

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION**

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Wednesday, January 4th, 2017

Eau Claire Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:13 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll call of officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Craig Brent and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dave Albers was absent.

Roll calls of departments indicate 13 departments represented with 24 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$66. The 50/50 was \$36/18.

The December minutes were presented. A motion was made by Tom Wicker with support from Bill Long to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for December was presented. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Bill Long to approve the treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

## **Bills submitted for payment:**

- A request was made to pay \$130.17, which is half the amount shared with the Chiefs Association, for funeral dress gloves.
- A request was made to pay \$287.13, which is half the amount shared with the Chiefs Association, for Christmas Dispatch food. This is for both 2015 & 2016.
- A motion was made by Mike Davidson with support by Denny Sexton to approve the payments be made. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **911 Committee: Rich Knuth-**

- No Report

### **Emergency Management: Rockey Adams-**

- Pipeline Safety Training Tue. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at the LMC Mendel Center, dinner starts at 5:30.p.m.RSVP
- Weather Spotters Training March 14<sup>th</sup> at Andrews, starting at 6:00 pm.
- D.C. Cook EOC are planned on April 18<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **DNR:**

- No Report

### **Chief's Association: Mike Davidson:**

- Chief's meeting Jan 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Checking on location with the new Chief at Lincoln Twp.

### **Dispatch: Denny Sexton-**

- A dispatcher resigned Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Automatic Mutual Aide Agreement between Baroda/Lake/Bridgman and Lincoln Fire Departments is now in place.
- Rip and Runs have been updated and running well.

### **Training Committee: Corey Burks-**

- No Report

### **Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman:**

- New updates made and check out the listed web trainings.

**HazMat: Cory Burks-**

- No Report

**Sheriff: Paul Bailey-**

- Stay Safe- Happy New Year

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Request for audit committee was presented by President Kabelman. Denny Sexton and Bill Long answered that request to oversee the 2016 audit.

**Announcements:**

- All you can eat Pancake Breakfast at Berrien Springs Fire Station 7:30-11:30a.m.on Sun. Jan.8<sup>th</sup>.

Host Chief Norm Carl welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and our presentation for the evening was presented by insurance agents from Health Markets with findings from a study of cancer among U.S fire fighters.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Davidson and supported by Bill Long. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20:05 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

**The next meeting will be held on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
Galien Fire Department  
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**