

December 2008 Minutes R.F.A.

President Oliff called the December 1st meeting of the R.F.A. to order at 1955 hours with 35 members present.

Deceased members - Ed Flynn: Eddie reported that there were 3 deceased members since last month's meeting; John Slagle, George Baliles and Gerald Tassa. A moment of silence was held for them and our troops in the Armed Forces.

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

Motions for election for 1st VP and Secretary/Treasurer – Butch Oliff closed the nominations for office. Since there was no opposition, Ben Self will be the new 1st Vice President and George Kenney will continue as Secretary/Treasurer.

Applications for membership – George Kenney: Motion made and passed to accept James Blair, Mark Bloom, Mike Strawderman, Jim Talbert and Damian Wilk.

Sick Committee - Ed Flynn: Ed added Homer Davison and Gary Palmer to our list of William Anderson, Hugh Barnes, Ed Beller, Jim Bojalad, Charlie Burger, Dan Collins, Tim Connors, William Coughlin, Ralph Creel, Fred Davis, Ed Dougherty, Leo Endler, Mike Greene, Bill Kelly, Ralph Kennedy, Joe McDermott, Jim McIlvaine, Dan Norman, George Orme, Bill Radisch, Pete Schlosser, Walter “Steamboat” Smith and Keith Webb.

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

Vocal Alarm - Joe Healy: Any items or pictures of interest please send to him at RFANews@comcast.net. Joe also mentioned that on Sunday Dec 7th, Engine Co 26 will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary. All current and former members of Eng. 26 and Truck 15 are invited to attend. Food will be provided by the DCFD Barbeque Team. Call 202.673.3226 for times and further information or check out www.DCFD.com. Joe brought up the Emerald Society's upcoming Christmas Party at RFD, 810 7th St NW Dec 13th at 2000 hours. Also the Emerald Society's Ski Trip to Seven Springs in Jan. 2009. See www.WashingtonEmeralds.org or www.DCFD.com for details.

Entertainment Committee – Bill Wolf: Dec 19th is Union night for the Washington Wizards. Go to L-36's website to buy discounted tickets. www.iafflocal36.com/ under the Oct 29th listing. Marine Engineer Kevin Rogan's retirement dinner to be held Jan 15th at the Fireboat's quarters. Call for more details.

Support the DCFD Polar Bear Plunge, which is a fundraiser for the Special Olympics. It will be held Sat. Jan 24th at Sandy Point State Park (next to the Bay Bridge). www.dcf.com/Forms/PolarBearPlungeFlyer09.pdf

Safety Committee - Tom Barnard: Not present.

Honor Guard - Joe O'Neil: Our members and Honor Guard attended 3 funerals last month for John Slagle, George Baliles and Gerald Tassa.

Members attending their first meeting - None.

Local 36 - Ben Self: Ben has decals and a limited number of 2008 work schedules. Ben also talked about the last L-36 general membership meeting. Local 36's contract status: mediation. The 2009 Local 36 results are as following: Pres: Ray Sneed, 1st VP: Steve Fennell, 2nd VP: Charlie Hottinger, 3rd VP: Buster Canter, Secretary: Walter Webb and Treasurer: Larry Sheldrake. The Locals' website is www.IAFFLocal36.com

Retirement Board - Tom Tippet: Not present.

Old business – Longevity problem is still stalled. Butch is still working with our attorney Andy Quinn on the longevity problem. Butch met with MPD, but with the Inauguration coming up, hopefully some action will happen shortly afterwards. Check both web sites, www.DCFD.com and www.WashingtonEmeralds.org for updates. Don't forget that you can purchase the Official DCFD 2009 Presidential Badge or Lapel Pin set only if you are an active or retired member! Details at <http://dcfd.com/Forms/BadgeOrder.pdf>.

New Business - Butch brought up that retired members who were owed checks for the Reagan and Ford funerals were mailed on 10/28/2008.

Good & welfare – 2009 dues of \$40 are due. Please send George Kenney any changes of information so he can make the changes in our 2009 Address/information booklet. All in attendance thanked Rex Schroyer and Ben Self for bringing **all** the food. Pat Johnson (POS #1) brought up that the monthly luncheon will be held at the Station 7 Restaurant in Pittsville MD (just past Salisbury MD). It will be on Dec 3rd at 12 noon. There are usually 15 to 20 that attend. Let Bob Gilbert know that you're coming RPGilbert1@mchsi.com Check for the menu and directions <http://www.station7restaurant.com/>

The meeting dates for 2009 are:

Jan 5	Feb 2	Mar 2	Apr 6	May 4	Jun 1	Oct 5	Nov 2	Dec 7
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Snow policy. If Montgomery County schools are close, there will be no meeting that evening.

There being no further old or new business, President Butch adjourned the meeting at 20:22 hours.

And that's the truth!

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