

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, May 3RD, 2017

Michiana Shores Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:31 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll of officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Dave Albers, 2nd Vice President Craig Brent, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham

Roll calls of departments indicate 13 departments represented with 28 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$66. The 50/50 was \$50/25.

The April minutes were presented. A motion was made by Chris Huston with support from Mike Chastain to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

Bills submitted for payment:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911Committee:

- No Report

Management: Rockey Adams

- D.C. Cook drills on going – going very well
- Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) holding a meeting in Benton Harbor for onsite listings of chemicals and other reported hazards.
- Dialysis centers and the care of their patients
- WNDU Weather Radio programming at Meijer's in Benton Harbor from 7-10a.m. on May 6th.

DNR: Paul Rogers

- No Report

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson

- Approved the Dispatchers appreciation meals that occur twice a year.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- Training new dispatchers
- Work continuing on Grand Beach Tower

Training Committee: Corey Burks

- Rail Car Incident Response Training- Baroda Fire Department-Saturday, May 20th, 08:00am-17:00pm. Register to Doug DeBest at debestfire@hotmail.com
- Full practical On Saturday May 6th and the test will be May 13th. Those departments that have students in the class are encouraged to send help with trucks, equipment, and manpower.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- Updates to be posted

HazMat: Cory Burks

- Air monitoring dates June 6th, 7th, 8th for Hazmat Techs. The training will be held at the EOC.

Sheriff: Paul Bailey

- Enjoying Blossomtime
- New Buffalo Twp. millage passed
- Well wishes to a safe summer

OLD BUSINESS:

- BCFFA flag request for purchase has been dropped due to lack of interest by supporting area departments. The option of buying a flag individually can be done by getting more information from President Gerry Kabelman.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

Announcements:

- Pancake Breakfast at Michiana Shores Fire Department Saturday May 6th from 7:00am-12:00pm.
- Fish Fry at Buchanan Township Fire Department Saturday May 6th from 3:00p.m-8:00p.m.
- Pancake Breakfast at Lincoln Township Fire Department Saturday May 13th from 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
- St. Joseph City Fire Department will be hosting the Berrien County Burn Trailers from May 15th-20th. Those interested in the training are asked to contact Pete Fister.

Host Chief Garry Bendix thanked everyone for attending and introduced Tom Steindler from Fire Services Inc. for our program which covered firefighter safety and the PPE that protect them, also a presentation on fire apparatus at FDIC was done by Ron Leatz of FIRECO/Simon Fire Apparatus.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Chastain and supported by Garry Bendix. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 21:12 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on June 7th, 2017
New Buffalo City Fire Department
Dinner will be at 18:30 hours, followed by the meeting at 19:30 hours.**