

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

January 5, 2012

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by Junior Sluder at the Newland Branch of Mayland Community College. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Junior thanked Dr. Boyd and Melissa for the food, meeting space and all the classes that they provide for the fire service in Avery County.

An Association bank balance of \$ 18,964.46 was reported.

Melissa announced that she would be posting all classes on the Mayland website and the Avery Fire Association website. She also announced that Mayland had been approved to provide a Paramedic Degree. Dr. Boyd reported that the end of February or the first of March they would receive three prison buildings to burn - one for each county.

Joe Shoupe told members that the U.S. Forest Service was still doing controlled burns in Caldwell and Burke counties. This would possibly cause smoke complaints. He announced that he would be teaching a 9130 class at Elk Park the end of the month.

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

Sheriff Kevin Frye addressed the group and invited members to spend the night in jail as part of his fundraiser or visit during their jail open house in mid January.

It was announced that monies from Mitchell county to Green Valley for coverage on Henson's Creek were almost set to start.

Members were reminded that budgets must be in to the Fire Commission by February, State grants must be filed online, and that state grant requests must be to the Fire Commission by next Thursday.

Junior Sluder introduced David Hughes - 2nd Vice President of the Western N.C.

Fire Association who invited members to their next meeting in Gamewell on April 18th.

Junior asked members if it was okay to appoint a committee to send a nice response letter to the Avery Post editor. Bob Garland moved that he do so and Paul Buchanan seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The next meeting was set for February 2nd, 2012 at the Green Valley Station with the Chief's meeting at 6:30 and the Association meeting at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.