

# **EVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION**

## **Beech Mtn VFD Substation - July 3rd, 2014**

President Paul Buchanan called the regular monthly meeting to order and thanked Chief Pudney for dinner. The minutes of the June Meeting were approved as posted. Roll was called.

Joel Young with Woodman of the World addressed the association. His organization is a non-profit, member owned company offering investments and insurance. His office is located in Newland. He offered to do a flag presentation & donation at each department. He also explained that his company could loan large flags 60 and 100 feet in size for events. He asked each department to send an email if they wanted a donated flag.

There was no treasurer's report.

Paul Buchanan filled in for the Fire marshal and explained the upcoming Multi-county Drill. A tabletop training session will be held August 30th at 8:30 am. This exercise class will be held at the Captain's Table Restaurant and will include lunch. He asked departments to make every effort to get their command staff to attend. The actual exercise would be held later in the Bethel Community. Paul asked that each department let him know who would be attending so he could order food.

Melissa Phillips handed out a list of classes from Mayland Tech. She also reminded members that Davie Summey would be teaching a water supply class at Newland. Levin Sudderth said that Scott Harmon would like to teach a flashover school if there was any interest in the county. Paul asked each department to contact Levin. Bobby Powell reported that he was trying to set up a fire control class the 2nd half of September.

Bob Garland reminded members that there was another Adam's Apple building to burn. Bobby agreed to check with Tommy Burleson to see when it would be available. Melissa announced that the burn building had been repaired - but that the inspector found more items. She said they would be repaired once the Mayland Budget was approved.

Bob Garland gave a report from the Chief's committee.

Bobby Powell found that VTAC frequencies could be used by county departments. It was decided to wait until other programming was done and then add them.

Joe Shoupe offered Wildland classes.

The next Western N.C. Fire Association meeting was to be held July 16th at Lake Toxaway. It was announced that the Beech Mtn Metric donated \$ 1,500 to the Fall meeting at Esseola.

Bobby Powell reported that the new rating schedule had improved chances for rural fire departments and that he thought that Deep Gap would get a 7 or 6 rating from their recent inspection.

Paul Buchanan reminded members of the upcoming election and explained that any changes to the voting directors must be put in writing to the President by the July meeting. He agreed to email out the current list and extended the time period for changes one week. Paul appointed a nominating committee: Kennie McFee Chairman, Dean Gibbs, Scott Stansbury & Bob Garland.

The next meeting was set for Seven Devils with the Chief's meeting at 6:30 pm and the Association at 7:00 pm. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.