

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

Green Valley Fire Station - February 2nd, 2018

President Bobby Powell called the regular monthly meeting to order. Roll was called and Banner Elk, Frank and Elk Park were absent. The Association bank account balance was \$ 44,680.06 with all bills paid. Bobby thanked the Green Valley Department for the dinner meal. A motion was made to approve the minutes as posted on the web site and it passed unanimously.

Melissa Phillips passed out class schedules and apologized for cancelling the last meeting. She asked members for prop and class equipment requests by the end of February. She also reported that she now has forcible entry and ventilation equipment on a trailer. The container setup would be worked out by committee the following week.

Jerry Myers who replaced Dick at MES reminded members that his phone number was the same as Dick's.

Bob Garland gave a Chief's Committee Report.

Joe Shoupe announced that the annual Strike Team refresher would meet at his office February 6th, spring fire season begins the 1st of March and a landscaper's FireWise class would be held at the Best Western mid-February.

Members were reminded that Budgets and Grant requests were due February 15th.

Bobby appointed Brian Bodford, Levin Sudderth and Charlie Franklin to serve on a committee that would research a donation to Watauga County for their share of the Fire Safety House, and consider the possibility of refurbishing or trading for a new one.

It was announced that John Hall would be helping organize the County Honor Guard at the Green Valley Station on February 16th.

Members were reminded that the State grant deadline was the end of the month and that the Federal grant deadline was February 3rd.

Bob Pudney showed a Stat Ex Smoke grenade and explained that it had been used successfully on three different calls - knocking the fire down upon initial arrival.

There being no further business, the next meeting was set for March 1st at the Elk Park Fire Station with the Chief's meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.