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AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

JUNE 3, 2021 FALL CREEK STATION #2

President ~~Scott~~^{Scott} Stansbury called the meeting to order at 7:02 and thanked Fall Creek for Hosting. Green Valley, Fall Creek, Newland, Crossnore, Linville & Beech Mountain were represented. Bob Garland made a motion to Approve the minutes as presented and Bryan Bodford seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

David Charles Vance retirement is scheduled for 6-10-2021 @ 11am – 3pm with presentation at 1:00

Members discussed Fire Prevention in the schools this fall. Everything is back on and we need to get prepared.

Joe Shoupe still has not been replaced. There has been interest in the position but the county refused to help the new hire move to the area so he turned down the position.

Bob was to talk to Jamie about updating the Cad and try to get communication updated on current members and also who will go on tree calls. 911 Brandi is coming to talk about changes with us.

Paid Fire fighters have requested pump operations classes to be at Mayland. We are going to discuss and report back with information.

We need Volunteers for the booth at the Avery County A & H Fair in September. Andrea spoke with the chamber and they asked if the Fire Departments would be willing to set up a booth at the Woolly Worm Festival also. I told her I would discuss it with the association and contact her after the next meeting.

Ladder company needs more members.

Commission meeting is Thursday the 10th at 6:30 we need to discuss the recruitment video that can be aired on cable. Melissa agreed to see if Mayland could help with a video. Was discussed that within the video there be information that volunteers are trained and prepared to fight fire. Some members of the community have mentioned concerns that we need to address in the video.

Members also discussed a pay per call program that would be in compliance with the IRS – nothing but money is more important to young people. Bob Pudney explained his program that gives points for : training, alarm calls, regular calls, work sessions and business meetings. He encouraged members to visit the NVFC website for additional resources to recruit and maintain volunteers. This needs to be brought up to Mark about putting money into the volunteers. There was a motion to take to the commission and was passed unanimously.

Members discussed the rise in "No Show" calls and noted that we should be tracking the increase.

Secretary position has been accepted by Andrea Carr and was passed unanimously

Emmalee Carver of Fall Creek and Elk Park received the Scholarship from the county.

Crossnore has offered to house the trailer if the association will build a lean-to to hold it. Newland said they would be a back up if needed.

A vote was made to do I am responding for 5 years and was approved by unanimous vote.

There was no further Business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45