

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

Beech Mountain Station 2 - July 2nd, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by Vice President Bobby Powell. President Paul Buchanan was absent and recuperating from shoulder surgery. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as posted on the web site. Roll was called and all departments except Frank were represented.

Bob Garland reported that he was unable to find out if Mayland Tech had budgeted the money to repair the burn building. Bob also asked for truck numbers and rosters. Members agreed to bring them to the next meeting.

Bobby Powell asked members to bring their Foam needs to the next meeting reminding departments that they should roll with a minimum of 45 gallons on each call plus reserve foam at each station.

Matt was asked if Kennie had found out anything regarding insurance policy back injury coverage. He had not heard anything.

Bobby Powell reported that the Fire Commission decided that they didn't want the paid employees to be the I Am Responding Administrators. Bob Garland noted that the paid employee was the most logical person to make sure new people were signed up initially. After initial sign up - members could handle their own settings. Bob also reminded members that it was the best way to check in route for insurance purposes. Bobby Powell canvassed the chiefs. The Chiefs agreed that if a member was already handling the administrator's job, fine - if not the paid person should be the administrator. Anthony Pollygus asked Bob Pudney if he would do an in-service training class for paid employees & administrators. Bob Pudney agreed to do so.

Dean Gibbs asked the Association to request a definition of the Fire Department Coordinators job. He thought that the Fire Commission employee was doing the county fire marshal's work for free. Members discussed the lack of inspections and points that would be lost towards Banner Elk & Linville's re-ratings in August & November. Bobby Powell agreed to request a meeting of representatives of the Fire Commission, County Commission and Fire Association to try to resolve the inspection problem and Charlie's job description.

Dick Gorham was recognized.

Green Valley announced that they were starting 1403 classes.

Banner Elk and Fall Creek brought up problems with a recent call to a propane leak at Eagles Nest.

Joe Shoupe discussed the possibility of getting a N.C. Heart Aerial Extrication class thru Emergency Management. Joe also noted that neighboring counties were beginning to use Viper radios. He thought a Viper radio class thru Eric Wiseman would be a good idea. Members discussed spreading the 20 county Viper radios around the county to give better access or moving them to the dispatch center to be maintained and charged. Bobby Powell agreed to add this issue to the topics for the joint meeting. He also agreed to contact Eric about a Viper class.

Bobby Powell appointed Bob Garland as Chair of the nominating committee for the Association's August election. He also asked Dean Gibbs, Anthony Pollygus and Bob Pudney to serve on the committee. Members were reminded that any changes in voting directors needed to be put in writing to the Association.

Bobby reported that he had received a nice letter from Johnathan Brewer - Jim Jim's son - thanking the Association for the scholarship monies.

Members discussed water point procedures and considered doing a county-wide water shuttle class.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, August 6th at the Seven Devils Fire Station at 6:30 pm for the Chief's meeting and 7:00 pm for the Association meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.