

April 2008 Minutes R.F.A.

President Oliff called the April 7th meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 2000 hours with 42 members present.

Deceased members - Ed Flynn: Eddie reported Robert Cavanaugh, Warren Jackson and Tony Cones. A moment of silence was held for them and our troops in the Armed Forces.

The minutes of the March 3rd meeting – George Kenney: Read and approved.

Applications for membership – George Kenney: Regis Blahut, Doug Tetlow, Barry Jarboe and Jimmy Heckendorn. Voted on and approved.

The Secretary/Treasurer report - George Kenney: Read and approved.

Sick Committee - Ed Flynn: Ed has added Ralph Creel, Charlie Drumming, Bill Kelly, Ralph Kennedy and Skip Ramsey to our sick list of Wendy Baden, Hugh Barnes, Ed Beller, Jim Bojalad, Dan Collins, Tim Connors, William Coughlin, Fred Davis, Ed Dougherty, Jim McIlvaine, Tom O'Conner, George Orme, Irvin Poole, Kenny Propst, Raymond Roberts, John Schellenberg, Ed Simms, Walter "Steamboat" Smith, Gerald Tassa and Frank Wise Sr.

Vocal Alarm - Joe Healy: Everyone should have received the latest copy of the Vocal Alarm by now. Any articles, pictures or any other items of interest please send to him at RFANews@comcast.net.

Entertainment Committee – Joe Healy: Joe discussed the upcoming Emerald Society's Fishing Tournament on Thursday May 1st. The golf tournament is June 12th at the Marlborough Golf Club, so mark your calendars. Check WashingtonEmeralds.org/ or DCFD.com.

Safety Committee - Tom Barnard: No report.

Honor Guard - Joe O'Neil: Joe discussed where we had 13 members at Warren Jackson's funeral. We need other members to step forward and help as pall bearers.

Members attending their first meeting: Marty Sloan and Jim Heckendorn.

Local 36 - Ben Self: Ben has decals. Active members have finally received the long over due President Ford and Reagan funeral checks. Appropriate retired members are next. Ben also talked about the last L-36 general membership meeting. L-36's contract status: mediation is next.

Retirement Board - Tom Tippet: Not present.

Old business: Butch is still trying to schedule a meeting with the Mayor's representative to work on the longevity problem. The DC government still owed BC/BS money, so that is why we were waiting to work with a new carrier for a possible dental plan.

New Business: It was brought up that the \$25 k incentive for current eligible active employees to retire excludes DCFD members. Butch also reminded members that when they pay their L-36's dues, please make an extra contribution for the COPA fund. It would also be nice for everyone to pay their RFA dues for 2008. The form is on the website <http://www.dcfcd.com/Forms/RetiredApp.pdf>. Our fall Shenandoah Picnic and its being in limbo was discussed. John Harney has taken the lead and talked to several places and hopefully it will be still held this year. Maybe even the last Saturday in September! Details will follow. A new level entry exam will be held on August 23, 2008. See <http://www.fems.dc.gov/fems/cwp/view,a,3,q,634833.asp> for details. A motion

was made and passed for a donation to be made in honor of Dr. Jordan's wife to the American Burn Association.

Don't forget the retirement dinner April 16th at the Upper Marlboro fire house for John Burger, Mike Connors, Charlie Goldsmith, Ed Simms and Don Strawderman.

Good & welfare: Bob Drevo was a committee of one and has made up a booklet on what to do when a RFA member or spouse dies. It has two (2) parts. Part 1 has the appropriate information from the Retirement Board (3 pages). Part 2 has some questions and answers as well as places where the member and spouse can enter personal account numbers, locations, phone numbers and contact information of policies, CD's, savings accounts, wills etc. The Washington Post has an article on the 1968 DC Riots in today's edition and Harry Gates talked about the interview. Apparently there will be a number of articles on the riots.

There being no further old or new business, President Butch adjourned the meeting at 20:40 hours.

Typed medium slow by Doug Wheeler