

D.V.F.A. EXECUTIVE MEETING - JUNE 13, 1993

Meeting was called to order by President Elmer B. Steele at 1000 hours at the Delaware State Fire Service Center, Dover, DE.

Invocation was given by Robby Sweetman, Assistant DVFA Chaplain.

Pledge of Allegiance to flag was lead by Past President Edwin S. Barlow (Holloway Terrace).

President Steele appointed following Sgt-At-Arms: Steve Austin (Aetna); James Cabbage (Clayton), and Lynn Rogers (Milton).

Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by C.O. Smith (Felton) to accept minutes of previous meeting since they are in printed form for all concerned - so carried.

ROLL CALL: Roll call showed the following members were attendance Past Presidents - 16; President Emeritus - 4; Fire Commissioners - 3; Officers - 16; Committee Members - 110; Guests - 2.

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TREASURER'S REPORT: Charles L. Emerson (Claymont), DVFA Treasurer, stated his report was in printed form and available for all concerned. Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by George Diamond (Magnolia), to accept Treasurer's report - so carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: Officer's reports are in printed form and filed with the Secretary. Anyone having a question or wishing to see a report, please contact the Officer concerned or the Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: Sophie Dear (Camden-Wyoming) reporting. Several letters have been sent to various individuals for their input on various duties of DVFA Officers, to date 4 have responded. Sophie Stated that an increase in dues of approximately \$1000 would be necessary to pay for an Executive Secretary, companies need to be made aware of this and to discuss at their meetings and be prepared to vote on same when the proposal comes before the Executive Meeting for a vote.

ADVISORY TO MUTUAL RELIEF: Joseph Hojnicki (Minquadale) reporting. Companies need to be aware of the change in Workman Compensation. After July 1st Workman Compensation will not handle sport's claims, it will fall back on Mutual Relief - last year \$20,000 was paid out in sport's claims - a raise in the premium will in probabilities be necessary.

ADVISORY TO STATE FIRE SCHOOL: Lou Amabili (Director Fire School) reporting. Acquisition of land for New Castle County Burn Center was discussed, a piece of land at County Airport could possibly be made available, Lou meet with FAA personnel in Harrisburg, PA. and has not as yet received an answer. FAA is looding for a site for training and we could tie into the program and it would become part of our Burn Center. Office of Paramedic Services is doing a survey of this entire state, I will speak for the Training aspect - not for DVFA. Fire School orientation for caucus personnel will be held the last weekend in June, Odessa Fire Company will host entertainment for them.

ARCHIVES: Robert Romig (Five Points) reporting. Mounting brackets for Past President's pictures have been delivered to fire school for mounting. Frank Lindell (Five Points) furnished labor to make brackets for pictures..

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CIVILIAN RECOGNITION: Kennard Pyle (Odessa) reporting. Cut off date of June 30th for submitting anyone who is deserving in your representative fire districts for recognition.

COMMUNICATIONS: L.G. McCoy (Tallevill-) reporting. State has until June 18th to either accept or reject the bid on 800 MHZ. Motorola was only company to bid on system. Letter from Sussex County expressing some concern on the system and questions asked have been received by committee. State will put in the infrastructure and when system is in effect, a major question is who will control it? Committee will be meeting with Sussex County in the future to discuss their concerns.

CONVENTION LIAISON: Charles Honey (Brandywine Hundred) reporting. Committee has been meeting during the year, the next meeting will be in Hartly on July 20th. Under new business Odessa Fire Company's request to sponsor a trophy will be presented.

CISM: Kevin Wilson (Clayton) reporting. Awareness of our program is of major concern to this committee, lately, people must know what we can or cannot do. Convention will be September 21st at Station 71 (Blades) with a guest speaker and possibly a training seminar.

FINANCE & AUDIT: George Pyott (Cheswold) reporting. Fiscal year is ending, budget requests are needed by July 15, 1993, if no request is received for various concerns, committee will allot what we feel can be afforded.

FIREFIGHTER BENEFITS: Charles Emerson (Claymont) reporting. Work has been completed on booklet and 5 copies have been given to each county for review and comments. Upon return to committee, the final product will be put together and passed out at the convention.

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LAW & LEGISLATIVE: Lawrence Mergenthaler (Mill Creek) reporting. HB 19 alludes to OSHA and would include fire service; Smoke Detector Bill has passed house and will be presented in Senate; HB 145, adding Ladies Auxillary that are state employees and response to emergency calls without loss of benefits or pay; HB 32 has been signed into law; HB 239 requesting 50¢ on phone bills for use Enhanced 911 use - committee recommends this bill be tabled by this organization. CISM is in Bond Bill for \$5000 in 1993 and \$5000 in 1994; monies also in this bill for hiring an additional Deputy Fire Marshal in Sussex County; Hepitatis "B" innoculation appears to be a dead issue this year. Copies of Bills are available for all concerned on table in front.

PERMANENT MEMORIAL: Charles O. Smith (Felton) reporting. Everything seems to be going along fine at monument. Committee wishes to express our thanks to Ladies Auxillary for placing flowers at the monument on Memorial Day.

RESOLUTIONS: Ray Krett (Goodwill) reporting. Today is dead line for submitting information for 50 year members - any resolutions needed at convention, please get to me as soon as possible.

SAFETY AND HEALTH: Ray Stevnes (Sellville) reporting. DVFA guidelines for NFPA 1500 are being distributed today under a cover letter from DVFA President; distribution made at 2 copies per company.

SCHOLARSHIP: George Kerr (Minquas) reporting. 21 applications received for scholarships this year, 8 scholarships awarded in the amount of \$7250.00.

SUNSHINE & VISITATIONS: Ray Powell (Millville) reporting. Everyone is reminded to have photos to fire school for slide memorial presentation, cut off date for deceased is June 30, 1993.

DELAWARE CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY FOUNDATION: Ed McCormick (Harrington), Fire Commissioner reporting for Harry Warner (Talleyville) Progress is being made between DVFA and Foundation.

CONVENTION '93: Jack Northam (Laurel), Convention Chairman, reporting. Complete agenda for Convention was reviewed item by item by members present - questions were asked of Northam and replies thereto by same. Jack states they are progressing in good shape and no problems appear so far.

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FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE: Daniel Kiley (State Fire Marshal) reporting. Smoke Detector Bill has been resolved between the House and Senate. Senate will act upon it. Dan Kiley urges DVFA to support and ask the Governor to sign the Bill. This Bill is essentially the same one as presented by two (Lee and Holloway) DVFA basically supports this Bill. Funding has been asked in Bond Bill for an additional Deputy Fire Marshal in Sussex County. Kiley alluded to letter sent to all fire chiefs by Committee to Reorganize State Government. Manual of Fire Marshal Directives, and DVFA guidelines will be passed out at County Meetings this month.

Robert Romig (Five Points) questioned whether or not a report is available from Convention Liaison Committee reference to proposed sponsorship of Statewide Convention by DVFA. Report is not ready for presentation as yet.

PRESIDENT STATE LADIES AUXILIARIES: Eleanor Rae Warrington (Georgetown), State Ladies President reporting. President Warrington thanked DVFA for the invitation and introduced her guests.

STATE FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION: James King (Georgetown), President of State's Fire Chief reporting. Expressed his approval of the resolution of the Smoke Detector Bill and stated the next meeting of this association will be on June 24, 1993 at Station 43 (Cheswold).

STATE FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION: Dale Callaway (Milton) reporting. Stated that the next Executive Meeting of this association will be held on August 4th at Station 45 (Clayton).

STATE AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION: Janet Massey (Blades), President State Ambulance Association, reporting. Janet brought greetings from the association.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL: E. James Monihan, (Lewes), reporting. Discussed Officer's Training Program at Fire Academy. Senator Mikulski (D-MD) has introduced the Federal Disaster Preparedness and Response Act of 1993. TIA reference to manning has been introduced and will be voted upon - Delaware has voted against said TIA. Use and landing of helicopters at an emergency scene is of concern - cautions should be observed in positions of landings spot and guidance in..

MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION: Sally Stevenson, Chairperson (Slaughter Beach) reporting. Requests for Delegates/Alternates at Mutual Relief Convention Meeting has been disseminated - please indicate if individual are also Delegates/Alternates at State Convention.

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FIRE COMMISSIONERS: C. Bryan Bennett, Chairman (Seaford), reporting Government Committee to Reorganization/State Agencies and letter pertaining thereto sent out by Governor's Office to all fire chiefs was alluded to by Chairman Bennett..

DELMARVA ASSOCIATION: Robert Romig (Five Points), reporting. Annual Convention was held in Pocomoke City, MD in May - Delaware was well represented at the convention.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Jon Cottrell (Townsend), Assistant Secretary, read the following correspondence, paranthesis indicates action taken:

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| Ltr, 14APR93, Clayton Fire Co, re: Support of DVFA priorities      | (File)  |
| Ltr, 10Mar93, Clayton Fire Co, re: Support for Cubbage as Director | (File)  |
| Ltr, 14Apr93, Clayton Fire Co, re: Nonsupport of Bingo Bill        | (File)  |
| Ltr, 18Apr93, Hartly Fire Co, re: Opposing HB32                    | (L&L)   |
| Ltr, 20Apr93, Lewes Fire Co, re: Delegates/Alternates              | (File)  |
| Ltr, 19Apr93, NCCVFA, re: Support of Lynn Rogers for 2VP, DVFA     | (File)  |
| Ltr, 17Apr93, SCVFA, re: Support of HB 32                          | (L&L)   |
| Ltr, 2May93, Odessa Fire Co, re: Sponsorship of Trophy             | (ConLi) |
| Ltr, 27Apr93, KCVFA, re: Support of DVFA Priorities                | (File)  |
| Ltr, 27Apr93, KCVFA, re: Opposing HB 32                            | (L&L)   |
| Ltr, 30Apr93, Office of Gov Arkansas, re: Hospitality at Caucus.   | (File)  |
| Ltr, 14May93, William Gordy, Delmar, re; Resignation               | (File)  |
| Ltr, 12May93, IAFC, re: Donation for Firefighterm Emer Relief      | (File)  |
| Ltr, 6May93, Sen Roth, re: Acknowledgement of Ltr to Pres Clinton. | (File)  |
| Ltr, 12May93, Sen Roth, re: Acknowledgement of Anti-Arson Act      | (File)  |
| Ltr, 24May93, Talleyville Fire Co, re: Support of Harry Warner     | (File)  |
| Ltr, 3Jun93, Hartly Fire Co, re; Support of J. Allen Metheny       | (File)  |
| Ltr, 13Jun93, Claymont Fire Co, re: Support of Charles Emerson     | (File)  |
| Ltr, 10Jun93, Christiana Fire Co, re: Delegates/Alternates         | (File)  |

Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by George Diamond (Magnolia), to accept the correspondence and bring up the one under the proper order of business that require action - so carried.

OLD BUSINESS: William Carrow (Clayton), Secretary, reporting. Updated the list of companies who have not filed their 1992 Annual Financial Statement with the State Fire School: New Castle County - 0: Kent County - (1) Little Creek (Sta 54); Sussex County - (3) Blades (Sta 71), Georgetown (77), and Roxana (Sta 90).

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Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by Charles O. Smith (Felton), to accept DVFA Priorities for year 1993-94 as presented by 1st Vice President Warner at the March Executive Meeting - so carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Moved by Steve Austin (Aetna), seconded by Howard Ack (Five Points) to appropriate \$500 for Congressional Caucus training seminar to be held last week in June (this is a budgeted item) - so carried.

Moved by Roger Hitchens (Millville), seconded by Wallace Hudson (Clayton) to send a letter to Governor Carper urging him to sign the present Smoke Detector Bill in its present form - so carried.

Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by George Diamond (Magnolia) to send a letter to Frank Lindell (Five Points) thanking him for making mounting frames for Past President pictures - so carried.

John Ryan (Holloway Terrace) spoke on '92 Convention parade and alluded to the parade judges and results. Several points were mentioned and his opinion of the Judges was certainly not complimentary, his suggestion was that they never be allowed to judge any other Convention parade in Delaware.

Moved by Charles Honey (Brandywine Hundred), seconded by Ray Krett (Goodwill), that Odessa Fire Company be authorized to sponsor a trophy for 3rd Place, Motorized Antique Fire Apparatus, Convention Parade - so carried.

Jack Northam (Laurel), Convention '93 Chairman, questioned the trophies and was told that the sponsor pays for the trophy only, the prize money with the trophy is the responsibility of the host company or companies.

Moved by Lawrence Mergenthaler (Mill Creek), seconded by Richard Ridgeway (Hockessin) to table HB 239 (50¢ charge for 911 centers) - so carried.

Moved by Lawrence Mergenthaler (Mill Creek), seconded by James Monihan (Lewes), that HB 19 (OSHA) be exclusive of Volunteer fire service - so carried.

Many comments on HB 19 and the detrimental effect it could have on the volunteer fire service of this state, DVFA's letter should be addressed to William Oberly, sponsor of this bill.

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Moved by James Monihan (Lewes), seconded by Lawrence Mergenthaler (Mill Creek), that DVFA go on record to oppose any changes to present fire service structure - Harvey Ryan (Holloway Terrace) again spoke on the urgency of this problem and strongly urged all concerned to just not accept the letter as our answer, but to talk with those in authority opposing same, vote taken on motion - so carried.

Alice Danner (Frankford), spoke on the mugs and companies that have not responded to a letter offering mugs with Station Number on them. Mugs will be held a little longer and then sold. Alice thanked all companies for their hospitality extended over her 2 years as Sussex County President.

Harry Warner (Talleyville), 1st Vice President, DVFA, appointed the following members as Scholarship Committee for year 1993-94:

Kenneth McMahon (Chrisitana) Co-Chairman  
George L. Kerr (Minquas), Co-Chairman  
Jon Cottrell, Townsend  
Richard E. Ennis (Citizens Hose)  
Clarence R. ONeal, Jr. (Clayton)  
J. Ralph Jefferson (Milton)  
Robert A. Powell (Millville)  
William Goins (Georgetown)  
Barabara Metheny (Hartly)  
Alice Danner (Frankford)  
Patricia McCall (Christiana)

William Carrow (Clayton), DVFA Secretary, stated that DVFA letters on Delegates/Alternates and Deceased Personnel will be going in the mail on Monday, June 15th - please return as indicated on letters by dead lines shown.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Charles L. Emerson (Claymont), DVFA Treasurer, presented bills in amount of \$39,065.55. Moved by Howard Ack (Five Points), seconded by Larry Hollinger (Magnolia), to pay all bills presented and to include the monies previous paid out for reimbursement of Fire Prevention Programs - so carried.

GOOD OF ASSOCIATION: Robert Romig (Five Points) mentioned that the Eastern Chief's Association was hosted by New Castle County. He also stated that Ray Krett (Goodwill) and he will be Co-Chairmen of Convention '94.

Charles O. Smith (Felton) has opened a mini-Richard Petty Museum at his home and all are welcome to come and see

Robert Romig (Five Points) stated the '94 Convention will be held on Sept 14, 15, 16, 17 1994 at the Wilmington Hilton - rooms will be at a premium, get your reservations in early.

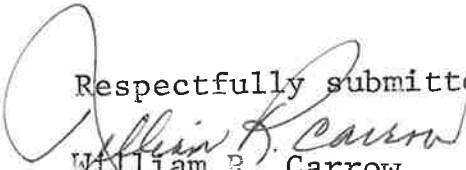
President Steele alluded to the Fire Chief's Law - contact with Karen Johnson, Secretary of Public Safety reveals she has no designs on said law - everything at present is rumor and if anyone can locate the source she would like to have knowledge of same.

Moved by James Monihan (Lewes), seconded by Joseph Hojnicky (Minquadale) to adjourn - so carried.

Benediction by Walter Lamon, Assistant DVFA Chaplain.

Adjournment at 1200 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

  
William R. Carrow  
Secretary

Bills For Payment DVFA 6-13-93

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| Delaware State Fire School (Printing) |                | 8.00                            |
| Elmer Steele                          | (officers exp) | 2500.00                         |
| Harry Warner                          | (officers EXP) | 1200.00                         |
| J. Allen Matheny                      | (officers EXP) | 1200.00                         |
| William R. Carrow                     | (officers EXP) | 1500.00                         |
| Charles L. Emerson                    | (officers EXP) | 1200.00                         |
| Convention Committee 93 Rank.         |                | 30,000.00                       |
| John Mitchell                         | (EXP)          | 1057.55                         |
| Heroy M. Calhoun                      | out of State   | 100.00                          |
| Bowers Ladies aux                     | lunch          | 300.00                          |
| Total                                 |                | <del>38965.55</del><br>39065.55 |