

AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION
July 10, 2025 - Avery County Agricultural Center

President Mike Richardson opened the meeting and Brian Ledford gave prayer. Bob Pudney moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Stephen McClellan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Beech Mtn, Fall Creek, Green Valley, Linville, Avery Ladder Company, Linville Central Rescue Squad were represented. Brian Ledford also attended. Treasurer Stephen McClellan reported a bank balance of \$ 9,346.32. Members discussed the I Am Responding bill. It was noted that they needed to be called to find out the due date.

Bobby Powell sent an email listing upcoming classes: Structure Collapse - July 19th, Drone Class - August 4th, Forest Service classes August 15th. He also announced that there would be a driver operator class in the future.

It was noted that the Fire Safety House was still at the Green Valley station.

Cory Hayes asked members to send him current contact information, current officers, pictures and events for the Association website.

Mike Richardson reported that he had contacted the Newland Volunteer Fire Department and that they said they were still Association members. He also said that he had not had any luck locating Johnny Mathis.

The Ladder Company reported that both trucks were operational.

Linville Central Rescue announced a benefit Barbeque on July 26th and Fall Creek announced their Barbeque on August 23rd.

Mark Taylor reported having a problem getting law enforcement paged to a truck fire for traffic control on Highway 105. Bob Pudney reported a structure fire at 838 Pine Ridge Road that did not page Fall Creek, ladder truck & air truck - only Banner Elk was called.

Tony Cook alerted members that they need to check each medical member's profile because the email addresses that the state has have been corrupted. Medical members are not getting expiration notices. He also noted that there would be two days in August for medical members to get their skills checked off. He also wanted to know if any medical members would like to take the 80 hour recertification class online during winter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.