

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

Mayland Tech - Newland Branch - January 8, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by President Paul Buchanan. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as posted on the web site. Bobby Powell called the roll and all departments were represented except Banner Elk and Fall Creek. There was no treasurer's report. Paul Thanked Melissa Phillips and Mayland Tech for the barbeque dinner. He also thanked the Fire Commission for cancelling their meeting and allowing the association to move their date.

Melissa passed out a list of upcoming scheduled classes and reminded members that there would be a flashover simulator class in April and a RIT class in March. Linville announced that they would be burning a house on Saturday and invited everyone to attend. Paul announced an April Tri-county drill in the Spruce Pine/Green Valley area similar to last year's earthquake drill. Classes leading up to the drill would be announced later.

Paul Buchanan reported that he had been in conversation with Scot Nelson with Blood Sweat & Gears and that he wants The Avery Fire Association and it's member departments to once again help with the Beech Mountain Metric bicycle race May 16th. Donations would be made to each department that helps and to the Association. Monies could be used for a county flag, bell or fire safety house sprinkler system. Paul agreed to see if any of those projects could be funded thru David Charle's office.

Bob Garland gave a report from the Chief's Committee and the 911 Committee. Members discussed a call to a wreck in Newland that was not sent out by text message & I Am Responding. The problem was blamed on a new trainee.

Joe Shoupe announced S-130 & S-190 training classes at Fall Creek in the future and Strike Team annual training with the simulator the last Thursday in February. He also reminded departments to suit up their members with the Forestry Grants.

Jim Brooks reported that the website would be re-built in March and that he needed more pictures from each department. Members asked him to look into PayPal donations for each department.

Paul asked Matt if the Fire Commission had met and considered letting departments max out their grant instead of paying full price for needed equipment. He reminded Matt that March 1st is the state grant deadline and that members need to know about their grant monies before that date. Matt agreed to call Bill Beuttel and see if they could meet earlier and consider the request.

Paul reminded members that rosters were due to the State Fire Association before January 15th.

The next meeting was set for the Green Valley Fire station on February 5th with the Chief's meeting at 6:30 and the Association meeting at 7:00. The Western Association meeting was scheduled for January 21st in Mooresville and the Piedmont Fire Expo in Winston Salem on January 16th & 17th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.