

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
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Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Galien Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19.15 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll call of officers indicated officers present, President Gerry Kabelman, and 2nd Vice President Rob Gruener, Sec/Treasurer Bill Long, 1st Vice President Denny Sexton was excused.

Roll call of departments indicated 19 departments represented with 39 members present.

The donations received for dinner is in the amount of \$98 and 50/50 was \$60.

October minutes were presented. Motion by Marlene Beach with support from Donny Johnson to approve the minutes. Motion Carried

Treasurers Report was submitted for review. Motion by Tom Wicker with support from Mark Graham to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

There were no bills submitted for payment

COMMUNICATIONS:

Bertrand Firefighters Association is having an all-u-can eat chili supper Saturday November 5 at the fire station. Donations will be taken at the door. Bill Long spoke of the passing of Sodus Firefighter Ed Juergensen and thanked all of those involved who helped out with funeral arraignments. Gerry reminded everyone of the upcoming auction at next month's meeting and the need for white elephant gifts. A thank you and brief report was read from Jill Adams on the success of the Electronic Recycling Collection held last month at the Berrien Springs/Oronoko Twp. Fire Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth –

- None

Emergency Management: Corey Burks –

- Reminded everyone of the upcoming Nationwide Emergency Alert System Test taking place on November 9, 2011.

DNR:

- None

Chiefs' Association: Mike Davidson –

- The simulcast grant is making progress. They have filed for two new frequencies. Mike should have more to report at chiefs meeting.
- Chiefs meeting next Wednesday at 1830 hours. Will be discussing template for radio programming.
- Thanks to those who helped out with the "fill the helmet". Please continue the good work collecting funds for the burn training trailer.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton –

- None

Training Committee: Corey Burks –

- Bertrand Fire Department is hosting a Ice Rescue 1 Class Saturday, January 28, 2012 from 0800-1800 hours.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman –

- Reported that the web site has been updated with the burn training trailer thermometer tracking progress.

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- Reported they assisted with three incidents in October. Bleach in a automobile gas tank in Bridgman, pallets that had caught on fire on a moving truck in Eau Claire, and a miscommunication of a placard number with the truck number on freeway.

Sheriff: Paul Bailey-

- None

OLD BUSINESS: -

- We are still in need of a nominating committee. Gerry asked Chief Spiegel and Chief Maynard who accepted. Anyone interested in running for office please see the nominating committee.
- Gerry is looking for a strong voice to do the auctioning of items at the White Elephant Auction next month.

NEW BUSINESS: -

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Jason Woods a firefighter with Howard Township Fire Department introduced himself and his business Property Works (Board Ups & Securing Properties) and can help with any needs in the southern portion of the county.

Host Chief Jim Trapp thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Wise and supported by Mike Verand.

Motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1945 hours.

A presentation was made by Lisa Marsh-McCarty and Sarah Woolcock from MDOT on Incident Management on Highways- COORDINATION, COMMUNICATION, COOPERATION!

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting will be held on December 7, 2011
at Lake Township Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**