

Meeting of DVFA Officers was called to order at 1930 hrs at DSFS, Dover, DE. by President George A. Diamond.

Members in attendance: George Diamond, Harry Warner, William Carrow, Allen Metheny, Jon Cottrell, Walt Lamon, David Paul, James Cabbage, Steve Austin, Frank King, Ira Huffman, Ray Blanchette, and Frances Denemoustier.

Steve Austin updated everyone on MSFA 100th Anniversary Parade in Frederick, Md on May 30, 1992. Steve & Ike Guessford will meet Thursday, May 21, 1992 to finalize plans as to where to meet, etc. and all will be advised. Steve also alluded to the elaborate plans MSFA has went to for this 100th Anniversary Celebration. John Mitchell will see that DVFA banner is taken to parade.

Discussion was held on draft for proposed changes to Convention Parade trophies. There is an apparent lack of coordination between people involved and the proposed draft. It appears to be quite a bit of opposition to the complete draft. There is apparently 2 proposed drafts on change to trophies. This discussion was quite lengthy and there is much opposition to it and many different solutions to the problems at hand.

Moved by Allen Metheny (Hartly), seconded by William Carrow (Clayton), to have Harry Warner (Talleville) present a proposed motion at the Executive Meeting on June 14, 1992 that the Proposed Draft of Parade Trophies be tabled; also Warner will present a motion to have this year's parade trophies awarded as in previous years - first three places in categories to separate counties - the remainder to the highest point winners - also, at least 3 members (1 from each county) and 1 from Convention Liaison be with judges to make certain awards are given as designated - so carried.

William Carrow (Clayton) stated he will be sending out proposed draft of Fire Prevention Committee procedure for reimbursement of funds to all companies, Fire Commissioners, and State Officers for their study. Draft was received from William Matthews, Chairman, Fire Prevention Committee.

George Diamond mentioned the retirement of Al Lane from Kent Center, Al was one of the original dispatchers. Moved by William Carrow (Clayton), seconded by Harry Warner (Talleville), to have DVFA present Al with a resolution on his retirement from Kent Center - so carried.

Raymond Blanchette (Harrington), alluded to the fact that the Health & Safety Committee had met with the Fire Commission and a representative from the Attorney General's Office on NFPA 1500 - a proposed draft was to be presented at the June Executive Meeting - to date nothing has been done since that meeting. Harry Warner (Tallevill) will contact wither William Kelley (Claymont) or Charles Frampton (Brandywine Hundred) on the status of above.

John Mitchell (Elsmere) reported on legislative bills - trying to hold the line on Grant-In-Aid monies. Monies for fire setters program will be pursued. CISM monies in amount of \$10,000 has been requested. CISM was to present a budget of expenditures - monies for Hepatitis "B" inoculation is still in the Governor's office, nothing firm on subject as of this date. Don Coker is preparing a new book on update for fire service bills and will be passing them out at convention to all companies and state officers. HB 493 will be pursued when the Legislature returns to session on June 2nd. The fire prevention reimburseable onies will be increased by \$14,000 in 1992-93 budget. Mitchell also alluded to life insurance for all companies and possibility of insuring all firemen in state at a cheaper rate. Steve Austin's Insurance Committee will pursue the item and report to DVFA. James Cabbage (Clayton) addressed a Health Insurance Plan for the fire service presented by a member of the Marydel Fire Co. This plan is not feasible economically for the DVFA to support.

Frank King (Hartly), arrived from a previous meeting of the DVFA Pension Committee, and questioned the Convention Trophies proposal, as to what action the '92 Convention Committee should take on subject. Harry Warner (Talleville) updated Frank on what had transpired earlier and the motion he will be placing on the floor on June 14th.

Frank King also updated the Officers on the request from DVFA for an actuary study to ascertain the feasibility and cost of an increase in the pension amount. Frank was advised there was no time frame set for his committee to complete this work. Frank stated the committee could possibly have some information to pass out in the convention packets.

Allen Metheny (Hartly) addressed the \$1600 left in CISM funds and stated they must be committed by June 30th or they will revert back to the general fund of the state. Fire Prevention Committee has not turned over to the Fire Commission any request for reimbursement of funds - this money will also revert back to the state if not used by June 30th. Three companies (2 in Kent & 1 in Sussex) still have not paid their dues, which were due on May 15th. Metheny also addressed the Hepatitis "B" statewide inoculation program and the need to get something going on the subject. Moved by Allen Metheny (Hartly), seconded by Harry Warner (Talleville), to authorize John Mitchell to institute a bill to fund Hepatitis "B" inoculations - so carried. John Mitchell will contact Bruce Ennis, State Representative, to sponsor such a bill. Metheny addressed the DVFA pins and the need to replenish our stock. Moved by Allen Metheny (Hartly), seconded by Jon Cottrell (Townsend), to procure new DVFA pins, hats and patches with the proper logo on them and this is to be accomplished by the Out-of-State Coordinators - Steve Austin and James Cabbage - so carried.

Metheny also addressed the national award by the NVFC for individuals who have been active in fire service, possible nominee from Delaware would be John Lattamous (Christiana) for his involvement in fire setters program in Delaware and the time he has volunteered to this program. Harry Warner will contact Christiana Fire Co (Pres Tony Suppe) to ascertain if they would be receptive to submitting his name for this award. Moved by Allen Metheny (Hartly), seconded Harry Warner (Talleville), that the name of John Lattamous be considered for this award - so carried.

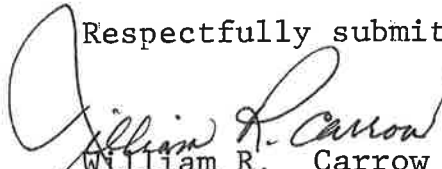
Steve Austin stated that there is a possibility that the IAAI national office will be moving to Delaware and the DVFA should such a move by a letter. Moved by Steve Austin (Aetna), Seconded by Jon Cottrell (Townsend), to have DVFA support such a move - so carried. Stive Austin will draft a letter for the Executive Meeting on June 14th.

James Cabbage mention the fact that in 1995 the DVFA will be 75 years old and we need to start thinking about celebrating it - the '95 Convention will be hosted by Kent County.

Moved by James Cabbage (Clayton0, seconded by Harry Warner (Talleyville), to adjourn - so carried.

Adjournment at 2145 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



William R. Carrow  
Secretary