

# **AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION**

## **Crossnore Fire Station - April 5th, 2018**

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

Boone Chief, Jimmy Isaacs who served on the Gatlinburg Tennessee Fire Review committee was introduced. He presented a program covering the fire and how it progressed.

Sherriff Kevin Frye was introduced. He asked for the votes of the membership and explained the improvements that had been made during his tenure.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as posted on the website. It was unanimously approved. Charlie Franklin reported that the Association bank balance was: \$ 45,371.29. It was noted that the materials for the Association's Ceremonial Bell Stand were paid for by the Association but that Jeff Hughes donated the labor.

Paul Buchanan announced that he would be visiting each department to measure for uniforms. He also noted that he had had discussions with Linville Ridge about a table top drill in their community.

Melissa Phillips sent class schedules from Mayland Tech.

The 911 Committee reported that they had covered the problems from the last meeting with Jamie Johnson.

Paul Buchanan asked departments if they had all added the new TAC channels to their radios. He then asked if the departments would consider naming these channels so they would be used more. Bobby Powell set up a committee to consider naming the TAC channels and appointed: himself, Joe Shoupe, Paul Buchanan and Rob Hancock to work on a plan. Bob Garland reminded members that they would all have to agree to switch to the TAC frequencies on every fire to make it work.

Joe Shoupe reminded members that the weather could change quickly and throw us back into a dry spell.

Jim Brooks reported that the Watauga Association agreed to give their share of the Fire Safety House to the Avery Association. They also asked that they receive half of the proceeds if the Fire Safety House is sold.

Bobby Powell noted that he had applied for a county wide water hauling class.

Paul Buchanan, Bobby Powell and Rob Hancock agreed to serve on this year's scholarship committee. Bobby agreed to ask Levin to make the presentation.

Paul Buchanan announced that 8 people had signed up for the Honor Guard and that the 1st class would begin in May.

Jim Brooks reported that he had forwarded Bob Pudney's: Truck Ceremony and Funeral Ceremony to Charlie Franklin for use with the new Ceremonial Bell.

There being no further business, the next meeting was set for May 3rd, 2018 at the Frank Fire Station at 6:30 pm.