

## **AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION**

Fall Creek Substation

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by president Junior Sluder. David Charles Vance gave the blessing. Junior thanked the Fall Creek members for hoisting the meeting and serving a wonderful meal. All departments were represented. The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved as read.

David Charles Vance reported a bank balance of \$21,132.63 with all bills paid. He also reported that the Prison Burn was permitted and that all participants should sign up with Mayland Tech before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Garland gave a report on Chief's Committee meeting and encouraged everyone to attend the county commission meeting. He also noted that Reo Griffith called and wanted the members to know that he appreciated our support and would try to attend our meetings in the future.

Joe Shoupe announced that the Forestry Grant applications for PPE and hand tools are out. He also encouraged members to write their legislators and request that the BRIDGE program be kept in the state budget.

Wayne Miller announced that the County Commissioners had cut the Fire Commission's budget request by \$ 200,000.

Kennie McFee told members that the Piedmont Natural Gas class was very good. Linville VFD announced that they would have a class on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Scholarship recipient was Nathaniel Calvert with the Linville Fire Department.

Junior thanked Melissa for coming to our meetings. She reported that she is working on an EMR class.

Junior Sluder reported that the Crossnore Baptist Church would be available for the Appreciation dinner in September. Charlie said the commission would like to see it family oriented.

The next Western NC Fire Association meeting was set for July 18<sup>th</sup> near Waynesville.

Hard Rock Stamey with Linville Central Rescue requested that the Rescue Squad not be cancelled on a vehicle wreck until every patient is out of the vehicles.

Kennie McFee announced that the Green Valley fire department had entered into a contract with the Bakersville Fire department for \$2300 per year.

Charlie Franklin told members that the ladder testing would be held at the Gwaltney Station on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The next meeting was set for July 5,2012 at the Beech Mountain Fire Department Subdivision and the meeting as adjourned.