

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION
Gwaltney Station - February 4, 2021

President Scott Stansbury Called the meeting to order. Kennie McFee motioned that the minutes of the January meeting be approved without change. Bob Pudney seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Melissa Phillips announced the following classes: CPR - February 22nd, Ropes and Rescue at Newland March 2nd, SAR Topo class beginning February 23rd and EMT in service at the Squad Hall March 6th.

Brian Bodford reported that the road to the new communications tower in Newland was under construction. It was noted that the Highway Patrol was looking to put a Viper tower in Old Beech and in the south end of the county.

Linville and Banner Elk recommended that the Tower Ladder visit each station. Efforts to give the reserve pumper to the Dry Run Tennessee department were still underway.

New Business:

Per Brain Bodford reported that he lost rating points on his last inspection, because the county does not have a training facility. Members discussed the topic. Bob Garland recommended that we get busy writing a grant for our own burn building and other training facilities. Jeff Thomas was asked to arrange a meeting with his friend at A-B Tech to determine how much land would be needed and to develop a list of items that could be added in addition to a burn building.

Scott Stansbury re-constituted the Training Committee by appointing Brian Bodford, Bob Garland and Bobby Powell to serve with Melissa Phillips. Members were asked to try to create a Fire Academy calendar with dates & times distributed thru I Am Responding and other means. Bob Garland moved that the Association President sign Mayland's requested agreement that would allow Mayland to use our Department's equipment for training. Brain Bodford seconded the motion and it passed.

Members discussed I Am Responding and the Fire Commision proposal to switch to another lesser vendor. Brian Bodford moved that the Association ask the fire commission to continue the I Am Responding contract. Bob Garland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Scott Stansbury reviewed the proposed Fire Association budget with the membership. Kennie McFee moved that the membership approve the budget as presented. Kyle Kitchens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Brain Bodford asked about responses by Ladder 43. Tyler Burr agreed to check into it.

All member departments were represented except Crossnore and Frank. The meeting was then adjourned.