

## **AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION**

### **GWALTNEY STATION - October 5, 2017**

President Bobby Powell called the meeting to order. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as posted on the Association web site. Roll was called and Frank, Elk Park, Banner Elk, and Crossnore were absent.

Members discussed the Mayland Burn Building and the training facility being built at the old prison. It was reported that six Con Ex boxes had arrived. Members were worried that they would not be usable. Bobby Powell agreed to contact Mayland to see if the Association could have input.

The Association's open Vice President's position was discussed. Bobby Powell asked for volunteers and said that Paul Buchanan would take the position if no one comes forward.

There was no treasurer's report.

There was no fire class report from Melissa Phillips. Tony Cook announced that a Medical Responder class would begin on the 12th and an EMR day class would be held in January. The next EMT class was set for late January with orientation for that class January 4th at the Newland Campus. He said there would not be another Avery EMT class until fall of 2019. Another EMT class would start in Bakersville in several weeks. October 23rd a BLS Class with all BLS Transition courses would be taught from 8 AM till 4:30 PM.

Charlie Franklin and Bobby Powell agreed to continue their efforts to find out if changes needed to be made in the Dispatch Center to gain full rating points.

Joe Shoupe invited everyone & the public to the Linville Falls Club on September 12th for a Firewise Community meeting. His goal was to get property owners to start cleaning up to help prevent forest fires. He announced a chain saw class at Fall Creek for 3 nights and one day the 1st week of December. He also reported that Dale Laws had returned to work and that the State voted down his Assistant Ranger position.

Members discussed the VHF template. Bobby Powell agreed to contact Paul Buchanan and get it emailed to each department.

It was noted that the D.O.T. representative was unable to attend our meeting.

Bobby Powell did not find anything in the minutes about who pays for the helmet stickers.

The Linville Fire department asked if it would be OK to have the Daniel Boone Inn cater the annual meeting. Members agreed.

Bobby Powell appointed Levin Sudderth, Brian Bodford and Jeremy Hayes to serve on the Annual Meeting Awards Committee. The nominations forms were to be sent out by email and need to be returned by October 25th to Bobby Powell.

The Annual meeting was set for 6:30 at the Linville Fire Station and the meeting was adjourned.