

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

June 1st, 2017 - Fall Creek VFD Station One

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by President Bobby Powell. Bobby thanked the Fall Creek Department for serving a great barbeque dinner. Roll was called. Banner Elk, Elk Park, Green Valley, Linville and Crossnore were not represented.

The May meeting minutes posted on the Association website were approved by a unanimous vote.

There was no treasurer's report.

Paul Buchanan reported that the Color Guard was getting organized and would begin training classes in October.

Melissa Phillips gave out calendars for classes available from Mayland Tech. She also discussed the day classes at the Avery Learning Center in Newland - noting that anyone over 16 can take those classes. Melissa explained that the Mayland Burn Building had been used for police training and that tear gas had rendered the building useless for the future classes that involve burning. Containers at the old three mile prison would have to be used in the future. Melissa asked members to start signing up for fall classes.

There was no Chief's Committee meeting.

Bobby Powell reminded members that the Association voted to make completion of all 1403 classes mandatory for interior attack personnel starting July 1st, 2017. He asked members to consider upgrading the requirement to firefighter one certification.

Members were reminded to send equipment purchase lists to Levin to see if we could buy some of the items cooperatively.

Bob Garland reported that the I Am Responding system was back in operation. He also reminded members to reprogram their radios to the new county channel template.

It was announced that Dale Laws had retired from the Forest Service.

Fall Creek announced F 130-190 classes at station 2 starting July 10th.

The next Association meeting was set for July 6th at the Beech Mountain Fire Department Station 2 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was then adjourned.