

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

Crossnore Fire Station - April 6, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by President Bobby Powell.

Bobby introduced Johnathon Hartwell with the Firewise Coalition covering seven western counties. Johnathon said that he was trying to make citizens more aware of the tools and methods that would protect them and their property from fire and wildfires.

Bobby thanked the Crossnore Fire department members for the breakfast/supper.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as posted. The motion passed unanimously. Charlie Franklin reported an association bank balance of: \$ 41,296.25 with all bills paid.

Bobby announced that the May 20th Beech Mountain Metric Bicycle Ride was adding a 3rd route and that more volunteers would be needed.

Melissa Phillips announced that the Aircraft Awareness class would be held at the Avery County airport and May 12th with the exercise May 13th. She also announced that the Tactical Medic class was full and the class should net some trainers that could come to departments on request. Upcoming classes were handed out. She also said that there would be evening and daytime classes this summer.

Bobby Powell gave a Chief's Committee report.

Ranger Joe Shoupe said that things were looking better for the spring fire season.

Bobby appointed Robbie Hancock- Banner Elk, Bob Pudney- Beech Mtn. and Petey Daniels- Crossnore to serve on the Scholarship Committee with Petey Daniels as chairman. Levin noted that last year's committee developed a priority system to make it easier to select the recipient. He also agreed to present the award at graduation.

Charlie Franklin asked if 14 non- interior stickers would be enough for each department. After a short discussion, Charlie agreed to check the price breakpoints.

Levin Sudderth reported that the Alarm Call committee had met and set objectives. They will meet again before the next meeting.

Levin also announced that the Firefighter's Burn Children's Fund - Burn Survivors Weekend would be June 23, 24 & 25th at Grandfather & Tweetsie. He asked for volunteers to serve food for several hours.

Charlie reported that Newland was experimenting with a new automatic suction valve, the Fire Safety House was at Newland and that he was searching for the County smoke machine. He also announced that the truck titling procedures and personnel policy should be finished by the attorney on Thursday.

The next meeting was set for May 4th at the Frank Fire Station with the Chief's Committee at 6:30 pm and the Association at 7:00. The Fire Commission meeting was announced for the 13th at 7:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.