

## **CHIEF'S COMMITTEE**

### **Avery Fire Association**

#### **Banner Elk Fire Station- September 4th, 2014**

Chief Bob Garland called the meeting to order and reminded members to secure door prizes for the Western NC Fire Association meeting October 15th.

Paul Buchanan reported that the Avery County Commissioners told the Fire Commission to decide whether the Fire Association attorney could be paid with Fire Tax money. The Fire Commission decided to pay the Association's attorney.

Paul also noted that he had not been able to meet with the Sherriff about the care and maintenance of the county's Viper radios.

Bob Garland announced that the Severn Devils Fire Department had received the Federal matching grant for equipment for their department and air packs for the ladder truck. He discussed the importance of setting up a committee for cooperative purchases to save money.

Bob asked members to purchase truck repeaters on the grant and to consider a group purchase. The Rescue Grant was discussed. It was noted that any department applying must have 8 certified rescue techs and rescue service must be in the department's charter.

It was reported that Charlie had moved to the DSS building in Newland.

Bob Garland asked if members had heard the new dispatcher on the radio. Most had heard her and thought that she needed more training.

Bob thanked Levin Sudderth for obtaining computers & screens from the School system. Bob delivered them to county departments and hoped that they would be used for I Am Responding & training. It was announced that Charlie had more computers if anyone needed one.

Kennie McFee asked if The Association could order Avery Fire Association shirts for the Western meeting. Jim Brooks said he would try to add it into the meeting budget.

Bob asked members to bring men & equipment to the Grand opening of the Avery County Fair Tuesday at 5:00 pm. Members agreed to pay for a booth at the fair. Paul asked for volunteers to man the booth.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.