

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION
Frank Fire Station - May 5, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by Vice President Bobby Powell in Paul Buchanan's absence. Bobby thanked Johnny Mathis and the Frank fire department for a huge meal. He also praised their new station.

Kennie McFee moved that the minutes be approved as posted on the website and Bob Garland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Roll was called and all departments were represented.

Melissa Phillips passed out class schedules for Mayland Tech. She asked if anyone needed classes and announced that the state budget cuts would not affect fire training.

Charlie Franklin explained that Emergency Management was working on a fall multi-county drill involving aircraft & HazMat training. He also agreed to bring the County Communications Command Trailer to the next meeting. He noted that the Fire Commission would meet with the County Commissioners on the 12th.

Bob Garland gave a report from the Chief's Committee

Ranger Joe Shoupe thanked members for their help in April noting that Avery county was very lucky and also sharing that we had good help from the strike team and BRIDGE Crews.

The Scholarship Committee met and had received & reviewed applications

Last month's motion to: " Continue running Alpha & Omega calls' was put to a vote:
Banner Elk - yes Fall Creek - yes Elk Park - yes Seven Devils - yes
Beech Mountain - yes Frank - yes Linville - yes Newland - no
Crossnore - no Green Valley - no Rescue - no

Tony Hunter spoke on behalf of former Avery County resident - Virginia Foxx - noting that she had been a great help in the past. He noted that her district now includes Avery County. He reminded us that she will attend the June meeting.

There being no further business, the next meeting was set for Thursday, June 2nd at Fall Creek Station 2 at 6:30 pm. Fire Commision meeting was set for next Thursday at the Newland fire station at 7:00 pm .

Frank Fire department announced that their new phone numbers were: 828-742-1481 - station and 828-742-1483 FAX.

The meeting was adjourned.