

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

Banner Elk Fire Station - September 4, 2014

President Paul Buchanan called the meeting to order and thanked the Banner Elk Department for the meal. Kennie McFee moved that the minutes posted on the web site be approved as posted.

Bob Garland seconded the motion and members voted to approve the minutes. Roll was called and all departments were represented. Bobby reported for the treasurer that the association bank balance was \$ 28,542.15 and that all bills were paid.

Paul reminded members that the large scale exercise would be Saturday, September 6th at the Bethel School. Training would include: hazmat, extrication, propane & mass casualty.

Paul appointed an Awards Committee for the November 2nd Annual Meeting: Lowretta Tayler, Chairperson, Bobby Powell, Levin Sudderth & David Cornett - committee members. Member departments were asked to nominate for Fireman of the Year and Officer of the Year by the October 2nd meeting. They asked for pictures and members who had put in a great deal of time - both past & present to be recognized.

Bobby Powell asked members to let Melissa know if they need any classes. Banner Elk will be hosting an EMT Basic class beginning in October, Green Valley will host a Forest service S-212 Chainsaw Class on October 6th and Davie Summey will possibly teach a water hauling class on October 11th.

Bob Garland gave a report from the Chief's Committee meeting.

Members discussed the incorrect ESN's noting that Jamie promised to send them to the secretary to be emailed to each Chief shortly after the last meeting. Members also noted that pager tests were not going out and that text messages were not being received on every call.

Joe Shoupe reminded members that the last day for the Forestry Grant would be September 12th. He announced a Strike Team meeting on October 23rd. He asked each department to check their forestry gear as the weather begins to turn dryer. Forestry Guides were distributed.

Paul reported that he had obtained a PDF file for all county roads & directions. He agreed to put it on the website under "Resources" - so each department could print it out for their trucks & stations. He also agreed to send each department a Resources Form to list equipment which would also be added to the Resources page of the web site.

Paul asked departments to help man the booth at the fair from 6pm till 9Pm - Tuesday the 9th thru Saturday the 13th.

The next meeting was set for Thursday October 2nd at the Gwaltney Station with the Chief's meeting at 6:30 pm and the Association meeting at 7:00pm. The next Fire Commission meeting - October 11th and the Western NC Fire Association meeting October 15th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.