the previous listing of priorities and that the list were given to all companies for discussion and to be voted on at the June Executive Meeting. As required by regulation, he appointed the following members as the Fire Prevention Committee for 1992-93:

William Matthews, Jr, Chairman, Aetna Hose, Hook & Ladder  
Al Cipollone, Jr, Volunteer Hose Co.  
Joe Vattilana, Talleyville  
Terry Van Horn, Townsend  
James H. Carson, Jr, Clayton  
Lawrence Dixon, Hartly  
Robert Yerkes, Houston  
Barbara Wilson, Hartly  
Ronald Marvel, Seaford  
Jeffrey Elliott, Dagsboro  
Dennis Hughes, Milton  
Alice Bruce, Indian River  
Florence LeGates, Delaware State Fire School

Moved by Michael Vincent (Seaford), seconded by John Mitchell (Elsmere), that a letter be sent to the Joint Finance Committee supporting an increase in funding for the Fire Setters Program - so carried.

Dean Simpson (Mill Creek) questioned the payment of mileage to the Assistant Chaplain since no provisions are made in the By-Laws & Constitution for same - A. I. Guessford (Odessa) suggested that this item be held in abeyance since the Past President's Committee is addressing this problem for reimbursement of expenses for all DVFA Officers.

GOOD OF ASSOCIATION: Cathy Morris (Hartly), President State Ambulance Association, stated meetings of their Association were improving in attendance, but still need more ambulance attendants to become involved. Thanked the DVFA for supporting the Hepitatis "B" Statewide Innoculation Program.

Sally Stevenson, Chairperson, Mutual Relief Association, reported that they support the DVFA list of priorities and also the manual for Mutual Relief has been completed and distributed.

Frances Denemoustier, President State Ladies Aux, presented her officers who were present with her and also thanked the DVFA for the invitation to the Executive Meeting, adding that if we needed them in any way there were most willing to help. The State Ladies Auxiliary presented the DVFA with a check for \$500 for the Scholarship Fund.

Robert Romig (Five Points) addressed the possibility of certain elements trying to change the Fire Chief Law and the need to keep on top of this situation.

Jasper Lakey (Delaware City), Vice Chairman of state Fire Prevention Commission, thanked Officers of DVFA who were supportive and in attendance at the Sunset Hearings, also thanked the fire school personnel for their presentation.

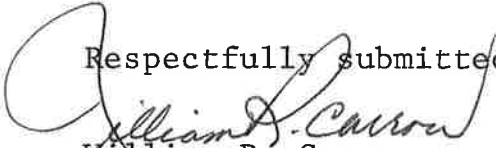
Lou Amabili, Director State Fire School, addressed the situation of Haz Mat response and managemenet--Sert Team is not in any danger of being overriden

Moved by A.I. Guessford (Odessa), seconded by Joe Hojnicki (Minquadale), to adjourn - so carried.

Benediction by Walter Lamon, Assistant DVFA Chaplain.

Adjournment at 1210 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

  
William R. Carrow  
Secretary.

D.V.F.A. BILLS TO BE AUTHORIZED  
1/ 1/92 Through 2/28/92

DVFA CHECKING A  
28/92

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Clr Amount
1/ 9	1641	RADIO TECHNOLOGIES,	SCANNER & CELL	330	-349.00
1/ 9	1642	ED. F. LEWIS & SONS	FLOWERS - CUNN	130	-47.50
1/ 9	1643	KOHUT ELECTRIC	REPAIRS-PERM M	200	-129.00
1/20	1644	HARTLY LADIES AUX.	PARADE PRIZE	285	-25.00
1/21	1645	SEAFORD FIRE CO.	PARADE PRIZE	285	-50.00
1/21	1646	LAUREL FIRE CO.	PARADE PRIZE	285	-75.00
1/21	1647	HARRY WARNER	TROPHIES PARAD	285	-795.00
1/27	1648	DEL. STATE FIRE SCH	PRINTING	140	-54.00
1/29	1650	D.A.F.B. OFFICERS C	LEGISLATIVE NI	211	-1,167.25
1/30	1649	KEVIN S. WILSON	REIMB. CISD TR	330	-15.50
2/ 6	1651	DEL. STATE FIRE SCH	PRINTING	140	-10.00
2/ 7	1652	RAYMOND F. BOOK, &	ANNUAL AUDIT	110	-1,810.00
2/ 8	1653	LYNN CARD CO.	CARDS	140	-41.00
2/10	1654	EDWIN F. SPARKS	FIRE PREV. PHO	220	-300.00
2/10	1655	U.S. STAMPED ENVELO	ENVELOPES 1000	140	-320.00
2/18	1656	HARTLY LADIES AUX.	REFRESHMENTS L	211	-180.00
2/25	1657	STATE OF DEL.	FRANCHISE TAXE	110	-20.00
TOTAL 1/ 1/92 - 2/28/92					-5,388.25
TOTAL INFLOWS					0.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					-5,388.25
NET TOTAL					-5,388.25

*Little Creek Ladies Cup - meals - elec. mtg 400.00*  
*John J. Mitchell, Leg. Expense 1500.00*  
*Walter Janon - Reimb. mileage Expense 164.70*  
*V.B.A. - Aec. Diamond - FDR Registration Fee 175.00*  
*George A. Readmond - To comm. other Exp - FDR 400.00*  
*Elmer A. Steele - Expenses - FDR 1600.00*

*\$8,047.95*