

**AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION**  
Beech Mountain VFD Station Two  
June 27th, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order one week early to accommodate member's participation in the Highland Games. President Paul Buchanan presided. All departments were represented.

Paul thanked the Beech Mountain Fire Department for dinner. There was no treasurer's or fire marshal's report.

Members reviewed the Chief's decision to change the county contracts and noted that three changes were required and that all three changes needed to be initialed.

Joe Shoupe reminded members that there would be a one month delay on the Forestry Grants and that they would not come out until August.

Members were asked to provide pictures of buildings & equipment for the web site. Members agreed to ask the Fire Commission to change their meeting so all of the departments could attend since the meeting conflicted with the Highland Games.

Members were asked to check their email for classes at Fall Creek & Banner Elk. The Western NC Association meeting was scheduled for July 17th. Members agreed to meet at Crossnore Drug store for car pooling.

Levin Sudderth asked the 911 committee to consider paging auto aid on multiple alarm calls. Members voted to ask dispatch to do so.

Members were invited to the Children's Burn Center Foundation event on Grandfather Mountain on July 29th. Hosts were needed to guide the guest families.

Matt & Charlie went to Pennsylvania and looked at a used truck that could be purchased to replace the county air truck and create a service company for Newland. Matt confirmed that the truck would work well after changes by Four Guys. Charlie confirmed that the money for the purchase had been available all year. Bob Garland moved: "that the association ask the Fire Commission to purchase the truck". Kennie seconded the motion and it [passed unanimously.

Paul appointed a nominating for the upcoming election: Bobby Powell - chairman, Johnny Mathes, Mark Taylor, and Derek Jaynes. Paul also reminded members to send him a letter by July 4th if any of their voting directors had changed.

Members discussed the make up of the Fire Commission and whose positions were up for re-election. Members were encouraged to talk with county commissioners about who they would be nominating. Kennie said we should challenge our Chiefs at the August 1st meeting

to contact all of the Commissioners before the following Tuesday meeting. Paul agreed to provide phone number for each of the commissioners.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, August 1st at the Seven Devils Town Hall at 6:30 PM. Members were reminded that the annual election would be held at that meeting.