

EVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

August 2nd, 2012 Seven Devils VFD

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by President Junior Sluder. Junior thanked members of the Seven Devils department for the Barbeque dinner. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without change.

There was no Fire Marshal's or Treasurer's report.

Bob Garland reported that there was not Chief's Committee meeting and that the next 911 meeting would be the following Monday.

Junior recognized Paul, Johnny & Matt for a report on their meeting with the Fire Commission. Paul noted that the Fire Commission was well organized and distributed information at the beginning of their meeting that answered all questions regarding truck titles. Matt explained that departments would be granted a one year lease renewable for 20 years. Wayne thought the trucks could not be moved to another department after the lease began. After a discussion, it became unclear as to what would happen if a department decided not to sign the county contract. Kennie McFee moved that we ask the Fire Commission to add a clause to the county contract requiring that the county's trucks be returned to the county if a department closes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Neil made a motion that the Association get a second opinion from an attorney. Junior appointed Kennie, Paul & Wayne to a committee to get a second opinion.

Junior welcomed Joe Shoupe back to the county. Joe noted that Watauga County was without a County Ranger. He said Watauga County had expressed an interest in a S-130/190 class. He asked members to check and if there was interest in Avery County to hold a joint class in Foscoe. The western NC Forest Service school for Rangers & Assistant Rangers was scheduled for the last week in September at the Altamont Center. Joe needed 2 or 3 departments to send one person and a brush truck on the 27th. He asked departments to call next week if they were interested.

Shane Garland asked on behalf of the Fire Commission that the Association set up a committee to set up the Pay Per Call program that was budgeted this year. Junior appointed Wayne, Mark and Bob Pudney to the committee with Bob as the Chairman.

It was noted that the Sheriff had been elected 1st Vice President of the state Sheriff's Association.

**Training: September 17th Fire Prevention & Education
October 15th Fire Control – Frank VFD
August 18th Overhaul – Newland VFD – Prison Camp**

Bob Pudney asked the Association to request that the Fire Commission allow the paid staff to how to set up and maintain I Am Responding at their regular monthly training session. Jim Brooks agreed to make the request for the association.

Jim Brooks reported from the Western NC Fire Association meeting and agreed to put the State Reference Guide on the website and distribute copies at the next meeting.

Bob Pudney announced that the Beech Mountain Department would not be auto aiding during the Gnarnia Festival.

Junior reminded members to wear their seat belts.

Junior appointed: Jack, Kennie & Levin to the Teller Committee to count votes.

Bob Pudney reported the following nominations from the Nominating Committee:

President – Paul Buchanan

Vice President- Bobby Powell

Secretary- Jim Brooks

Treasurer – David Charles Vance

Fire Commission- Shane Garland and Johnny Mathis

The floor was opened for other nominations. There being none – Bob Garland moved that the nominations be closed and that all officers be elected by acclamation except the Fire Commission member. Hardrock seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The fire commission position was voted by secret ballot and Johnny Mathis was elected.

Members thanked Junior Sluder for his many years of service. Junior reminded members that he serve on the Board of Directors for two years as the pat President.

The next meeting was set for September 6th, 2012 and the meeting was adjourned.