

## **AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION**

### **Fall Creek VFD Station One - June 4, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Paul Buchanan. Minutes of the May meeting were approved as posted on the web site. Bobby Powell called the roll and all departments were represented except Elk Park.

Dick Gorham of MES was recognized.

Alan Hollar from Avery Rentall and Adam Smith with Stihl of America gave a demonstration on a small lightweight chainsaw and a small lightweight vent saw similar to a K-12 saw. They had a drawing for a number of door prizes including a \$ 150 woodcutter's safety kit. Tee shirts & hats were given out to the membership. Adam Smith offered training & demonstrations and reminded members that videos are on you tube.

David Charles Vance reported a bank balance of \$ 43,256.00 with a number of large bills yet to be paid.

Melissa handed out upcoming classes from Mayland Tech.

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

Joe Shoupe reported that all of the Avery County 2nd graders participated in "Fire Prevention Day" at the Altamont Training Center and that he would try to do the same thing next year.

Members passed the hat to help Jordan Stanley's family. Paul asked each department to see what they could donate out of non-tax money.

Avery Fire Association hats were passed out to members who used I Am Responding 30 times.

Charlie Franklin reminded members that there would be an employees meeting after the next Fire Commission meeting and asked that all chiefs attend. He agreed to send out budgets Friday or Monday. He said that even though the commissioners cut the budget \$ 80,000 - that with the property value increase we should see a small raise. He reminded members to use the correct foam ratios: 3% or 6% on Class B foam and 1% or less on Class "A" foam.

Paul reminded members that the election of officers would take place at the August meeting and that any change in voting directors must be put in writing to him by the July meeting.

Mark and Jeremy reported that the Fire Alarm Committee recommended that the county go back to the earlier procedure and page auto-aid departments on all alarm calls. Paul asked each department to discuss and vote on the proposed change.

The next meeting was set for July 2nd at Beech Mountain station two. Chief's will meet at 6:30 and the Association at 7:00. The next Western NC Fire Association meeting was scheduled for July 15th at the Taylorsville High School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.