

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION
General Membership
Green Valley Fire Station - February 7, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Avery Fire Association was called to order by President Scott Stansberry. Scott thanked Dana and the Green Valley members for supper. Bob Garland moved that the minutes of the January meeting be approved as posted. Kennie McFee seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Charlie Franklin gave the treasurers report for David Charles Vance. The Association bank balance was: \$ 47,481.31 with all bills paid.

Paul Buchanan reported that he had met with officials with Unimin Corporation. They want to get more involved with the Association and are offering to bring in the Honeywell trailer and do hazmat training at no cost. He also announced a fire control class in Crossnore with a burn house. They needed 20 people to sign up to hold the class. Scott asked for volunteers to take pictures for the web site. Dean & Paul volunteered.

Chief Pudney gave a report from the Chiefs meeting and reminded members that they were all welcome to attend the Chiefs meeting, but that only the Chiefs would be allowed to discuss items and vote.

Scott asked for a report from the Fire Prevention Committee. Paul noted that the fire prevention supplies were low and that the budget would be increased to care of the inventory. Scott requested volunteer help for Fire prevention week instead of letting the paid employees handle all of the school training.

Ken Sherod reported that he had been putting up flyers at the high school and at local store fronts. He also had worked with WECR am to run public service announcements and was talking with the newspapers. Brian Bodford asked if we could start County Firefighter Certification classes again.

The Ladder Company reported that VFIS Insurance had agreed to send \$10,000 to the Ladder Company for rental of 9943 from the Fire Commission and that they hoped to have the tower back the end of February.

Joe Shoupe announced an in house strike team class at his office February 21st.

The Communications Committee reported that they had called neighboring counties to see how they handled calls to "target Hazards". It was found that it was mixed bag. They said that they thought that Jamie would be able to make the changes that would allow departments to receive more departments automatically on larger structures. Each department was to turn in addresses and departments that they wanted paged for these calls. Brush fire calls were discussed. Bob Garland

thought that the 1st person on scene could upgrade the resource request if needed. Joe recommended readiness plan 3 & 4. Others noted that size, weather and location will dictate. Scott appointed Paul, Joe and himself to discuss the ideas.

Scott asked members what they had decided on work schedule changes for paid employees. Kennie thought the Chiefs, Paid Employee, Fire Commission meeting would be the time to discuss that topic.

Scott noted that he hoped to call a special meeting in the near future to vote on the Linville/Fire Association Ladder Station lease.

Levin, Kennie and Bobby Powell were appointed to the Scholarship Committee.

Scott asked members to consider starting an Emergency fest - as he had used that in his grant application for a new Fire Safety House. He proposed a June date and members recommended that EMS be consulted too. He asked Bobby Powell and the Fire Prevention Committee to work on it.

Paul mentioned that he would send out the equipment inventory list soon.

Charles Ballard announced that he was working on a response plan for: Nutrion Ag Solutions - noting that there are lots of dangerous items on their site that have to be dealt with carefully and correctly. Evacuations would also be a problem. His company is willing to hold a free dinner meeting and training class in the future.

Bobby Powell announced that Seven Devils would have a rating inspection soon. Members were reminded that Budgets were due the next Friday.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

Jim Brooks