



**DVFA Officers Meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2015
Hockessin (Sta. 19)
18:30 hours**

DVFA ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

President Anthony Guzzo	(X)	New Castle Director Richard Perillo	()
1 st Vice President Joe Zeroles	(X)	New Castle Director Wally Poppe	()
2 nd Vice President Ted Walius	(X)	Kent Director Glenn Gillespie	()
Secretary Elmer Steele	(X)	Kent Director Ken Ryder	(X)
Treasurer Allen Metheny	(X)	Sussex Clay Yocum	(X)
Executive Manager Warren Jones	(X)	Sussex Director Steven Deery	()
Assistant Treasurer George Pyott	(X)	Past Pres./Director Charles Boyer	()

Also in attendance;

LADVFA President Karen Majewski
LADVFA 1st Vice Pres. Mary Frances Eisenbrey
LADVFA 2nd Vice Pres. Lois Pearson
Fire Commission Chairman Dave Roberts
State Fire Chief's 1st Vice Pres. Phil Pennington
Conference Chairman George Lamborn
Pablo Reyes
Jeff Eisenbrey

State Fire Police Pres. Charles Morgan
State Fire Chief's Secretary Cheryl Kelly
State EMS 2nd Vice Pres. Matt Gadjos
New Castle 1st Vice Pres. Les Warrick
Hockessin President Dan Carrier
Mike Greico
Lou Amabili

Assistant Treasurer Pyott passed out copies of the proposed budget for the coming year. This will need to be adopted at conference.

Meeting was called to order at 19:00 hours by President Guzzo. Invocation was given by DVFA Treasurer Allen Metheny. Pledge to the flag was led by President Guzzo. Meeting was recessed for dinner served by the Hockessin Ladies Auxiliary. Meeting reconvened at 19:45 hours

Address of Welcome by President Guzzo:

- He thanked everyone for coming tonight.
- The ladies were brought out and given a rising round of applause for the delicious meal that was served.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

LADVFA: President Karen Majewski:

- Thanks for a great year. Looking forward to a great conference
- 1st Vice President Mary Frances Eisenbrey and 2nd Vice President Lois Pearson are also in attendance tonight

DSFCA: 1st Vice President Phil Pennington:

- Greetings from the State Fire Chief's
- Thanks for a great year
- Next meeting will be September 17 at the Conference

DSFPA: President Charles Morgan:

- Thanked the ladies for an excellent meal
- Thanked the DVFA for a great year
- Secretary Cheryl Kelly was also in attendance tonight

DSEMSA: 2nd Vice President Matt Gadjos:

- President DeMarco was unable to attend
- 2nd Vice President Gadjos brought greetings from the State EMS Association
- Thanked the DVFA for another great year
- Their next meeting will be at Conference on September 16

OFFICER REPORTS:

President Anthony Guzzo

- Conference is about ready to go. Will hear more under the Chairman's report
- Working on getting a meeting with the insurance commissioner
- Emphasized that the companies need to start using the Seitz formula for calculating the cost of an ambulance run
- Will be meeting with OMB before conference to see if the DVFA can be moved out of the Grant in Aid program and become a stand alone organization
- President Guzzo presented Pablo Reyes with a gift certificate for all of his work on the office computer system

- President Guzzo discussed the fact that Mike Cochran has done a lot of work for the DVFA in the last legislative session and that he feels we should bestow President Emeritus status to him. After a few comments, *a motion was made by 1st Vice President Joe Zeroles and seconded by Director Clay Yocum to bestow President Emeritus to Mike Cochran. Motion carried.* Executive Manager Jones will work out the details and try to make this happen at the conference luncheon on Friday.
- President Guzzo discussed the fact that DEMA Director Jamie Turner has retired and that the DVFA should honor his retirement with a suitable resolution. After a few comments, *a motion was made by Treasurer Allen Metheny and seconded by 2nd Vice President Matt Gadjos to prepare a suitable resolution for Jamie Turner. Motion carried* Executive Manager Jones will work out the details and try to make this happen at the conference luncheon on Friday

1st Vice President Joe Zeroles:

- Joe thanked everyone for their help and support this past year
- Joe stated that he will be looking for help, support and advice from the officers and members in the coming year as he moves up as President

2nd Vice President Ted Walius:

- Ted thanked everyone for their help and support this past year
- Ted stated that it has been an educational year and he looks forward to the coming year

Secretary Elmer Steele:

- Stated that he has been pretty busy working with various committee chairs and the Executive Manager in preparing for the annual conference
- See everyone in a couple of weeks at Dover Downs

Treasurer Allen Metheny:

- Allen discussed the use of credit cards for various payments. So far this year we have run \$13,000.00 through credit cards. This appears to be the way to go, but we have a few bugs to work out. We need to get 1 bank for all of our credit card business. We currently use Citizens Bank for the Conference and M&T Bank for the Association. He will work on this issue. Need to adjust how we charge for items in order to re-coup the added fees for credit card use. Our bank fees range from 2% to 5%
- Allen discussed the issue of a permanent conference committee. This has been discussed before and given the fact that the chairperson changes each year, there are things that are falling through the cracks. Things aren't being relayed from year to year. Continuity and communication are lacking. A big discussion took place at this time with comments and input from several folks in the room. 1st Vice President Zeroles stated that he would take the issue of a permanent conference committee under advisement. He will review the by-laws and see what is there before making any decision.

Fire Commission Chairman Dave Roberts:

- The first payments of the traffic fine money should be out this week
- Thanked those that attended the burn camp this year
- Next commission meeting will be Sept. 22. This is a change due to conference

Conference Chairman George Lamborn:

- Working on a pre-judging area. Somewhere on the Dover Downs property
- George re-emphasized the fact that the conference needs to be re-vamped
- Stated that this has been a true experience
- Thanked Secretary Steele for all of his help and guidance

Directors:

Past President/Kent Director Charles Boyer:

- Absent

New Castle County Director Richard Perillo:

- Absent Attending Mutual Relief meeting

New Castle County Director Wally Poppe:

- Absent

Kent County Director Glenn Gillespie:

- Absent

Kent County Director Ken Ryder:

- Ken agrees with the comments that have been made regarding the conference
- He appreciated the opportunity to work with and be involved with the DVFA this past year

Sussex County Director Clay Yocum:

- Clay thanked the DVFA for involving the Directors with the DVFA this past year

Sussex County Director Steven Deery:

- Absent

Executive Manager Warren Jones:

- President Guzzo has already covered #1 on the agenda – meeting with OMB
- President Guzzo has already covered #2 on the agenda – insurance bulletin
- President Guzzo has already covered #3 on the agenda – insurance commissioner meeting
- #4 Meeting on Avian flu. Warren has been meeting with the Department of Agriculture to see what will be needed from the fire companies if a bird flu outbreak occurs in the State.
- #5 Conference numbers up-date. In your packet are the latest and hopefully the final number counts for the various events. Some numbers are up and some are down
- #6 Opening ceremonies for the conference. Still working on putting together the color guard, using members from various fire companies, instead of the traditional color guard
- #7 CFSI dinner Ticket price will be the same as last year.

Any other business:

- No other business at this time

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 20:45 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Elmer B. Steele

Elmer B. Steele, Secretary

Delaware Volunteer Firefighter's Assoc.

Attest to and approved:

Executive Manager Warren Jones

President Anthony Guzzo