

# Avery County Firefighter's Association

Banner Elk Station One

6 September 2018

## Members Present

Banner Elk  
Beech Mountain  
Crossnore  
Elk Park  
Fall Creek  
Frank  
Green Valley  
Ladder  
Linville  
Linville Central  
Newland  
Seven Devils

## **No chief meeting.**

Dick Gorham visited association again to introduce Todd Frazell, our new sales rep for MES.

Comment Bo Beck- NVFD: expressed displeasure that officers of the association can serve as board members of the ACFC.

Minutes from August were approved without addition.

Scott read the Treasurer's report.

Wildfire tabletop exercise 15 Oct 2018, 1200 at Linville Ridge clubhouse. Advance notice of attendance is appreciated. Two people from each department are requested by EM.

A full scale exercise is planned but not yet scheduled.

Honor guard preparations are proceeding. Scott suggested that more members volunteer for honor guard detail. Contact Paul Buchanan.

Melissa reported for Mayland- upcoming classes were posted. Tuesday & Thursday evening firefighter classes will commence at Avery campus.

EMT will start 18 Sep 2018.

Garland reported from 911 committee.

Scott will attend 911 committee this month.

Joe Shoupe conducting refresher training for wildland FF. 18 Sep 2018 @ Beech mtn.

20 Sep 2018- NCFS conducting Dozer Operations class @ NCFS Mountain Training Facility Crossnore.

Joe wants to gauge interest in s130/ s190 classes, as well as s215 Urban Interface FF.

Brooks reported for the Fire Commission: no comments.

17 Sep 2018, 1700 @ Commissioner's boardroom: Joint meeting between fire commission and county commission.

### **New Business:**

Mark Taylor reported a phone call with unnamed county commissioner stating that the proposed changes to the fire commission (ACFA Fall Creek chief's minutes) will be rejected by the board of county commissioners.

Scott wants an early committee for Firefighter's Association Awards: 3 man committee.  
Levin, Dean, and Mike Ellenburg.

Scott asked Bobby Powell to offer some advice on AFG. Bobby has a grant writer that does most of the work for the federal grant.

Garland proposes that the association enter a regional grant for AFG 2018.  
Committee formed: Garland, Charlie Franklin, Bobby Powell. The committee will consider applying for SCBA and VIPER. There will be an email sent to chiefs and committee members, since this business will not keep until next ACFA meeting.

Dick Gorham reported that SCBA grants were more widely approved in his sales area this year, but that the advice of the grant writer should be carefully considered.

Kenny asked if the ACFC would consider sending paid staff to tabletop exercise during work hours. Chiefs were polled and consented. It will be added to ACFC agenda.

Fire prevention week: Scott asked departments how preparations were coming. Charlie reported that there were plans to educate students at school.

Bo Beck's comments were addressed. No action proposed.

Next meeting at Gwaltney station, 4 Oct 2018

Recorded 6 Sep 2018 by R Hancock, BEFR